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FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Manager's Comments

Thieves create more problems for NHTC beyond the loss of material

By the time you read this article, there will be some surprised crooks out there. It reminds me of those stories you heard of dumb thieves who steal fake jewels or counterfeit money.

In early August, someone decided to steal some wire from NHTC (and since you own this company, they were essentially stealing from you). They cut about 460 feet of wire from a reel where our contractor was installing a new run.

More than likely, the thieves thought they were stealing copper, since copper is bringing a premium salvage price. But what they actually took was optical fiber. I can imagine their surprise when they discovered what they had was strands of glass instead of valuable metal!

What bothers me most is that not only did they steal material from our members, but they stole time as well. They got away with about \$500 worth of material, but we will spend some \$5,000 in time, equipment use and material to undo their damage. We would love to hear from any of our members who may have information on this crime.

Now for some good news. NHTC recently added yet another channel to our cable TV lineup. You will find the Gospel Broadcasting Network on Channel 68. We've heard from a number of members who wanted this channel, and we are proud to deliver it.

Adding a channel can sometimes be a complicated endeavor. Fortunately,

our equipment was already linked to the satellite that carries the GBNTV, and we had the right equipment on hand to add the feed to our lineup. We are proud to provide the services our members request whenever possible, as we continue to look for ways to improve our cable.

In fact, you can help us further improve our cable offering by completing and submitting the survey on the back page of this issue. And your participation could win you a flat-screen television!

Last month I wrote in this column about our participation in the IRIS network. Our portion of this fiber ring has been completed and we are ready to tie on with TVA and Scottsboro Electric Power Board to become part of this regional solution. In August, the members of the network met in Tennessee to discuss the opportunities the fiber ring will bring us all. Our participation will serve NHTC well into the future.

We have some exciting updates on our fiber project to share with you soon. Keep reading your *Communicator* magazine to stay connected with your NHTC.▲



Tom Wing is General Manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative

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Monday, September 1
in observance of Labor Day.
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Gospel Broadcasting Network is under the oversight of the Highland Church of Christ in Dalton, Georgia.

On February 17, 2009, TV stations will cease broadcasting in analog and switch to all digital signals. Analog TV sets not connected to cable, satellite, or other pay-TV service (in other words, TVs that use antennas or 'rabbit ears' for over-the-air TV) will need a digital converter box after February 17. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before to receive low-power, Class A or translator TV stations and with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products. The federal government is offering discount coupons for viewers who need to purchase converter boxes for analog TV sets. For more information on the DTV transition or if you have any additional questions please visit the Web site www.DTV.gov. For discount coupons, visit www.dtv2009.gov or call 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009).

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Sesquicentennial celebration a success

The building was erected as a one room log cabin 150 years ago in the small community of Poplar Ridge. Its purpose was to educate all who entered its doors. Since its construction, it has played a vital role in shaping the lives of those who attended school there and generations after.

The last classes to be taught in the tiny school-house were in 1941. The next year they merged with New Hope High School.

The building was then re-purposed as a community center.

Earlier this year, the members of the Poplar Ridge Homemakers Club began preparations to celebrate the historic building's birthday. They put countless hours of hard work into preparation for the Sesquicentennial celebration.

While cleaning it was determined that the old chimney was in poor condition and needed to be removed. Outside crews for New Hope Telephone Cooperative were called upon to help bring down the old chimney from atop the building.

"It had deteriorated and caused the roof to leak," explained Tom Wing,



Poplar Ridge School is a registered state landmark with the Alabama Historical Association. The plaque in front of the building reads "Poplar Ridge School had its beginning in 1858 as a one-room log building. The existing late Classical Revival frame building was built circa 1875. A late Victorian facade was subsequently added. At one time the school had an enrollment of 100 students. It remained active until 1941, when it was consolidated with New Hope High School. The schoolhouse has also been used as a community center and voting place."

NHTC General Manager. "Birds had begun to nest inside. And the chimney was unsafe. We were able to help them secure the building in time for their celebration."

More than 45 families were represented at the celebration on July 12, 2008. Former students, descendants of former students, teachers and neighbors of the Poplar Ridge area gathered, including

one family from South Carolina.

Surviving relics from the past were on display, including a pot-bellied stove, school desks, and the original school bell.

Old photographs and a scrapbook were also available for guests to view during their visit.

Former students shared their memories of political rallies, ice cream socials, Halloween parties and the annual rabies clinic held at the school.

The secretary of the Poplar Ridge Homemakers, Priscilla Scott, wrote a book entitled "*Still Standing After All These Years*" for the occasion. It is a history of the school house and the area dating all the way back to 1858.

The book contains area maps, deeds, several lists of teachers, students who attended school there and other interesting facts. With help from the New Hope Historical Association, genealogy charts of families in the area have also been included.

Copies are still available for only \$15 by calling Priscilla Scott at 725-7397 or email priscillascott@hotmail.com.▲

Below: Linemen from New Hope Telephone Cooperative work to remove a chimney which was unsafe from atop the Poplar Ridge School building.



Beautification Committee calls on community

The newly organized New Hope Beautification Committee is already making a difference throughout the community. They have placed banners on utility poles in strategic places around town. The first banners went up in front of New Hope School just before the new school year started.

"Tara Graphics has created several different designs so depending on where you are, you will see banners uniquely designed for that area," explained Sue Wing. She is one of eight members on the committee.

The committee meets the third Thursday night of each month at 6:30 p.m. at city hall.

"We hope families throughout our community will embrace the opportunity and join us," says Wing.

Plans for the future include cleaning up the area locals call 'The Blue Hole' and landscaping areas around the gazebo in the city park.

New Hope School has agreed to help by growing plants that will be used in landscaping projects.

"Mr. Everett, the principal, was excited at the prospect of helping," says board member Tammy Pritchett.

"We accept donations from the community, too. Anyone with an abundance of flowers or plants such as hosta and lyriope can donate them. They will be used to beautify the city," she adds.

And the group is already thinking long term. "We have future plans to become a 'tree city.' The National Arbor Day Foundation has strict guidelines and it will be a long process," says Wing.▲



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Tough schedule won't deter Indians

Words can hardly describe the fuse that ignites brave young warriors. The echoing click of a breaker box followed by the steady hum of stadium lights; chinstraps snapping helmets into place; the distant sound of cleats marching on pavement and drawing nearer; the thunderous roar of fans, friends and family—all these catalysts point to one season. It's football time!

No one is more ready to turn on the lights at New Hope stadium than head coach Obie Childers and his staff. "We have just had an excellent summer," he says of his 33-member squad.

Offensive Coordinator Mack Malone shoulders the off-season weight-training program. "These guys have done well," he says of the injury-free summer.

Childers says their off-season strength and conditioning program requires great sacrifice, and that his squad has paid in full. "They have jumped on board. They do what Coach Mack tells them to do," he says. "And they want more."

Seniors like Kyle Gurley are pulling their weight. In the weight room Gurley

is leading the tribe. Last year he rushed for over 500 yards.

Another senior play-maker is Jeremy Whitaker. This impact player has been contributing to the Indians defense since first seeing some playing time as a sophomore. "He is probably the best defensive back New Hope as ever seen," says Childers. On the other side of the ball, Whitaker will man his post at split end.

The Indians' eight returning starters will be looking for some help this season from some teammates to step up and make a difference. "We've had some underclassmen in the off-season that have been spectacular," says Childers.

Juniors like Ethan Dean, Preston Moore, and Jake McCutcheon have paid the price. Some sophomores such as Josh Baker, Austin Gray, Austin Barnett, Keith Manley, Alex Hendrix, and Bradley Hood are making sacrifices for the team as well.

This team plans on making up for what may be lacking in experience and depth with quickness and speed, along with heart and desire.

"Our success this year is going to be

determined by playing hard, playing with heart, and playing without mistakes," he says.

Defensive Coordinator Chris Hicks completes the staff. This New Hope alumnus is proud to be coaching for his alma mater. After three years together, these men have developed a plan and a strategy to use all of these players' individual talents as a team.

"The first days of full pads have been great," says Malone. "We just can't wait to see it all come together."

Childers agrees, "We've gotten better since day one. These kids have been working extremely hard."

With the new regional line up shuffling the schedule, the Indians will have a chance to see their hard work in action. New Hope will start off the season with a playoff maker team, at Tanner on August 29th. The following contest brings the Indians back to their home turf for their first regional match-up against Sardis on September 5th.

"Anybody on our schedule can beat us," Childers admits. "But we can beat anybody on our schedule!" ▲



2008 NHHs INDIANS

THE PLAYERS

2	Dustin Whitaker	50	Wesley Childers
3	Kevin Bell	52	Michael Lloyd
4	Josh Cobb	54	Josh Baker
5	Jonathan Perkins	55	Alex Hendrix
7	Hernandez Ford	56	Seth Hammond
9	James Loudin	58	Devin Manley
10	Trevor Cross	60	Jimmy Hawkins
14	Tyler Gurley	64	Matt Haney
16	John Kirby	70	Michael Byram
20	Justin Harris	72	Jake McCutcheon
21	Jeremy Whitaker	73	Austin Gray
22	Bradley Hood	74	Nick Dearmond
23	Blake Muzny	75	Jake Lang
24	Kyle Gurley	76	Johnny Stapler
25	Ethan Dean	78	Robert Wilbourn
31	John Cochran	80	Seth Maples
33	Rodney Heathington	81	Dylan McKee
35	Austin Barnett	82	Preston Norman
40	A.J. Brier	83	Michael Mann
42	Bob Lamon	85	Dylan Payne
44	Dustin Patterson	90	Preston Moore
45	Keith Manley		

THE COACHES

Obie Childers	Head Coach
Chris Hicks	Defensive Coordinator
Mack Malone	Offensive Coordinator

THE SCHEDULE

Aug 29	Tanner	Away
Sep 5	Sardis	Home
Sep 12	Brindlee Mtn.	Away
Sep 19	Susan Moore	Home
Sep 26	Douglas	Home
Oct 3	Crossville	Away
Oct 10	Holly Pond	Home
Oct 17	Pisgah	Away
Oct 24	Sylvania	Home
Oct 31	DAR	Away



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Patriots prepared for winning season

After a rough start last year, the DAR Patriots got their feet under them and pulled out some hard fought wins late in the 2007 season. They won three of their last four games, overcoming setbacks, penalties, and long road trips. This winning spirit was seen again earlier this year as they won their spring game against Arab. This season, 16 starters return to Patriot Stadium to carry on the momentum.

Head Coach, Hunter Holland, is looking forward to the season. "We're going to have an experienced backfield," he says, referring to the nine returning starters on offense. One of the returning is senior quarterback, Justin Barnes.

"We'll be relying on him to make good decisions for us," says Holland.

Barnes and the other seven seniors are providing the leadership this team needs to continue their praise worthy off-season efforts.

On the other side of the ball, the Patriots have seven returning starters. Offensively and defensively, this team believes they have what it takes to

achieve their goals for this season.

Holland wants to see these young men finish the season with a winning record and also, be the first DAR football team to step into the 4A state playoffs.

"We have set some high aspirations for a team that is only in its third varsity year," says Holland. "But it's an attainable goal, and that's what we're working for."

This group has been working hard all summer and they are ready to get out on the field and under the lights. Holland's squad is taking steps in the right direction to face the challenges ahead.

This team is laying the groundwork for the program. "This is the group of players that future generations will compare themselves to," says Holland.

He says he is proud of these players who have accepted the challenge of building this program from the ground floor—especially in a 4A region with established powerhouse teams.

"It's unique to have a 4A school in a town this size," he explains. Many dynamics draw students to the campus of DAR. Chief among them is the

community's love for their school and their students.

"The Quarterback Club has been instrumental," he says. "They have held some big fundraisers and the community has been very encouraging."

Coach Holland is convinced that there is more to his team than a win/loss record. "No matter what the record is at the end of the season, they are winners!" he says.

DAR will start off the 2008 season on the road against Crossville on August 28. The following week they will face their first regional match-up at home against the Gunter'sville Wildcats. These close-to-home rivals will be facing off for the first time ever on the gridiron.

The 2007 Wildcats finished the season as state quarter finalists. But this year head coach Phil Isom is having trouble filling positions with experienced players.

DAR hopes to capitalize on this advantage to bring in an early season big win. Holland expects to see a big turnout for this home game and continued support from the community this season. ▲



2008 DAR PATRIOTS

THE PLAYERS

1	Cody Cryer	50	Nick Wilson
2	Justin Barnes	51	Korey Murphy
3	Ryne Jordan	53	Jesse Cunningham
4	James Mills	54	Jordan Marsh
6	Alex Gowan	55	Eli Phillips
7	Josh Batey	57	Jose Fernandez
8	Sam Winkler	58	Jerry Hunt
9	Chuck Bradley	59	Payton Edmiston
11	Luke Bailey	64	Josh Kressal
14	Hunter Elkins	66	Shane Guffey
17	Nik Filmore	69	Wayne Guffey
22	Patrick King	72	Stan Sims
33	Michael Chandler	73	Kerry Rice
34	Robert Douglas	74	Anthony Wildman
40	John Keller	76	Cody Brewer
41	Cody Smith	77	Anthony Gourdine
43	Jake Cryer	82	Austin Phillips
44	Zack Perkins	83	Colton Moore
45	Colt Murphree	87	R.L. Holman
47	Griffin Gamble	88	Blake Gourdine

THE COACHES

Hunter Holland	Head Coach
Ronnie Perkins	Assistant Coach
Justin Cooper	Assistant Coach
Lance Gary	Assistant Coach
Sema Hargrove	Trainer

THE SCHEDULE

Aug 22	Jamboree - Section	Away
Aug 28	Crossville	Away
Sep 5	Guntersville	Home
Sep 12	North Jackson	Away
Sep 19	Fairview	Home
Sep 26	Brindlee Mtn.	Home
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The CARE Center is moving to New Hope

It all started with a dream. A dream of meeting the physical needs of low-income community members and helping them become self-sufficient while sharing with them the love of Christ. This dream, first shared by three churches in the Eastern Madison County area, turned into a plan. And from that plan came the CARE Center.

The CARE Center, which stands for Community Assistance Resource Effort, began in 2000 as a church cooperative located in a donated portion of the Boys and Girls Club of Owens Cross Roads. Initially, it provided only emergency food, toiletries, baby products, school supplies, and minimal financial assistance.

In 2006, the Center began two fundraising efforts which are still operating today. One of these is a bookstore filled with 10,000 books collected by a local Eagle Scout during a book drive. The books are available for only ten cents apiece with the exception of Christian books, which are free. The other operation is a clothing closet stocked with donated clothing in excellent condition. The prices of the clothing ranges from 25 cents to two dollars. Any profit raised by either operation is used to fund CARE Center services such as the food pantry.

The Center also began making special effort to bring children into its focus that year. Volunteers started visiting local

schools once a week to tutor students. Today the CARE Center has tutoring programs at three county schools and serves over 180 children.

This summer, the Center provided for ten children from New Hope Middle School to attend Camp Sumatanga. The program exposes campers to the truths of the Bible in a fun and exciting atmosphere. Of the ten children, eight of them professed their faith by the end of their camping experience.

The Center recently celebrated its biggest success yet with the annual school supplies drive. Donors from the community gave a total of 150 backpacks filled with school supplies to children throughout the area.

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There are several ways you can help the CARE Center

- + Volunteer to help tutor a child
- + Organize a group for home repair mission
- + Make a tax deductible contribution
- + Donate school supplies or toiletry items
- + Deliver Angel Food Packs
- + Work in the Community Garden
- + Volunteer time at Clothing Closet
- + Pray

The CARE Center is also meeting the need for home repairs in the community. With the help of Dale Ballard and volunteers from 15 area churches, the Home Repair Ministry assists neighbors with major and minor home repairs.

Along with meeting physical needs, a main goal of the

CARE Center is to help those in need to become self-sufficient. One of the many ways this goal is accomplished is by asking anyone who comes to the Center for help to volunteer an hour of their time.

"We don't do this to punish them," explains Becca Abercrombie, director of the CARE Center. "We just want to remind them that they are valuable to society. It also gives us a chance to get to know those we serve on a more personal level."

The Center recently introduced a job board to accomplish their goal, as well. "It's a bulletin board where we post ads for jobs available in the area," says Abercrombie. "The job board is a great way to help people find a way to support themselves."

Although the CARE Center has been making a large impact on communities in its service area for several years now, Abercrombie realized long ago that in order to continue in the positive direction the program is heading, the Center would need a larger location.

"We were quickly outgrowing our space in Owens Cross Roads," she says.

"We were hoping to find a 5,000 square foot building so we could not only duplicate our services, but expand them.

additional needs.

The new building will include offices and multipurpose rooms for private

financial and non-financial assistance meetings, as well as adult educational classes. Computers will be another valuable addition to the Center.

"We hope to have the food and

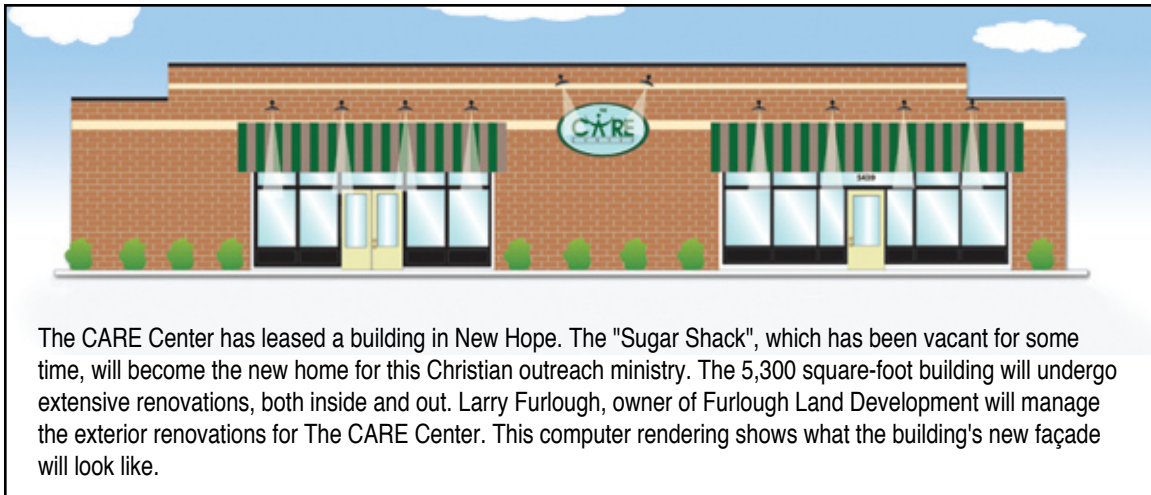
clothing portion of the Center open by November or December of this year," she states. "The rest should be up and running by the first quarter of 2009."▲

However, we knew financially it would be almost impossible to afford a building that size."

"Then," Abercrombie says, "God stepped in." Not only did He meet Abercrombie's request for a larger facility, He exceeded it.

Formerly known as the Sugar Shack, a 5,300 square foot building became available in New Hope. And thanks to many gracious donations, the CARE Center will soon be moving into its new home.

The new facility will allow the Center to provide the services it offered before, such as emergency food and supplies, as well as meet



Women have a place for help

"I've always felt as though I was meant to be doing some type of outreach," says Tara Furlough, owner of Tara Manufacturing in Owens Cross Roads.

"There have always been instrumental people in my life at crucial times to teach me valuable lessons. I've learned so much that it just makes sense that I would want to share those lessons with others," she explains.

Starting small, her company instituted a summer intern program for a few local teenagers. The success of that program brought an awareness of what she and others in the community could do for others on a much larger scale.

"While talking with others, I discovered that there are several other women who felt the same way. There are life skills we've already learned because someone was willing to share with us, and we want to share them with others," she explains.

That is when plans for a group called Women Helping Women began to form. The purpose of the group is to offer free services to women that will help them better their lives.

Housewives, homemakers, teachers, businesswomen and others throughout the community will volunteer their time to teach valuable life skills to other women.

"At different times in life we've all wanted to get somewhere but didn't know who to turn to or who to ask for help," says Furlough. "This is that opportunity for women. That is our goal."

Women Helping Women will hold an Open House on Tuesday, September 30 at 6 p.m. at New Hope City Hall. This will give every woman in the community an opportunity to learn more about the organization and how they can benefit or help.

Child care will be provided at no charge in the New Hope Public Library. School age children will receive help with homework, and other fun activities are planned.

Classes will vary from how to make your money last to dealing with children to planning for the future and dealing with hopelessness.

Group organizers hope the program will be a place for women to come for help, assurance and a boost of self-esteem. ▲

PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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Reality television has taken over prime time programming. Programs allow viewers inside homes and people's lives in ways that we have never seen before with such shows as disciplining unruly children, training animals, and surviving the wilderness. If you have a reality issue, someone will or has produced a reality show about it.

Have you seen the one that deals with clutter in houses? A group of professionals go into a messy house and transform all the clutter into an orderly paradise. Some lessons we learn are that everything has its place and there is a right place in which to put things.

The leader in putting things in their right place is God himself. Genesis 1 states, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God, moved upon the face of the deep." God took everything and put it right where he wanted it and we benefit every day from His order in the earth.

In the Old Testament we read that the Lord instructed Moses and Aaron to "camp around the Tent of Meeting" (Numbers 2:2). The reality of this request was that God wanted to be the heart and center of everything they did. Their lives were to revolve around the presence of God, and this would be the only true distinctive thing about these people. God arranged the people in an orderly way around His presence so He could be easily found.

In our community we have "Tent of Meeting" places we call churches. Is your life centered around one of these places?

See you in church Sunday.

Join Us for Open House!

Women Helping Women will host an Open House
Tuesday, September 30, at 6 p.m. at New Hope City Hall

Group meetings will be each Tuesday in October from 6 - 7 p.m.
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Classes covered include:

Making Money Last • Help with Homework • Planning for your Future
Eat Healthy and Stay Fit • Learn to Love Yourself

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Community Calendar September 2008

September

Need Yearbooks

The New Hope High School Library is taking donations of old New Hope High School yearbooks to complete the set at the library.

September 4

Special Singing

Gold City will be performing at Cave Spring Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited for this free concert. Call 725-4637 for more information.

September 14

Fall Tour of Homes

The tour showcases five beautiful homes all within a 15 mile radius from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 and available in advance by calling Barbara Webster at 725-4163 or Barbara Cooper at 723-3086. Tickets are also available at the door. All proceeds will go toward various community projects sponsored by the OCR Homemakers Club.

September 15

Byrd Cemetery Association General Meeting

The newly formed group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the OCR Church of Christ to vote on several issues concerning the organization of the association and the care of the cemetery. Anyone interested is invited to

attend. For more information contact Glenda Moody at 725-4497. Donations for the care and upkeep of the cemetery can be sent to Byrd Cemetery Fund, PO Box 47, OCR, AL 35763.

September 20

C.A.R.E. Center 5K Event

There will be 5K Run or Walk benefiting the C.A.R.E. Center. It will start at 8 a.m. For more information contact Laura Hale at 256-512-0043 or lth@comcast.net.

September 20

Cultural Arts Day

The Huntsville Public Library will have displays from all Madison County Homemakers Clubs. Homemade items such as quilts, beadwork, crocheted items, tatting and much more will be on display. Everyone is invited to attend.

September 21

Building Dedication

Everyone is invited to attend the dedication ceremony of the Owens Cross Roads School gym. On Sunday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m. the gymnasium is going to be dedicated to Jackie Sanders.

September 27

New Hope Founder's Day Beauty Pageant

Registration day is September 6 from 9 a.m. until noon at the New Hope Rec Center. Entry deadline is September 13 (Beauty - \$40, Optionals are \$5 each) Pageant is open for girls and boys ages 0 and up. Pageant is Saturday, September 27 at 6 p.m. at New Hope School. For more information contact Tina Anderton at 256-655-4102.

September 27

Grant Mile Long Yard Sale

Everyone is sure to find something at this huge yard sale. It begins at 6 a.m. and goes into the afternoon. To preregister for a booth contact the Grant Chamber of Commerce at 728-8800. Food will be available and there will be a raffle for a 1 carat diamond cluster ring.

September 28

100 Year Celebration

Owens Cross Roads Church of Christ was established in 1908. They will celebrate their 100th year with guest speakers Ralph Samples and Stan Stevenson beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Afternoon service will begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 725-4172 or visit ocrroc@neh.net

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1-½ cups sugar
1 Tbsp. cocoa
1 cup buttermilk
1-½ cups Crisco oil
1 Tbsp. vinegar
2 eggs
1 oz. red food coloring
1 tsp. vanilla flavoring

Sift all ingredients together and mix well. Grease and flour 3 – 9" round cake pans (2 if you like thick layers) Bake 350° for 30 minutes. Let cool!

Frosting:

1 stick margarine
1 box powdered sugar
1 cup chopped nuts
1 – 8oz. cream cheese
½ teaspoon sugar

Cream margarine and cream cheese together. Add sugars and beat until creamy. Add vanilla and nuts and spread on cooled cake.

PORK CHOP CASSEROLE

(Imogene Whitaker)

6 pork chops
1 cup rice
2 beef bullion cubes
1 cup warm water
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 bell pepper (optional)
1 tomato (optional)
1 onion (optional)

Salt and pepper pork chops and brown in small amount of fat. Dissolve bullion cubes in the warm water. Mix rice and mushroom soup with ½ cup of bullion. Pour in greased casserole dish. Place pork chops on top of rice mixture. Garnish each pork chop with onion, pepper, and tomato (optional) Pour remaining bullion on top. Cover with foil and bake 1 hour at 350°.

BANANA SPLIT CAKE

(Marie Turner)

1 stick oleo, melted
3 cups graham cracker crumbs

Layer 1: Mix oleo and cracker crumbs and press in bottom of 9" x 13" pan.

2 sticks oleo, melted
2 eggs
2 cups powdered sugar

Layer 2: Beat oleo, eggs, and sugar a full 10 minutes. Pour in pan over crumb mixture.

Bananas
1 can crushed pineapple
1- 9oz. Cool Whip®
Nuts
Cherries

Layer 3: Slice bananas over mixture. Drain pineapple and spread over bananas. Spread Cool Whip over mixture, top with nuts and cherries. Refrigerate.

APPLE-SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS

(Cathy Hamilton)

6 bone-in pork chops (¾" thick)
3 Tbsp. molasses
¾ tsp. salt
3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
¼ tsp. rubbed sage
2 cups water
1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
1 Tbsp. white vinegar
3 medium tart apples, peeled & sliced
⅓ cup golden raisins

1. Sprinkle pork chops with salt and sage. In a large skillet, brown chops on both sides in oil. Transfer to a greased shallow 3-quart baking dish. Layer apples over the meat; drizzle with molasses.

2. Add flour to pan drippings in skillet; stir until blended. Gradually stir in water. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for approximately 2 minutes or until thick. Remove from the heat; stir in the vinegar and raisins. Pour over apples and chops. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 1 hour.

Send us your recipes! Submit 6 recipes from your group along with information about the organization or group and they could be featured in an upcoming edition of The Communicator. Mail them to: The Communicator, Attn: Misty Williams, PO Box 452, New Hope, AL 35760.

FOOTBALL FEVER



1. Shawn and Ryan Lyle with cousin Emily Lueneburg. Photo sent by Angie Lyle. 2. Hunter & Grant Maples, Hayden Kelly, & Blake Pence. Photo by Rachel Maples 3. Emma and Evan Baughman. Children of Darin & Tracy Gray Baughman. Grandchildren of Aaron & Sherry Gray. 4. Drew Loudin - #44 taking the hand-off. Photo by step dad, Doug Stainbrook. 5. James Loudin - #10 Amazing interception! Photo by step dad, Doug Stainbrook. 6. Jacob Chaffin, son of Kristi Painter Chaffin. 7. Nick Saban and Blake Daley at 2008 UA Saban Football Camp. 8. Austin Smith, son of Shawn & Karen Smith. 9. Ellison (daughter of Josh & Kelly Etheredge) cheering on her team. Go Gators!! 10. Tala Manning and brother Montana Marks - War Eagle 2008! 11. Trinton Wilcox, son of Amy Russell Ferguson and grandson of Winell Russell.

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CABLE TELEVISION SURVEY

Please take a few moments to complete the following survey to help us better serve you. Tear off at perforation and send in with your bill payment, drop by our office, or mail to: NHTC, P.O. Box 452, New Hope, AL 35760. Thank you!

1. How many TV's are in your home? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 or more

2. How many of your TV's are High Definition? ☐ none ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 or more

3. Who is your current TV programming provider?

☐ New Hope Telephone Cooperative ☐ Charter ☐ DirecTV ☐ Dish Network ☐ Off Air Programming (Antenna)

4. How often do people in your home watch the following kinds of programming?

Local Channels	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Sports	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Family Programming	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Movies	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Music	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Lifestyle/Entertainment	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
News/Information	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often

5. Please rank in order of preference the top 5 channels you would like to see added to the NHTC Cable TV programming.

(1 being the highest rank, 2 being next highest, etc.)

Fox Business	FamilyNet	Toon Disney	Ion Life
ESPNU	Qubo	American Life	MSNBC
Boomerang	DIY (Do It Yourself)	CBS College Sports	GAC (Great American Country)

6. Please rank in order of preference the top 5 High Definition Channels you would like to see added to our current NHTC Cable TV Programming.

(1 being the highest rank, 2 being next highest, etc.)

_____ A&E	_____ Travel	_____ Food	_____ TLC
_____ History	_____ Speed Channel	_____ ESPN2	_____ Animal Planet
_____ Biography	_____ Outdoor Channel	_____ RFDTV	_____ Science
_____ HGTV	_____ Discovery	_____ Planet Green	

7. Which Channel is your least favorite that is available on NHTC Cable TV? _____

8. If NHTC Cable is not currently available to you, would you be willing to switch to NHTC Cable if it were available in your area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. If you answered no to question 8, please tell us why you would not change to NHTC Cable TV. _____

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