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On the cover:

Nate Allen, 6, of Knoxville, TN is having a blast feeding turtles at Harmony Park Safari. Read about this and other fun day trips on page 8.

Manager's Comments

NHTC remains on the forefront of telecommunications technology



time to take in the natural beauty that is all around us.

Last month, we told you that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently presented its National Broadband Plan to Congress. The plan proposes some major changes the way things are done in our industry. Fortunately your cooperative will be ready when those changes occur.

The FCC's plan calls for a transition in USF support from traditional telephone services to broadband services. Keep in mind that everyone pays into the USF, and companies like NHTC receive money back from the fund to offset a portion of the cost of delivering service in remote regions. If this concept changes, it will change the way rural independent companies fund their operations.

As the nation turns its attention to broadband service, NHTC is in a good position. We have extended broadband service to 100 percent of our service area, and are in the middle of a construction program that will connect every home and business with a fiber technology.

We are preparing your cooperative to not only survive but to thrive in a new environment where broadband access is as important as electricity, water and traditional telephone service.

Spring is a wonderful time of the year to be outdoors and enjoy nature in our part of the state. I hope you have all been able to carve out some

Broadband access, ultimately provided over fiber technology, is the future of the telecommunications industry — and that is the future NHTC is working toward.

Spring is also the time of year for your cooperative's Annual Meeting. We hope you and your family will plan to join us Tuesday, May 18 at the New Hope Middle School lunchroom and auditorium. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the business meeting will start at 7 p.m.

We will be holding board elections and discussing other important issues at our business meeting. There will also be entertainment, door prizes and food. And those in attendance will receive a free gift when signing up.

We are also very excited to be unveiling our Business Bundles program at this year's annual meeting. After hearing from several area businesses and seeing how much our members loved our residential service Bundles program unveiled at last year's annual meeting, we decided to roll out a similar offering for the businesses in our service area.

I look forward to seeing you at your New Hope Telephone Cooperative's Annual Meeting! ▲

Tom Wing

*General Manager,
New Hope Telephone Cooperative*

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Inspiration Corner

I once worked for a company whose original owner was a stern business man. There is one legacy story about him driving to work one day, passing a man holding a “will work for food” sign. Being one to give a man a chance, he picked the man up. After a moment, the man asked, “Where are we going?” “I’m taking you to sweep out my warehouse so you can earn some money.” “I don’t want to sweep out your warehouse, mister; I just want some money.” The boss pulled over and told the man to “get out” - empty handed. (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

Not that all are unwilling to “work for food”, obviously there was one. Reflecting on this, how similar might this attitude exist with Christians. Who among us claim faith like

holding a spiritual sign proclaiming, “Will work for

Glory”, when the truth is, we really just want the glory? Is an able-body Christian ignoring the call to service, to worship, to live what one proclaims, any different than a man sitting on the side of the road claiming to work for food, but has no intention in doing so? Some call it laziness. Some call it pride. Some call it hypocrisy. Job asks, what does a hypocrite gain when God takes away his soul? I would like to call it an opportunity for the wayward to come back home before it’s too late. And that home It’s a church near you.



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House numbers should be displayed on both sides of your mailbox and on your home in a plainly visible location. If you do not have a mailbox, post a sign exhibiting your address number. Digits should be as large as possible, in a contrasting color from their background. Numbers on the house should be in a well-lit place and clearly visible at

night. Be sure that your numbers are not hidden by shrubbery or other plant life. Reflective numbers are also beneficial when NHTC servicemen and emergency responders are looking for your home.

Businesses need visible address numbers just as much as private residences. Business owners should post large digits noticeable from the street, as well.

By displaying your house digits in a clearly visible location, you are helping NHTC workers locate your home more quickly in order to restore telephone service or make a repair, and emergency response personnel extinguish a fire, stop a robbery or save a life. Make sure your house numbers are noticeable and help us help you!

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Governor names New Hope to A+ schools list

From the left: Bill Smith, A+ College Ready Board Member, Gov. Bob Riley; Judson Everett, Lavell Everett, Principal of New Hope High School, Margaret Roberts, District AP Coordinator, State Rep. Butch Taylor, and John Winn, National Math and Science Initiative.

New Hope High School is looking forward to the future in a way they have never been able to before. New Hope's staff, including Vice Principal Dr. Raymona Bevel, have recently been working toward an important goal that will greatly impact the lives of their students — The A+ College Ready math and science initiative program.

On March 10, 2010, Governor Bob Riley announced the selection of 20 Alabama high schools that were chosen through a rigorous competitive application process to participate in the program. Named among them was New Hope High School.

"We were given three years to complete the requirements for the program," says Dr. Bevel. "We did it in one. Our teachers have put forth tremendous effort to make this happen. We are all so excited."

The program, which is in its third year, is a division of A+ Education Partnership (A+EP). In collaboration with Gov. Riley, the Alabama Department of Education, the Alabama Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education Coalition and The Alabama Power Foundation, A+EP secured a multi-million-dollar grant from the

National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) to expand and strengthen math, science and English Advanced Placement (AP) programs in Alabama.

A+ College Ready was started with a \$13.2 million grant from NMSI to work directly with Alabama students and teachers. Originally, the pilot program included only 12 schools, with the intent to expand over a period of several years. The new list, which includes New Hope, brings the current number to 43.

The program has three main goals: to increase the number of students enrolled in AP math, science and English courses; to increase the number of students earning qualifying scores on AP exams in those subjects; and to increase the number of students graduating from college with degrees in math and science.

Using a matching donation format with private businesses, the program gives schools the resources to fully equip science labs, put laptops in classrooms, and give students the chance to earn college credits for acceptable performance on AP exams.

"Experience has shown that the AP program — which provides college-level coursework in high school

— significantly increases college readiness," says John Winn, Chief Program Officer for NMSI. "Students passing AP exams are three times more likely to earn a college degree than students who do not pass."

Dr. Bevel says the program has offered students at New Hope something to reach for.

"The first year I was here, two families let their children quit school as a birthday present," she says.

"Some of these kids do not see there are any possibilities for them," she adds. "New Hope's kids have not had the exposure some other areas may have had. We just want to promote the possibilities."

Dr. Bevel says she is proud of the response the school has seen so far.

"Our goal was to get 75 students to sign up. We have 145," she says.

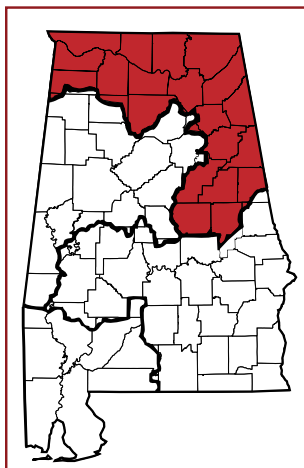
"We feel like we can boost education if we can show these students the need for math and science," says Bevel.

"There are certain scholarships and colleges you can't even apply for if you do not have at least one AP course," says Bevel.

"Times have changed," she adds, "and we have to change with them. Our kids deserve a better chance." ▲

Mandatory 10-digit dialing begins in June

You can take steps now to ensure a smooth transition



While 10-digit dialing does not become mandatory until June 5, consumers can begin dialing 10 digits immediately. The reason for the change is the addition of a new area code

for the region of Alabama that currently uses '256.'

According to the Alabama Public Service Commission (APSC) the 256 area code will run out of prefixes (the

three numbers between the area code and the last four digits of a phone number) in 2011, resulting in the need for an additional area code.

Rather than forcing thousands to change their phone number, the APSC chose to overlay the new area code.

This is not only more convenient, it also allows individuals and business owners to avoid the expense of changing their phone numbers on signs, letterhead or other communication pieces. This option will potentially save the region millions of dollars in advertising and printing costs.

Since both area codes will be used in the same region, it will be necessary to dial the area code plus the phone number even when making local calls. It will not

be necessary to dial a '1' before the area code; that will only be necessary when making a long distance call.

There are a few things you can do to make the transition go smoothly:

- Reprogram any speed-dial numbers you may have set in your phone, fax machine or computer modem to include the area code before June 5. Update contact numbers in your cell phone, too.

- If you have a security alarm, contact your vendor to update dial-up numbers.

- NHTC dial-up Internet customers must contact Tech Support at 256-723-8940 to change their dial-up number before June 5.

Contact NHTC if you have any questions about 10-digit dialing.▲

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TAKE THE FAMILY ON A DAY TRIP

Finally! Old Man Winter has been put to bed and the sun is once again warming our toes and our days. So what better way to get out and enjoy it than by taking the family on a day trip?

There really is something for everyone right here in our own backyard when it comes to fun, affordable day trips. We have chosen three places that represent a wide variety of ways to enjoy a warm spring day with the ones you love.

For those who favor educational trips with historic significance, we visited Burritt on the Mountain in Huntsville. A favorite of home-schooling children and parents, Burritt offers a look into the way our farming ancestors lived. There is plenty to see and your family will have fun learning about the past.

Families with a thirst for adventure (and humor) will get their fill at Harmony Park Safari. Get up-close and personal with some wonderful animals your family may not get the chance to see very often. This trip requires a vehicle with windows and people who love to laugh!

For families who like to combine education and adventure into the same trip, Cathedral Caverns State Park is just what you have been looking for. Check out this record-breaking natural phenomenon while learning answers to questions like “just how did a shark’s tooth get into the ceiling of a cavern in Grant, Alabama?”

So now that you know where we are going, gas up the car and put away the cell phones and laptops, because these day trips are all about family, and all about fun.



HOURS: Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. Noon-5 p.m., Closed Mon.

COST PER PERSON: Adults \$7, Ages 13-17 \$5, 3 -12 \$4, 2 and under FREE

WHAT YOU WILL NEED: Good walking shoes, camera (no flash allowed in mansion), optional picnic lunch (there are no snack bars.)



Burritt on the Mountain is a place you and your family can get away for a nice, slower-paced day of discovery. It is a terrific way to teach your kids how things used to be in the lives of 19th-century farmers and their families. Donated to the city of Huntsville by Dr. William Henry Burritt upon his death in 1955, it is the city's first museum.

Surrounded by 167 acres of breathtaking, natural mountainside, the focal point of the 'Living Museum' is the Burritt Mansion. Built in 1938, it features authentic furnishings and architecture from the time period. The rooms downstairs are alive with different displays throughout the year. Upstairs, the mansion has a wonderful rock and mineral display which fills an entire room and contains information about each piece.

Burritt's most memorable feature is the tour through the 19th-century 'village' which contains actual cabins built in the 1850's and early 1900's and relocated to the site. Museum guides dressed in period attire make this tour especially fun as they take your family from place to place and explain about early life. It is a big hit with kids because they can actually go inside the cabins and get up-close to the authentic furnishings and tools. On special occasions, Burritt's visitors get to watch as an authentic 19th-century meal is prepared in the fireplace of one of the cabins. Call ahead to find out times and dates.

Everyone will love the Burritt Barnyard, which is filled with historic breeds of farm animals like brush goats, Hampshire sheep, Dutch rabbits, cows, chickens and even some adorable pot-bellied pigs.

When you are ready for a break at Burritt, you will have no trouble finding a terrific picnic spot. The grounds and panoramic view of the city are too beautiful to miss.

Before you go, pick up something at the gift shop. You will want to remember this trip!



HARMONY PARK SAFARI
New Hope - (877)726-4625

HOURS: Mon.-Sun. 10 a.m. until sunset, March through November

COST PER PERSON: All ages \$7, 2 and under FREE

WHAT YOU WILL NEED: Car or truck with windows (no motorcycles), camera, extra money if you wish to feed the animals.

Get ready to laugh and hear your kids squeal with delight from the moment you enter Harmony Park Safari! This entire park, with the exception of the African turtle habitat, must be enjoyed from the safety of your car; do not worry, that does not put a damper on the fun.

Have you ever been eyed by an emu, or gandered at by goats? If not, get ready. Once you start through the trail at Harmony, you will wonder just who is on display here - you or them. The animals come right up to your car, curious to see if you have brought treats. Be careful not to let windows down too far, open windows turn into open invitations for extra guests in your car.

The first place you will see at the park is the African turtle habitat. You can go inside the fence with these gentle giants and kids love them!

There are exotic birds, alligators, rams, emus, a zebra, a camel and llamas, (just to name a few) everywhere you look.

You will come away with some fantastic, up-close pictures of all your favorites. Getting the perfect shot at Harmony Park is easy. These animals are wild, but they are definitely not camera-shy!

The kids will be amazed at the size of the black buffalo, and will fall in love with the tiny ponies and baby deer that roam the park in abundance.

From the safety of your car, the alligators are just scary enough to make them especially fun. The habitat terrain is elevated so everyone can get a good look as the alligators sun themselves by the water.

This is a fun, adventurous trip that kids and adults alike will enjoy. Depending on how long you stop to stare at all of the amazing sights, the time of this tour varies. Go around again and again; all you have to do is ask and there is no extra fee. It is never the same tour twice and you really will feel like you have been to the wild. The best part is, you will have the pictures to prove it!



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CATHEDRAL CAVERNS
Grant - (256)728-8193

HOURS: Mon.-Sun. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Tours 10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

COST PER PERSON: 12 and up \$12, 6-11 \$6, 5 and under FREE

WHAT YOU WILL NEED: Good walking shoes, a light jacket, camera, optional picnic lunch (some snacks and soft drinks are available.)

What better way to get up close to nature than to actually go inside it? From the moment you step into the cave at Cathedral Caverns State Park, your family will be amazed at the sheer enormity of the place. In fact, that is how the cavern got its name. Upon viewing the inside for the first time, the wife of developer Jay Gurley exclaimed, "It looks like a great cathedral!"

The tour guides make sure you do not miss a thing as they point out shark's teeth fossilized in the ceiling and rock formations that look like cavemen, dogs, and even elephants...(be sure to ask about that!)

The temperature inside the cavern is a cool 60 degrees, so wear a light jacket. Tours last an hour and a half and you will walk a mile and a half from start to finish, but it is worth the trip!

Besides the cavern itself, Cathedral Caverns State Park also has four hiking trails which range in difficulty and distance, going from 3/4 mile to 1-1/2 miles.

The kids will enjoy the climbing wall where they can try out their expertise in 'rock' climbing, or try the brand new mining operation, where for a small fee they can 'mine' for gemstones. Everyone finds something and the gems make great souvenirs.

You will likely work up a big appetite at the park, so we suggest you bring along a hearty picnic lunch. The park does not have a concession stand but they do sell chips and soft drinks. There are picnic pavilions which can be reserved in advance, or are available on a first come, first served basis.

At the open-air welcome center, enjoy the beautiful scenery from a comfortable front porch rocking chair while you wait for a tour to begin, or you can spend the time reading about the many record-breaking characteristics of the cavern displayed around the porch. There is a large souvenir shop and the budget-friendly prices help you end the day with something for everyone.



“A Doctor’s Confession to the Towns of New Hope and Grant...”

And why, despite all, I still do what I do...

Dear Friend,

Confessions are tough. Real tough. But, sometimes a confession can set the record straight, and I want to give credit where credit is due. Before I talk about my confession though let me say a few other things first.

Let me start by explaining the photo in this letter. You know, when I meet people in town they usually say, “Oh yeah, I know you. You’re Dr. Mike. I’ve seen your ad with that picture of you and two cute little kids.” Well, I’m the guy on the left.

Years ago something happened to me that changed my life forever. Let me tell you my story.

“My Dad was a construction worker, but had been unable to work for eight months due to severe low back & leg pain. Luckily, we didn’t have too many bills and he was able to sell a few calves along the way, but he was starting to worry about his future and his family’s livelihood. After considering surgery (that was the only option, according to the surgeon) he decided against it. But, there’s more...

About that time our next door neighbor came back home from school, where he had recently graduated and opened up a practice. My dad decided to give this rookie doctor a try. On his first day in practice my dad saw this new doctor, who did an exam, took some x-rays, and then adjusted his spine. The adjustment didn’t hurt, it actually felt great. Oh, did I mention that the doctor is a Chiropractor?

Before you knew it my dad was back at work and he did not miss another day until he retired. I was so impressed with the miracle of chiropractic I decided to go to chiropractic school myself. And that’s how it happened.

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 him with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to him 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)

“I did have a lot of leg pain due to a pinched nerve. Not any more 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 May 28, 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 16 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.

Legislative Update



*By Rep. Butch Taylor
Alabama House of
Representatives, Dist. 22*

I have some great news to share with you this month. The Education Appropriations Committee I serve on in the Alabama House of Representatives worked many long hours and looked at several options, and we were able to craft a strong education budget. Not only does it preserve critical programs that benefit our children, it also avoids the massive layoffs we all feared would be necessary.

We did this primarily through a bond issue on transportation dollars. Our transportation program calls for

replacing buses every 10 years, but the new diesel buses are providing reliable service for much longer. We therefore extended the replacement term to 12 years, using the difference to support the bond issue.

There were other measures that had to be taken as well, such as cutting the classroom supply allowance for teachers. While this will require some sacrifice on the part of our teachers, it was necessary to prevent the layoff of thousands of teachers and support personnel across the state.

Once this bill was approved by the full House, it went to the Senate for consideration. In a very rare occurrence, the Senate passed this bill in about 25 minutes, making no changes and sending it to the governor for his signature. Senators told us they understood there

was no other way, that our bill did the best job of ensuring we keep teachers and support personnel working for our children in Alabama schools.

Budgets and other high-profile bills get all the attention in the media, but we deal with many smaller issues during a legislative session. I am particularly proud of a bill I sponsored that is currently being debated in the Senate.

Someone in Madison County recently brought to my attention his concerns about the amount of personal information available on public military records, marriage licenses and other documents. Currently it takes court action to have this personal information removed from the public record. My bill gives Probate Judges the authority to remove Social Security numbers from these documents, to protect people from identity theft. I will keep you up to date on the progress of this important bill.▲

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5/11 Inspirational Book Club 1 p.m.
featuring The Telling
5/13 Genealogy 7p.m.
5/14 Sit-N-Knit 5:30 p.m.
5/21 Board to Death 5:30 p.m.
5/29 Movie - Anime 4 p.m.

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Each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. - Story Hour

Each Monday at 5 p.m. - Teen Homework Night

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Kindergarten through 3rd grade Story Hour



PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW HOPE

Recently I purchased my first digital camera. It seems only yesterday that the only camera on the market was a Polaroid. With the Polaroid Instant you could take a picture and print it directly from the camera.

With my digital camera the possibilities are almost unlimited. I can delete (my favorite) pictures. I can connect my camera to a computer and view pictures as a slide show. I can save, edit, print, or send pictures electronically. "Picture taking so easy a child can do it."

The world of picture taking may be easy, but if you were to ask those who developed and changed this technology they would tell you that these changes took a great deal of thinking, risk taking, and hard work. It took creativity, innovation, and a willingness to explore new things.

Are you creative? Are you innovative?

Let's take a little test and see if you have a few general traits for creativity and innovation. Do you have...

Drive... high degree of motivation

Goals... sense of direction

Knowledge... a thirst for it

Honesty... people know where you stand

Optimism... glass is half full

Enthusiasm... excited about possibilities

Adaptability... capable of change

Humor... ability to laugh at yourself

Versatility... broad interest

Curiosity... interested in people and things

Individualism... self-esteem/self-sufficiency

Courage... the ability to start today

Creative and innovative people are tired of status quo and willing to explore the new. Nicodemus was tired of status quo and came to Jesus with a question about eternal life. Jesus told him that he would need to experience something new, "a new birth" (John 3:3). Want to know more?

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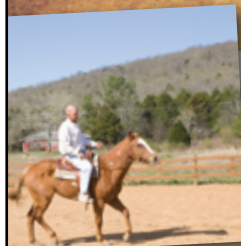


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Adult Education Classes at The CARE Center

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The CARE Center, a non-profit community outreach organization, recently introduced a new program to help people who did not graduate high school earn their General Education Development (GED) certificate.

The classes are free and held each

Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon at The CARE Center in New Hope.

For convenience, the classroom is equipped with six computers and students can take as long as necessary to prepare for the exam.

Night classes are also available. They are held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at New Hope Elementary School.

The normal fee for taking the GED exam is \$50. However, students who complete this class before taking the exam receive a \$25 discount. Scholarships are often available to help offset the remainder of the exam fee.

As an additional incentive, students who take the class and pass the GED

exam are eligible for a free three-hour class at any community college in Alabama.

This program is important because statistics show people with a high-school diploma or equivalent typically earn higher wages and are more sought after by employers.

Many dedicated volunteers make this program possible. The CARE Center is always seeking more tutors. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to help others, please contact The CARE Center Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

To register for the free GED classes, contact Ouida Cobb at 256-723-8879 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Heritage Hall opens on KDS DAR School Campus

The Pennsylvania Log Cabin, one of the original buildings on the campus of DAR School, was constructed in 1935 by local citizens to house the school's library.

Due to increased student enrollment, the Seimes Thomas Building was added to the campus and the library was

moved to the new building. The Log Cabin has since been used for a variety of school functions.

Beginning May 3, 2010, the building



be on display, along with items relative to the school's rich history. Local family genealogies are also being collected for display.

The Heritage Hall will be open to the public each Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is no admission fee. Information will be available for self-guided tours of the beautiful, historic campus. Group

tours, hosted by volunteer members of the Gunter Mountain DAR Chapter can be scheduled by contacting the school's Administrative Office at 256-728-4236.

Community Events

May

Rec League Football Sign-ups

Every Saturday in May from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Teams divided by ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 years old.

May

Beautification Month

May is Beautification month for the city of New Hope.

May 6

County Shed Day

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Jerry Craig invites everyone to celebrate County Government Week at the County Shed in New Hope. Join friends in the New Hope community for great food, local entertainment and a time of fun and fellowship.

May 8

Women's Celebration

Ladies, make plans now to attend the Women's Celebration at Galilee Baptist Church. There will be a photographer available at 9 a.m. and brunch served 10 a.m. with special guest, Lee Marshall. For more information call 256-723-4819.

May 9

Decoration Day

Whitaker Cemetery's annual Decoration Day. Donations accepted for grass cutting. Contact Lou Ann Poole for more information at 256-723-2525.

May 29

BBQ Fundraiser

Swearegin Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual BBQ Fundraiser beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-order whole Boston Butts, BBQ, Chicken & Chicken Finger Plates. For more

information contact Beth Jackson at 256-728-7109.

May 22

Gospel Singing

Galilee Baptist Church presents William Clayton and The Redeemed at 6 p.m. For more information call 256-723-4819.

June 1

NH Rec Swimming Pool Opens

Open noon to 6 p.m., Cost is \$3 per person. Swimming Lessons available for children ages 3 and up on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. for \$5 per lesson.

June 7-11

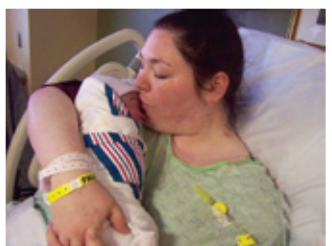
Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of New Hope is having Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS from 9 a.m. to noon for children ages Pre-K through 6th grade.

Mom and Me



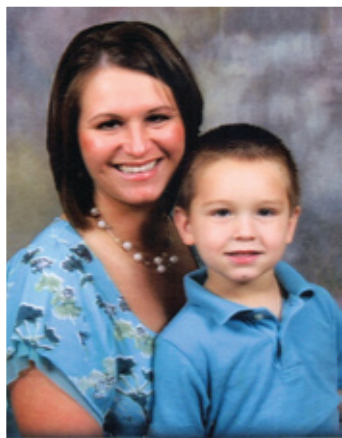
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