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Teresa Hunkapiller named NHTC's General Manager

Long-time New Hope Telephone Cooperative employee Teresa Hunkapiller has been named the company's new general manager.

The Board of Directors last month tapped Hunkapiller for the position left vacant by the departure of Terry Blakemore. A resident of Tennessee, Blakemore had been hired to replace Tom Butler, but resigned in July for personal and family reasons.

Hunkapiller brings a vast knowledge of NHTC's business operations to her new role. She came to work for the cooperative in 1987 with a degree in business administration, with an emphasis in financial management. She served as accounting specialist and head of accounting before being promoted in 2001 to office manager.

During her time in that position, Hunkapiller played an important role in a number of important NHTC projects. These included consolidation of capital credit files, voter identification and roster-method voting, management transition, modernization of NHTC's billing process, and the new credit card payment acceptance process.

"I appreciate the confidence placed in me by the Board of Directors," says Hunkapiller. "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the

people of Grant, New Hope and Owens Cross Roads in this capacity."

Hunkapiller is a native of the area, having been brought up in the Cedar Point/Butler's Mill community of New Hope. She is the daughter of



Alton and Lillie Maples, and the granddaughter of Lucille Maples.

Hunkapiller graduated in the top of her class at New Hope High School in 1982, where she was voted 'Most Likely To Succeed' by her fellow classmates. She went on to earn her degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She is married to Joe Hunkapiller.

The approach Hunkapiller plans to take toward managing NHTC is grounded in the principles of the cooperative form of business. "We are here to meet the needs of our members," she says, "and that mindset should guide everything we do. Every decision we make should be based on the well-being of the cooperative as a whole."

Hunkapiller asks for the patience of members as she works through a number of issues as their new general manager. "I will be prioritizing efforts on many fronts," she says, "which will take some time. In the meantime, I want all our members to know that I am willing, and will make myself available, to listen to their suggestions or concerns."

In the best interest of all members of the cooperative, Hunkapiller says she is dedicated to education, training and self-development — for herself and New Hope Telephone's employees.

"I want to thank everyone who has worked with me, encouraged me and believed in me," she says. "I will do my very best to lead this cooperative with honesty, integrity and fairness, always keeping the best interest of our membership at heart. I look forward to the challenges ahead." ■

You elect the Board. You share in the profits. You're served by neighbors and friends. Aren't you glad it's a cooperative?

October is National Cooperative Month

New Hope Telephone Cooperative

is a member-owned corporation dedicated to providing communications technology to the residents and businesses of New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads.

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Some 300 friends and fellow public servants gathered in Grant on August 15 to dedicate a monument to the memory of Verlon Lemaster, Jr. Exactly one year earlier, Lemaster, the town's Chief of Police, was fatally wounded in the line of duty. Through the generosity of local citizens, and from people as far away as Washington state, the memorial was funded totally by donations. The monument features Lemaster's name, his dates of birth and death, and the poem Policeman's Prayer. An eternal flame burns continuously in front of the monument. "It will be there for generations to come as a daily reminder of him," says Robert Patterson, Grant's Fire Chief and a close friend of Lemaster, and an employee of NHTC. "It's also a reminder of the danger we all face — any day our name could be chiseled in stone."

Sun spots can interfere with cable TV reception

The atmospheric disturbance known as 'sun spots' often causes interference with satellites, many of which are used to transmit cable channels. The result: your TV cable channels become snowy.

This natural phenomenon is expected to occur the first ten days of October. It causes cable channels to be snowy for 10 or 15 minutes each mid-afternoon (only cable channels are affected; local channels 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 should remain clear).

Absolutely nothing can be done to prevent this brief interference. It is a natural occurrence beyond the control of New Hope Telephone.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Changes due now for next telephone directory

Sales representatives of Directory Publishing Solutions will soon visit the area to update advertising for New Hope Telephone's annual directory. If you have changes to your ad, or to your listing, please contact the NHTC as soon as possible. All changes must be submitted by Oct. 31.

LOCAL HEROES



Jonathan M. Burks of Cullman is a Lance Corporal with the Marine Military Police. He is currently stationed in Iraq. Jonathan is a 2003 graduate of Cullman High School. His grandmother, Jenny Olene Glover, lives at Owens Cross Roads. Jonathan is the son of Mike and Connie Burks of Cullman

Help us honor our local soldiers
Send us the name, and a photo, of your family member from Grant, New Hope or Owens Cross Roads who is serving our country overseas. Please include the names of their family members, their branch of service and the unit they are assigned to. Send material to New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Attn. Tammy Pritchett, PO Box 452, New Hope, Alabama 35760.

Community dedicates new customer service building



Residents of Grant, New Hope and Owens Cross Roads joined employees and Board members August 18 to celebrate New Hope Telephone Cooperative's new office building with an Open House. The facility, designed to help provide greater customer service to cooperative members, was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Visitors toured the building, registered for door prizes, and enjoyed refreshments.



OPEN HOUSE



Members of the Owens Cross Roads Homemakers Club volunteered their time to serve refreshments at the Open House. "This is a very active club, always working to improve their community," says NHTC General Manager Teresa Hunkapiller. "We appreciate their participation in our Open House; by volunteering to serve refreshments, they allowed our employees to greet members and tour visitors through our new office building." Pictured left to right are members of the Homemakers Club Glenda Moody, Babs Bridges, Margaret Mann, Glenda Paterson, and Debbie O'Neal.



The Open House provided members of the community an opportunity to tour the new facility, and to visit with neighbors and friends. Pictured above is Lucille Maples, the 93-year-old grandmother of New Hope Telephone Cooperative's new General Manager, Teresa Hunkapiller. At right, members, employees and Board members enjoyed the refreshments served up by the Owens Cross Roads Homemakers Club. "This was a great event," says Hunkapiller. "We appreciate everyone who came out for our Open House. The new building will help us serve all our members better, from the spacious lobby that offers a more comfortable place for conducting business to the offices that allow members to discuss their telecommunications needs and concerns with customer service representatives in a private setting." Hunkapiller also expressed the cooperative's appreciation to area banks, who sent flowers to help commemorate the event.



New Hope Elementary organizes new PTO

New Hope Elementary's PTO is now separate from the high school. Organizers say the new PTO will work to keep all members informed about decisions made.

A monthly balance sheet will be posted outside the office. When placing membership, supporters will be

asked for their email addresses to help pass along information.

Volunteers are needed for some special projects this year. These include Labels for Education, landscaping and new playground equipment. Sharon Hill will coordinate these activities.

Organizers say the vision of the new PTO is to help our students and our school be the best they can be. There will be new and different fundraisers throughout the year. For more information, contact Sherrie Warren at 723-7251, or sassy36@nehp.net.

2004 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

OWENS CROSS ROADS

MAYOR

Curt Craig181
Travis Day160

PLACE # 1

Charles Furlough206
John Ikard Jr.129

PLACE # 2

Ed Bican72
Larry Furlough212
Al Taylor51

PLACE # 3

Tony K. CraigUnopposed

PLACE # 4

Audie Craig193
Gary Ikard88
Michael E. Walls57

PLACE # 5

Tommy Barry81
Cathy Craig Bounds157
Christine Young96
(Runoff scheduled for Sept. 14)

GRANT

MAYOR

Carolyn Dennis155
Jack Hodges101

PLACE # 1

Larry WalkerUnopposed

PLACE # 2

Charles H. Ayers, Jr.Unopposed

PLACE # 3

Samantha LemleyUnopposed

PLACE # 4

Doug CampbellUnopposed

PLACE # 5

Don MilliganUnopposed

NEW HOPE

MAYOR

William "Brad" Beasley467
Dave Mann, Jr.385

PLACE # 1

Brian Largen366
Dean Manley479

PLACE # 2

Johnny Cobb378
Jason Otis Smith460

PLACE # 3

Barbara J. Arends352
Frita Rogers Keel480

PLACE # 4

Craig Hill405
John Lee Howard359
John "Radon" Morton88
(Runoff scheduled for Sept. 14)

PLACE # 5

David PritchettUnopposed

New Hope Founders Day set for Oct. 8-9

There will be entertainment, arts, crafts and more at the 15th annual New Hope Founders Day Festival. Please stop by the NHTC booth. Contact Billy Jones for more information at 723-4241.

Owens Cross Roads plans Fall Festival

October 29 is the date set aside for the Owens Cross Roads Fall Festival, held at the school. A spaghetti dinner will be held from 4 - 6 p.m. Games start at 6 p.m., with bingo starting at 7 p.m.

Fall Festival at New Hope Elementary, Middle schools

Make plans now to attend the Fall Festival sponsored by the New Hope Elementary and Middle schools. The event is set for October 23, and will be preceded by a cheerleader garage/yard sale.

New Hope Football

Home games appear in bold

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 10 | Plainview |
| Sept. 17 | North Sand Mountain |
| Sept. 24 (or 23) | Madison Academy |
| Oct. 1 | Pisgah |
| Oct. 8 | Susan Moore |
| Oct. 15 | Sardis |
| Oct. 22 | Cherokee County |
| Oct. 29 | Madison County |

Attention Coaches: Send your Football, Volleyball and Basketball schedules to The Communicator. Fax them to 723-2800 (Attention Tammy or Paula), or email them to communicator@nehp.net.

FAMILY

Photo Contest Winners



FIRST PLACE – Enjoying the flowers is Naomi Grace Stevens. Photo taken by her father, Michael Stevens.

SECOND PLACE – The Watson Family at the beach. Keith, Joy, Grayson, & Seth. Photo submitted by Mark & Lou Ann Poole.



THIRD PLACE – Gerald Self on the "B". (both antiques). Photo by Glenda Self.



FOURTH PLACE – Shane, Nikki and Garrett Dudley taking a walk on the beach in Destin, Florida. Photo submitted by Nikki Dudley.

RECIPES

Nana's Southern Salsa

1 can black-eyed peas (unseasoned)
1 can shoe peg corn or whole kernel corn
1 can black beans

Drain and rinse all and pour into large bowl.

Add:

2 cans Rotel (or diced tomatoes & green chilies)
2 cans diced tomatoes (I used roasted garlic)
1 purple onion, diced
1/2 bunch cilantro, chopped
juice of 1/2 lime

Optional:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| sliced green onions | chopped jalapenos |
| minced or chopped garlic | salt |
| pepper | |

Pour in one small bottle zesty italian dressing, cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain well before serving (it does take a while to drain). You may want to cut tomatoes in smaller pieces if you don't like it chunky. Good with a meal or as a snack with chips.

—Submitted by Patsy Martin

Broccoli Cornbread

1 small box Jiffy cornbread mix
small box frozen chopped broccoli
2 cups monterey jack/colby cheese mixture
4 eggs
1 stick butter

Melt butter in bottom of pan. Mix first 4 ingredients and add to melted butter. Bake at 400 degrees until browned.

—Submitted by Christie Chandler

PHOTO CONTEST: We're looking for your favorite **fall photos** to use in the November/December issue of The Communicator. Send them to: NHTC • Attn: Tammy Pritchett • P.O. Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760. We will select winners for publication in our next issue! If your entry is selected, you'll see your photo in print, plus receive a free gift from NHTC.

Deadline for entry: October 8, 2004.

NOTE: Be sure to include photographer's name, address and phone number, as well as name of any people featured in your photos.

All submissions become the property of New Hope Telephone Cooperative and will not be returned. By submitting your photos: (1) you attest that you are the creator and owner of the photos, (2) you give New Hope Telephone permission to publish your material in The Communicator, (3) you agree to offer said photos without the expectation of payment from New Hope Telephone, and (4) you understand that photos are selected for publication in The Communicator at the sole discretion of New Hope Telephone, and that submission of your photo does not guarantee your photo will appear in the magazine.

Local soliders injured in Iraqi mortar attack

Hostilities in Iraq hit close to home last month when two Grant men were wounded in an insurgent attack.

Daniel Martin, an employee of New Hope Telephone Cooperative, and Michael Austin were injured August 18 when a mortar round exploded approximately 25 feet in front of them. Martin and Austin had just emailed their wives and were headed for the separate shower building when the mortar round came over the gate at their base in Najaf.

Both men are members of the National Guard's 279th Signal Battalion, an Arab-based unit which was activated earlier this year to provide tactical communications in Iraq.

Martin's injuries were minor. He was hit by shrapnel in one ear and both legs, but was treated at the Baghdad Medical Facility and returned to duty. Austin reportedly suffered wounds to his diaphragm and chest areas, and his damaged spleen had to be removed. He also suffered partial yet permanent vision loss in one eye.

As of August 31, Austin's condition was improving. He was expected to be released and sent back to the

United States for additional treatment and recovery.

Please continue to remember these men and their families – as well as all service men and women – as the war in Iraq continues. ■



Martin, with wife Marla and daughter Erin.

DAR School plans celebration

The students, teachers, staff and community are planning a big celebration for October 11th and 12th. These are the dates for this year's Dedication Festivities. The President General, National Officers, and other DAR dignitaries of the Daughters of the American Revolution will visit the campus on the national bus tour along with Daughters on the Michigan, Indiana, Mississippi and Texas Bus Tour. KDS is expecting as many as 350 visiting Daughters.

The school has many exciting events planned, including a community craft show, a barbeque supper in the lunchroom, musical entertainment and a J.A.C. Program. Everyone, especially the Gunter Mountain Community, is invited and encouraged to attend the Dedication Day Program and the "famous basket luncheon" on Monday, October 11th.

Make your plans to attend and help KDS show their appreciation to the DAR for all they have done for the school and community.

This summer, new tile replaced old, worn-out carpet in the Primary Building and the High School Library, thanks to the Georgia Daughters and the National Junior Membership DAR Committee. The renovation work done at Becker Hall (the old gym) is unbelievable. The beautiful vertical logs are now exposed and the roof has been replaced, thanks to generous donations from the DAR and other friends.

Please contact the school for further information or visit the Web site at www.kdsdar.com. A complete Dedication Day schedule of events will appear in the September issue of the KDS "Patriot" newsletter.

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