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preserving her heritage*

Grant company makes 'tuff-bilt' tractors

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On the cover:

Canning her own fruits and vegetables is a way of life for New Hope's Brenda Kelly. She has several garden spots including this hydroponic one. Read more on Page 8.

Manager's Comments

NHTC Uses Tradition, Innovation to Solve Problems



For years, people have left rural America in favor of bigger, busier places to live. Every census shows that each year more people leave the countryside. In 2000, only 20 percent of Americans chose to live in rural areas. The new census will probably lower this number even further.

I am proud to be among those who have chosen to stay in a small town. *The Communicator* has always tried to showcase the people in our community who make it such a great place to live. This issue is no different.

Rowland Matthews operates Southeastern Industrial Resources, a great example of rural ingenuity. Rowland took a common farm tool, the tractor, and made it into a "tuff-bilt" machine that can accomplish nearly any task. Later, he took a chainsaw and turned it into a portable sawmill. All completely manufactured in Grant.

That's rural innovation — the type that allows people to do more with less.

Brenda Kelly and her husband Don designed an entire system of home canning in order to stretch their food dollar as far as they could. In tough economic times, resourcefulness like theirs should be applauded.

You will read more about Rowland and the Kellys in this issue of *The Communicator*.

I am proud to be part of the same community as the people we report on each month. Ingenuity, coupled with

tradition and a commitment to service, thrives in the rural South. At NHTC we maintain our cooperative tradition as we innovate new ways to serve our community.

The cooperative spirit is about service, and doing the best for our neighbors. In the July issue, we presented the reader with some questions about lightning safety. In the weeks since, our area has experienced severe storms. We have received several calls from customers about damaged items, and have also replaced some of our own equipment.

We are sure to see more storms over the next few weeks. If you have a chance, please go back and revisit our article on lightning safety.

One thing that excites me about our fiber cable project is that fiber is far less susceptible to this and other weather damage. Fiber is another great example of ingenuity solving problems.

Fiber will also solve the problem some people have with electrical interference. Improperly installed electric fences can cause a constant clicking sound for our customers as the electricity finds its way to copper wires. Fiber will not have this problem.

NHTC takes pride bridging the gap between big city technology with small town service and commitment. We believe those of us who stay in rural places should not have to choose between modern convenience and the community we love. ▲

Tom Wing

General Manager,
New Hope Telephone Cooperative

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STOP CALLING!

Eliminate unwanted telemarketing calls with the National Do Not Call Registry

Telemarketing calls can be annoying, but there is a way to prevent these unwelcome phone calls from interrupting your day — the National Do Not Call Registry. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) along with the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the National Do Not Call Registry to give U.S. consumers the opportunity to limit unwanted telemarketing calls.

After registering your phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry, telemarketers have up to 31 days to stop calling your number. Inclusion of a telephone number on the National Do Not Call Registry becomes effective the day following registration and will remain there permanently unless the number is disconnected or you choose to remove the number from the registry.

Although adding your telephone number to the registry will stop most telemarketing calls, (a Harris Interactive Poll reports 92% receive fewer calls after registering) it will not prevent all of them. Calls from or on the behalf of charities, political

organizations, and telephone surveyors will still be permitted. Also, companies with whom you have an existing business relationship would still be allowed to contact you.

However, if you wish to stop calls from organizations excluded from the National Do Not Call Registry, you may ask the telemarketer to place you on that company's Do Not Call list. If the organization ignores your request, they may be subject to a fine of up to \$11,000.

Consumers may register up to three non-business telephone numbers, including wireless numbers.

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How did a lady from New Hope change her life?

Dear Friend,

A couple of years ago something happened to me that changed my life.

I'm Katie McWhorter. I'm a housewife from New Hope. I had lived in severe pain for about two years until I did something that changed my life. I'll tell you what I did, but first let me start at the beginning.

I was suffering from neck and lower back pain as well as pain shooting down my right leg. An MRI had revealed a bulging disc in my neck and my lower back. I had considered seeing a new doctor that had moved to Grant who specialized in these types of problems, but I was skeptical since I had already seen several other doctors and nothing seemed to help.

Over the next couple of months my pain seemed to become worse. In fact, I was starting to become very concerned about it. So I decided to give this new doctor in Grant a try. He did an exam, took some x-rays, and then adjusted my spine. After just one adjustment I felt a big difference. Oh, did I mention that this doctor is a chiropractor?

After a few more adjustments I was starting to feel like my old self again. In fact, when I came in for only my fifth adjustment I said to Dr. Mike, "I told my mother-in-law last night, I just can't believe I'm going to a chiropractor and he is helping me like you have."

Now for Emma, who is the little girl in the photo. About a year ago, she was plagued by asthma. Each day as I changed her diaper, I would give her an adjustment. The asthma started to improve immediately, and now she is virtually symptom free.

The other child, my son Nicholas, has recently been having some headaches. He'll come up to me and say, "Daddy, adjust my neck." And even before he gets up he'll say, "man that feels a lot better, it's all gone."

It's strange how life is, because now people

come to see me with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few. Here's what some of my patients had to say:



"Dr. Mike has been helping me with my low back pain, and headaches for over nine years." (Larry Luttrell)

"My sciatica stays in check thanks to Dr. Mike." (Leonard McPeters)

Being a chiropractor can be tough, because there's a host of so-called experts out there. They tell people a lot of things that are just plain ridiculous about my profession. But the studies speak for themselves, like the Virginia study that showed that over 90% of patients who saw a chiropractor were satisfied with their results. That's just incredible!

Forty-eight million Americans no longer have health insurance, and those who do have found that their benefits are reduced. That's where chiropractic comes in. Many people find that they actually save money on their health care expenses by seeing a chiropractor. Another way to save... studies show that chiropractic may double your immune capacity, naturally and without drugs. The immune system fights colds, the flu, and other sicknesses. So you may not be running off to the doctor as much. This is especially important if you are self-employed. And an entire week of care in my office may cost what you could pay for one visit elsewhere.

You benefit from an Amazing Offer - Look, it shouldn't cost you an arm and a leg to correct your health. You are going to write a check to someone for your health care expenses, you may as well write one for a lesser amount for chiropractic. *When you bring in this article by August 31, 2010, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$27 out of pocket. That's with x-rays...the whole ball of wax.* And, further care is very affordable. You see, I'm not trying to seduce you to come see me with this low start up fee, then to only make it up with high fees after that. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor. High costs can add up very quickly.

Great care at a great fee... Please, I hope that there's no misunderstanding about **quality of care** just because I have a lower exam fee. You'll get great care at a great fee. My qualifications... I'm a 1991 graduate of Life University. I'm certified by the National Boards as well as the states of Alabama and Tennessee. I've practiced in Marshall County for 17 years after a one-year associateship in Huntsville. I just have that low exam fee to help more people who need care. Results may vary in individual cases.

My assistant is Sandy and she is a really great person. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We have a wonderful service, at an exceptional fee. Our office is called **ELLIS CHIROPRACTIC CENTER** and it is at 4664 Main Street in Grant. Our number is **256-728-2044**. Call Sandy or me today for an appointment. We can help you. Thank you.

- Michael Ellis, D.C.

P.S. When accompanied by the first, I am also offering the second family member this same examination for only \$10.

P.P.S. Can you imagine not having to wait at a doctor's office? Well, your time is as valuable as mine. That's why we have a no-wait policy. You will be seen within minutes of your appointment.

Grant business sees growth

Tractor, sawmill manufacturer poised to increase business

Rowland Matthews stands at the entrance of the 8,000-square-foot metal building that serves as the headquarters and manufacturing center for his Grant business, Southeastern Industrial Resources (SIR) Inc. SIR manufactures Tuff-bilt tractors, and Ripsaw, a line of portable light-weight saw mills sold all over the world.

Matthews is giving a tour of his business today. Due to a supply shortage, SIR has shut down operation for the afternoon and Matthews seems happy to have visitors. He is not a man who idles well.

With the temporary shutdown, the building is strangely quiet. Partially assembled tractors line the production floor, quietly waiting for parts that never seem to arrive fast enough.

Matthews explains that the company that supplies a hydraulic pump critical to the Tuff-bilt tractor's operation has been unable to keep up with demand for their product, putting SIR's Tuff-bilt operation on hold while

more than \$750,000 of their inventory sits trapped on shelves.

But if Matthews is worried about it, he doesn't show it. After owning a number of businesses over the past 50 years, it takes more than a supply problem to get him shaken up. He says he thinks he has the problem worked out with the supplier. If so, he will be able to dramatically increase production of the Tuff-bilt line in the next year.

Matthews founded SIR in 1999, not to build tractors and sawmills, but to manufacture parts for a company that sold reach-in refrigerators to supermarkets and other stores. SIR grew quickly. At its height, SIR was generating roughly \$1.4 million a year manufacturing industrial refrigerator parts.

Unfortunately the prosperity came to an end when the company that contracted SIR to manufacture parts was sold and relocated in California.

In 2005, after a two-year search for a new product to manufacture, Matthews purchased the Tuff-bilt tractor company. Founded in 1974, the Georgia company had been out of production for about 15 years.

The same year, Matthews purchased Massachusetts-based Ripsaw Portable Sawmills company. He says the companies complement each other well.

"We wanted to find two products we could manufacture using the same metal-working equipment," Matthews explains. "We sell more tractors during one season and more sawmills during the opposite season. By manufacturing both, we generate year-round income instead of only half of the year."

After buying the companies, Matthews built a facility in Grant and spent most of the next two years researching and improving his new products. He spent 18 months alone reverse-engineering and upgrading the original Tuff-bilt to fit with modern parts. He also interviewed 30 former Tuff-bilt tractor owners and 30 former Ripsaw owners to inquire what things they would change about the products, and to find out if there were any design flaws or defects in construction. SIR began its new operation in 2007.

The company currently builds about 60 Tuff-bilt



Rowland Matthews shows a partially-finished Tuff-bilt tractor. He points to the open front end and the hydraulic front hitch that sets it apart from traditional tractors that only have rear hitches.

tractors per year and supplies tractors to six dealers throughout the U.S. Matthews would like to be producing around 200 tractors per year.

"I have to be careful or I'll have more dealers and orders than I have tractors," Matthews explains. "That's what's happening to us right now. The demand is there. I just can't keep up with it because I can't get the parts I need. I'm 23 tractors behind this morning. Hopefully we have that problem solved and we will see some real growth in the next year."

The Tuff-bilt tractor is powered by an 18 hp Kohler motor. With no gears or clutches to operate, the hydrostatic fully automatic motor makes Tuff-bilt a very simple tractor to operate.

Tuff-bilt tractors have an open front end to support an additional hitch, making it the only tractor in the U.S. with two three-point hitches, one in front and one in rear, both hydraulically operated with a lift capacity of 700 pounds each.

Traditional tractors have rear-mounted hitches used to attach pull-behind implements. Tuff-bilt's front hitch enables the attachment of belly-mounted implements, giving the driver a forward-facing view of progress instead of continuously looking over their shoulder to see what is happening behind them.


"We build the best product in the world," Matthews says. "There's no doubt about it. This is the only American-made tractor on the market right now. Tuff-bilt is Grant, Ala. all the way. We buy the raw steel stock and build it from the ground up. It's a very, very strong tractor."

SIR also sells parts to previous Tuff-bilt owners. Before SIR bought the company, Tuff-bilt sold between 8,000 and 9,000 tractors worldwide. SIR sells parts to hundreds of these owners annually.

Other than the steering wheel and gas engine, SIR manufactures every component of the Tuff-bilt tractor, including 24 equipment attachments. For more information about Tuff-bilt tractors, visit www.tuff-bilt.com.

While Tuff-bilt is sold mostly in the U.S., SIR's Ripsaw has a worldwide market.

Made from aircraft aluminum, the 45-pound portable sawmill can be operated by one person. With a throat opening 9 inches tall and 14 inches wide, the Ripsaw can cut logs up to



Tractors in different stages of completion line the manufacturing floor at Southeastern Industrial Resources in Grant, waiting for parts before they can be finished. Maintaining supply has been one of SIR's biggest challenges as they try to grow.

approximately 20 inches in diameter and can make cuts anywhere from 1/8 of an inch to 9 inches thick.

Ripsaw is popular among small wood lot owners, boat builders, cabinet makers, log cabin builders and individuals who do not want to pay to have their lumber milled.

"This is the only sawmill in the world that is a band saw driven by a chainsaw power head," Matthews says. "You don't need electricity or any other drives. Our customers can walk into the woods with a chainsaw in one hand, our 45-pound Ripsaw in the other, and have a sawmill running in minutes."

Ripsaw has a wide cutting range. "It's highly adjustable," Matthews says. "With a 45-pound saw you can cut a 9-inch by 13-inch beam or a 1/4-inch piece of veneer for furniture lumber. You can cut anything you want."

SIR also manufactures and sells the larger Ripsaw XL4. Ripsaw XL4 is a band saw mill powered by a four-cycle engine and can be mounted to a trailer for portability.

SIR manufactures every part used to build the Ripsaw except for a wheel it buys from a company in Chattanooga. For more information about Ripsaw, visit www.ripsaw.com.

Southeastern Industrial Resources went from generating \$1.4 million annually manufacturing industrial refrigerator parts, to looking for a new line of work. In a few short years Rowland Matthews was able to rebuild SIR as a competitive tractor and sawmill manufacturer generating roughly \$750,000 per year.

"We're not where we were financially a few years ago," Matthews says. "But I'm proud of how far we've come, and we can get back to where we were. We will continue to make the best tractors and portable sawmills in the world even better." ▲



Canning made easy

Using recipes handed down from her mother and aunt, Brenda Kelly and her husband Don stretch their food dollars and preserve a part of Brenda's family history at the same time. Their specially-designed system for home canning makes the entire process easier from garden to shelf.

Just inside the comfortable and welcoming covered porch at the home of Brenda and Don Kelly is a room which tells a lot about them. It is the storage room where the couple keeps all of their home-canned food items. It is also a testament to their love for family, hard work and old-fashioned ingenuity.

The room itself, which Don built, stays cool and inviting thanks to 12 inches of insulation in the walls and a concrete floor. Built-in shelves line the walls from floor to ceiling, each capable of holding 30 quart jars. Each jar is carefully labeled and placed on the shelf according to when it was canned.

There are shelves and shelves of every conceivable canned item from homemade blackberry jam to salsa, beans, vegetable soup, corn, tomato paste, cabbage and almost any kind of pickle under the sun, just to name a few. There are also beautifully preserved pears, brightly colored carrots and enough homemade jellies to feed a small army.

"We don't use any preservatives," says Brenda, who has never entered her canning into any contests, but admits she is proudest of her chunky tomato relish.

The Kellys use canning recipes handed down to Brenda from her mother and aunt, as well as Brenda's own recipes. She keeps a hand-written notebook filled with delicious family food

secrets, as well as several canning books dating back more than 40 years.

The Kellys have a large garden in front of their house and a special hydroponic garden in the back. The hydroponic garden is not only nice to look at with its flowing green vines and beautiful produce, it is also practically maintenance-free. It does not produce weeds and is hooked up to its own irrigation system so it never needs to be watered by hand.

Like the hydroponic garden, the Kellys have parlayed all of their knowledge and experience about home-canning into a system which is so efficient, it actually makes the entire process seem easy.

Once their vegetables are harvested, the Kellys take them to a large building with a large restaurant-style kitchen they designed and built behind their house. It has double sinks, an oversized pressure cooker, a food dehydrator, bean sheller, refrigerator and freezer, and food grinder. Along with air conditioning, there is an enormous ventilation system designed by Don to keep the room cool and free of smoke. There are also several plastic tubs which neatly store cookbooks, recipes and jar lids in shelves along the walls. One of the best features of the room is the cabinetry Don designed and built for Brenda.

Large countertops sit on cabinets with oversized drawers and storage spaces. These are mounted on wheels, so Brenda is able to move her cabinets and equipment anywhere in the room for convenience.

Everything to do with the food preservation process, from washing to peeling and from cooking to canning, can be done



Movable cabinetry and professional-grade cooking systems make canning easier.



in a house during canning hours from boiling pots and pressure cookers.

Canning at the Kelly household is a family activity, and Brenda says everyone pitches in to help when they can. Her daughter Gina Blackwell, who runs the family's cabinet door business for Don, can often be found helping with whatever needs to be done. Even the couple's grandson, Brian, pitches in by working in the gardens or killing the deer the couple use when making their own deer jerky. "That gets eaten right away," says Brenda, "it is really good."

"We hardly spend anything at the grocery store," she says. "Our daughter and her family don't either. We don't need to."

The couple grows and cans almost everything they eat, including spices and herbs. Her herb garden, which grows in a container garden behind her home, provides everything from chives to thyme. "I can't remember the last time I bought sage at the grocery store," says Brenda. "This just tastes so much better."

The Kellys do not think their way of life makes them special, although a lot of other people do. They do not want to be photographed or fussed over.

in this remarkable room. Brenda never has to worry about crowding her kitchen in the house with tubs of beans that need to be shelled, or corn that needs to be cut off the cob. She also never has to worry about the heat that can often be generated

One day, Brenda will pass the handwritten notebook down to her daughter, and along with it, a legacy of hard work and a lifetime of good memories.▲

How does your garden grow

Hydroponic gardening is a method used to grow plants without soil, using mineral nutrients and water instead. Unbelievably, it is a science that has been around since 1627 when Sir Frances Bacon's book *Sylva Sylvarum* was published one year after he died.

In the last few years, the interest in hydroponic gardening has increased considerably.

Because hydroponic gardening puts an end to commonly made errors such as too much or too

little watering, the novice gardener finds it easier to produce beautiful, healthy produce with very little maintenance required.

The plants are placed in containers filled with a nutrient solution or medium culture. The containers are hooked up to an irrigation system to ensure constant access to water and nutrients. At timed intervals, the pump releases a nutrient solution which ensures that each plant receives the exact amount of water and vitamins it



needs to produce healthy fruits or vegetables. To learn more about hydroponic gardening, visit: www.howtohydroponics.com.

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT: ARE YOU BREAKING THE LAW?



Peer-to-peer network programs such as Limewire and FrostWire have been steadily gaining popularity in recent years. These programs, and others like them, allow you to log onto your computer, connect to someone else and share music, video and more. You can download files onto your computer, iPod or other device.

You might think this is harmless, but in reality you could be setting yourself up for trouble.

“Downloading music, movies or other copyrighted material without paying for it is against the law,” says NHTC Network Administrator Rusty Bright.

IT'S A BIG DEAL

The people who own the copyrighted material are fighting back. They are contacting Internet Service Providers (ISPs) such as New Hope Telephone Cooperative to inform them of the illegal activity.

“Basically, they just want it to stop,” says Bright, “and we are required by law to comply with them.”

If the copyright owners were to prosecute, the offender could face stiff fines, or even jail time. The penalty for copyright infringement is a maximum of five years in prison and up to a \$250,000 monetary fine.

WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT

Bright, who is NHTC's point of contact for all Internet abuse complaints, says the cooperative has a policy in place to deal with any alleged offense.

Every member who signs up for Internet service through NHTC must abide by the cooperative's Internet Use Policy. (Read it at www.nhtc.coop/index.php/internet-use-policy). Among other things, the policy states that the user agrees not to transmit content that infringes a copyright in all or any part of the content.

“When I receive a letter from an attorney, I send a courtesy email or phone call to the person being accused. I let them know someone has brought an allegation against them.”

If unable to contact the member, NHTC will disable Internet service until the problem can be resolved.

Bright says oftentimes the person who signed up for Internet service is not at fault.

“I've contacted subscribers before only to find out that it was a child who downloaded a movie,” explains Bright. “The parent didn't know anything about it, and the kids didn't realize there was anything wrong with what they did.”

**“DOWNLOADING MUSIC,
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COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL
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IS AGAINST THE LAW.”**

-- Rusty Bright,
NHTC Network Administrator

PROTECT YOURSELF

Bright also warns that material downloaded through peer-to-peer sites can damage computers.

“Sometimes content downloaded through peer-to-peer networks can be contaminated,” he says. “Downloading one of these files can infect your computer with a virus, worm or trojan which can cause all sorts of problems.”

“The best way to protect yourself from breaking copyright laws is to pay for your music and video content,” Bright adds. There are plenty of pay-for sites such as iTunes, mp3.com and Rhapsody. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) maintains a list of music sites where music can be downloaded legally. Visit www.riaa.com/toolsforparents.php and click on the ‘Legal Music Sites’ link.▲

NEW WEB HACK WILL AFFECT MILLIONS OF ROUTERS

Hackers — people who use their knowledge of computers to “hack” through security measures — are always looking for new ways to gain access to your personal information. Recently, routers have become the target for new security hacks, and users will want to take additional precautions to keep their systems safe.

Craig Heffner, a security researcher in Maryland, recently announced that he has discovered a new way to break into millions of computers using routers.

The hack works on several common routers, including most Dell, Linksys and DSL models. The attack focuses on the Domain Name System (DNS) which the

Internet uses to label web addresses. DNS turns an address such as ‘Yahoo.com’ into a set IP number such as 19.43.503.947. Users are also assigned an IP address every time they use the Internet.

IP addresses are important for security. Browsers are able to stop websites from viewing any information that is not tied to their own IP address.

This is what keeps others from accessing your private information without your consent. If your IP address is different from the one assigned to the site you are viewing, all of your private information stays hidden.

Heffner’s new program allows hackers to create a website that will list a

user’s IP address as its own.

This allows a hacker complete access to the computer’s personal information.

Users can protect themselves by taking the following precautions:

- Updating router firmware
- Choosing stronger security settings for their routers, instead of the default settings
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Calendars featuring old and new photos of New Hope are now available. To purchase, contact the New Hope United Methodist Church at 256-723-4812, Nettie Elwell at 256-533-5226 or Norma Mann at 256-723-8322.

August 17

Meth Forum

The Southeastern Madison County Meth Committee will hold a Meth Forum at New Hope High School beginning at 6 p.m.

September 4

Cruise In

5th Annual Just Kruzin' Fundraiser for the Alabama Sheriff's

Boys Ranch, Danville, AL. This show is open to anything that "Rolls" (Cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, whatever) For more information contact Wonnie Fisher at 256-426-0939.

September 25

Grant Mile Plus Yard Sale

Begins at 6 a.m. Sign up at Peoples State Bank, 256-728-4213 or First Bank, 256-728-8000. Vendor spaces \$20 each. Spaces with electricity also available.

Summer

New Hope City Park 'Music in the Park' Schedule

Bring your lawn chairs and come out to enjoy free music from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday night through the summer. Here is the schedule for August:

August 3 Heritage

August 10 Jose Bishop with 'New Glory'

August 17 Ross Hill with White Dove Bluegrass

August 24 Galilee Baptist Church Choir

August 31 Leon Venerable

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Alabama House of
Representatives, Dist. 22*

It has been nice to enjoy some time with family and loved ones this summer. I hope you all have been able to take the time to do the same.

As summer vacation comes to an end and our children begin the new school year, the next legislative session is right around the corner.

There will be many important issues to address in the legislature during the next session and we must all be

prepared when the time comes to face those challenges.

The session will be greatly affected by the outcome of state elections on November's election. I urge you to spend the next few months learning more about all of the candidates running for office in November. There are many very important positions up for vote on Nov. 2, including our governor and legislature.

We are fortunate to live in a country where we are able to choose those who represent us in government. It is our civic and moral duty, not only to take advantage of this God-given right to vote, but to vote making informed

decisions. We must take the time to learn all we can about those running for office in state government.

If you are not a registered voter, it is not too late to make yourself eligible to vote on Nov. 2. But you must be registered by Oct. 22. Registration is as easy as filling out a simple form. For voter registration information, visit: <http://www.sos.state.al.us>, or to request a voter registration application, call or visit your county board of registrars.

Whether you are a seasoned political expert, or you have never voted, I hope you will be ready in November to choose those who will represent us in Montgomery.▲



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Inspiration Corner

*School days, school days,
Dear old golden rule days.
Readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic,
Taught to the tune of a hick'ry stick.*

Things have changed since the days of this old children's tune. Life in the classroom is worse in some respect, better in others. Fall breaks for example, are nothing new. They were established so kids could pick cotton. My grandmother, Magnolia Maples, abhors the sight of cotton to this day, saying it is the reason she is bedridden with degenerative spinal column.

One thing that has changed for the worse is the political aspect of teaching our children. Even I remember whole classrooms bowing their heads to pray, reciting the pledge of allegiance, and learning old folk songs from our heritage. Those were times when we had pride in our country, and

could proclaim our "One Nation Under God" openly and freely. Those were also times of bitter war protests and open public racism. While God has a way of straightening out things not in His will, He adamantly warns US that He can only protect the nation who claims Him. For "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; where there is no guidance a nation falls; and righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is utter disappointment to any people".

If the good parts of the old school days make you feel proud and unashamed of whom you have become, most of those things can be relearned in a church near you. Please don't forget to take your children.



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2010 ALABAMA & AUBURN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

ALABAMA					
DATE	OPPONENT	W	L	SCORE	
9/04	SAN JOSE STATE				
9/11	PENN STATE				
9/18	at Duke				
9/25	at Arkansas				
10/02	FLORIDA				
10/09	at South Carolina				
10/16	OLE MISS				
10/23	at Tennessee				
10/30	OPEN				
11/06	at LSU				
11/13	MISSISSIPPI STATE				
11/20	GEORGIA STATE				
11/26	AUBURN				

AUBURN					
DATE	OPPONENT	W	L	SCORE	
9/04	ARKANSAS STATE				
9/11	at Mississippi State				
9/18	CLEMSON				
9/25	SOUTH CAROLINA				
10/02	UL MONROE				
10/09	at Kentucky				
10/16	ARKANSAS				
10/23	LSU				
10/30	at Ole Miss				
11/06	TN CHATTANOOGA				
11/13	GEORGIA				
11/20	OPEN				
11/26	at Alabama				



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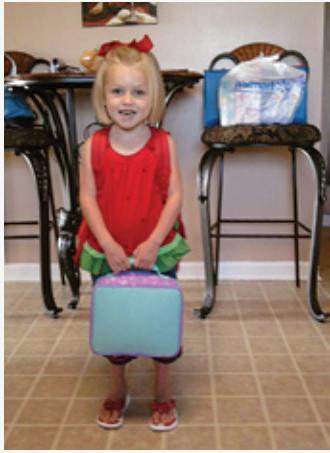
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Back to School



Addie Thompson-First Day of Pre-K.
She is the daughter of John &
Rebecca Thompson.



Christian Weeks. He is the son of
Chris & Tammy Weeks of Grant.



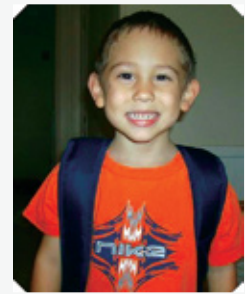
Rylee Whitehead's
first day of Pre K.
Photo submitted
by her mom Janie
Whitehead.



Gracie Weeks. She is the daughter of
Chris & Tammy Weeks of Grant.



Erin Lynn's first day of school. She is the
daughter of Salee Downey.



Kaleb's first day of
Pre-School. He is the
son of Christy Nelson.



Garrett and Maggie Dudley's first day
of school 2009.
Parents are Shane & Nikki Dudley.

"Scaring Up Some Fun" is the photo theme for October. Send pictures matching the photo theme to: NHTC • Attn.: Communicator Photos • P.O. Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760. You may prefer to e-mail your photo to communicator@neh.net. Follow these guidelines for publication: (1) Photos must match theme. (2) **Photos must be high resolution.** The resolution offered by some printers is not high enough for publication. (3) Do not write on the back of photo. Include names of persons in photo, as well as, photographer, address and phone number on paper taped to back. (4) Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your photo returned. (5) **The Deadline**

for October is August 20th. 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.

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* A drawing will be held September 30, 2010 and one person will win a high-definition TV. The winner will be notified by October 10, 2010.