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

On the cover:

Spring is truly in the air. Audie Craig of Owens Cross Roads submitted this spectacular photo.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Stay safe during storms this spring

After this year's snow and ice, I know I am not alone in welcoming the spring season. It's great seeing the flowers and trees bloom, the temperature rise and everyone start to enjoy being outside.

Spring can also mean dangerous thunderstorms, tornados and outages. We have already seen some major storms this season, and there are sure to be more before summer. If there is severe weather in the area, keep a weather radio nearby and make sure its batteries are charged.

Always remember that if you can hear thunder, you are in danger of being struck by lightning. Seek shelter immediately. Move to a sturdy building, avoiding small sheds or trees. If you can't make it to a building, a car is acceptable. If you're on the lake, head for shore and get away from the water — your chance of being struck by lightning is much greater on the water. At home, unplug any major appliances except for the one that you are using to keep updated on the weather. Also, turn off your air conditioner. Every year, power surges from lightning overload compressors, creating a big expense for the homeowner.

After the storm, be a good neighbor and check on anyone who may need your help such as people with disabilities or the elderly. They will greatly appreciate it, as will their families.

Also know that when storms hit, your cooperative goes to work to restore your telephone, Internet and cable services. One of the best things about NHTC is our link to this community. We don't simply work in this area — we live here. When the lines are down, our employees go to work helping our friends, families and neighbors. Our staff is proud to serve this community, and I could not be more proud of our employees.

Spring also marks the time of year for your cooperative's Annual Meeting. We hope you and your family will plan to join us Tuesday, May 17 to celebrate this important day! The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at New Hope Middle School.

As a cooperative, everyone who has our service is a member-owner and allowed to vote in board elections. There will be entertainment, door prizes and food. We hope to see you there.



TOM WING General Manager, New Hope Telephone Cooperative

Our office will be Closed Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day

Memorial Day is set aside to remember our family members, loved ones, neighbors and friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

NHTC will reopen on Tuesday, May 31 at 8 a.m.

Internet Department is connecting members to the rest of the world







Over the past quarter-century, the Internet has changed almost every facet of our lives. Today, people use the Internet for work, entertainment, education and more.

With so many people dependent on the Internet, NHTC has a department dedicated to ensuring the cooperative's network is always operational.

Rusty Bright is the network manager. Internet Technicians Jim Warren and Justin Clark round out NHTC's Internet team. Their department installs and maintains DSL service, and troubleshoots issues whenever a member cannot connect to the Internet.

"Router configuration is the number one problem we see these days," says Bright. "Laptops have really come down in price and most people want a laptop and wireless connection."

Wireless routers usually come with a start-up disk that is supposed to make installation easy. However, most manufacturers assume the Internet provider uses dynamic, or changing, IP addresses. "NHTC's system uses static IP addresses and that causes problems," explains Bright. "We always recommend that members bring their router to us. We can configure the router to work on our network. If it was purchased to work with a laptop, bring both and we will make sure they are working together properly."

NHTC provides this service free of charge, but they do recommend calling ahead to schedule an appointment.

The Internet department operates on a ticket system. When customers call to order DSL or with a network connectivity issue, a ticket is created. "I take the information, assign a port and provision it for installation," says Warren.

Justin Clark, the newest member of the Internet team, installs DSL in the field. He makes sure the member's connection is working and that there are no problems that must be addressed.

"It's a two-person job, actually," explains Clark. "Jim and I work as a team. He is back at the office making sure everything is working from the cooperative side, while I make sure everything is properly set up from the member's side. If there is a problem, we can find and resolve the issue much quicker this way."

The team works with all other departments at the cooperative. They take calls and service orders from Customer Service and Repair Service. "It takes all of us working together as a team to make this department and this cooperative successful," says Bright. "We all try to keep our focus on making sure our members have the best service possible."



Data backup is like talking about car insurance to most people. It isn't a fun topic to discuss, but if you've ever experienced a crashed computer or stolen laptop, you are painfully aware of the benefits of an external hard drive or an online backup source.

Data backup allows users to store documents, photos, emails and files to a source other than their computer system. In the event of a computer crash or hardware malfunction, you are protected against loss of personal files. The cost of data backup varies depending on the amount of memory stored and whether you use an online resource or external hardware. Visit www.data-backup-and-storage.com to learn more.

Parental controls

allow safe browsing for your children and peace of mind for the parent. Whether you simply want to block a specific site or monitor content viewing, there is help. Not only can regulating a web browser keep inappropriate content away from the eyes of children, but it will also protect your computer by setting security restrictions to disable malicious software from being installed on your system. For easy, step-by-step instructions on getting started, visit www.wikihow.com and search "restrict web browsing."

Voting Procedure to Elect Board Members

Article IV Board Members

Section 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a board of directors, consisting of nine (9) members. The membership of the Board of Directors shall be based as follows:

New Hope, four (4) members on the Board of Directors; Owens Cross Roads, two (2) members on the Board of Directors; and Grant, three (3) members on the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election and Tenure of Of-

fice. The persons presently serving as directors of the cooperative shall compose the Board until the first annual meeting or until their successors shall be elected by a secret ballot at each annual meeting of the members, beginning with the year 1984 by and from the members at large to serve until the next annual meeting of the members or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. If an election of directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for the annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, a special meeting of the members shall be held for the purpose of electing directors within a reasonable time thereafter. Directors may be elected by a plurality vote of the members. All elected directors shall serve a term of four (4) years provided they do not resign or are not removed from office by the members. All directors terms will be staggered so that two (2) are elected each year, except in 1987 three (3) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and every four (4) years thereafter; i.e., 1991,1995, etc., three (3) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected.

Section 3. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a board member of the cooperative who:

- a) Is not a member of the Cooperative: and
- b) Is not a bona fide resident of the respective exchange from which said Board member was elected.
- c) Is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling or reselling telephone service or supplies, or constructing or maintaining telephone facilities, other than a business operating on a cooperative nonprofit basis for the purpose of furthering rural telephony.

Upon establishment of the fact that a board member is holding the office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the board shall remove such board member from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board.

Section 4. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the board to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than seventy five (75) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which board members are to be elected, a three member (3) committee on nominations consisting of one (1) member from each exchange, so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the board may serve on such committee. The committee keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare and post at the principle office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for board members which shall include at least two candidates for each board position to be filled by the election. The Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately,

but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of board members to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations. Any fifty (50) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Nominations made by petition, if any, received at least five (5) days before the meeting shall be included on the official ballot. Later nominations by petition shall be treated as nominations from the floor. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor and nominations shall not be closed until at least one minute has passed during which no additional nominations has been made. No member may nominate more than one candidate, for the same position.

Any nominee by petition or from the floor must meet the qualifications stated in the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3.

Section 5. Failure of Action by the Nominating Committee. In the event the nominating committee fails to make a report after 3 requests by the Secretary and having been notified and appointed in accordance with the Bylaws Article IV Section 4, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to make said nominations or nominations based upon the guidelines set out in the Bylaws, Article IV, Sections 1 through 4.









In the July 2010 issue of The Communicator, NHTC brought readers the story of Staff Sgt. Daniel Martin's deployment with the Army National Guard. Daniel, NHTC's fiber leader, spent several months serving our nation overseas. Daniel returned home in March after spending more than 10 months at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

aniel is glad to be home with his wife Marla and their two daughters, eight-year-old Erin, and two-year-old Avery. "One thing about being deployed," he says, "is it makes you really appreciate family and home."

Daniel served as a Non-Commissioned Officer with the 1960th Contingency Contracting Team out of Huntsville.

It was his second deployment since he joined the National Guard. He was sent to Iraq on his first deployment when daughter Erin was just a baby. "It's tougher on the families back home than it is on the soldiers," Daniel says. "It's hard on the wives especially. All I had to do was take care of myself over there, but my wife had to work a full-time job, take care of two kids and the house. It really is true that if you didn't have a family you could trust and depend on, you wouldn't have any armed forces."

He was not in combat during this deployment, but did put in 15- to 18- hour workdays managing around \$80 million in contract work.

"The hardest part for me was missing my family," he says. "But Marla sent DVDs and photos of the kids inside care packages. They also sent me newspapers from home.

"The kids made a bulletin board for me with their little handprints on it," he adds.

Because of the eight and a half hour time difference between the United States and Afghanistan, Daniel says Facebook was the easiest way to stay in daily contact with his family.

"Marla teaches first grade," he says, "so it's hard to catch her with the time difference. With Facebook, it was easy to see when she was online."

They used Skype on a few occasions. Skype is a software application that allows users to video conference over the Internet. "The girls liked that," he says, "but the time difference really made it difficult."

Employees at NHTC also reached out to keep in touch with Daniel and his family while he was away. "They would call

Marla and see if there was anything they could do to help out," he says. "It's very supportive here. Everybody is good, they really are. But sometimes it's not what they do for you, it's just an email saying 'Hey, how's it going?' that can really make a difference."

Like many soldiers, Daniel says he does not want any credit for serving overseas. "I was just doing my job, but it's nice when people acknowledge that," he says.

"It is a good feeling when you walk into the drugstore and people say 'Oh, hey, Daniel. I'm glad you're home."

While he was overseas. Daniel saw many things that made him grateful to be an American. "I really appreciate the things we have," he says. "Living the American life, everything is at our fingertips. We walk into Wal-Mart or Foodland and everything is within reach. It's not like that in the rest of the world.

"You go to Afghanistan and look out and see people living in mud huts," he adds, "or kids riding a bicycle and that's all they've got. You give them \$2 out of your pocket and that really means something to them. But after about six months at home, you start to forget that kind of stuff. It's because we're so blessed."

Daniel joined the National Guard when he was 20 years old. "I joined with a buddy of mine," he says. "I had always wanted to do it. Deep down inside there is pride in knowing you've done your job. It's a good feeling."

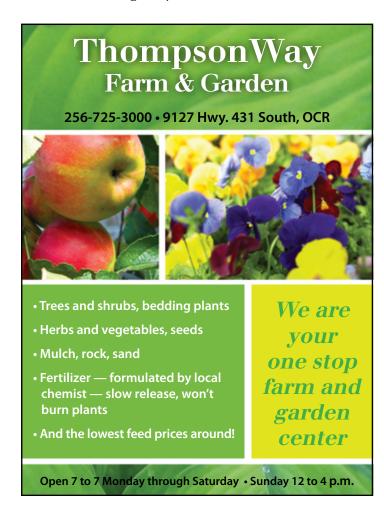
Daniel says soldiers in Afghanistan, as well as himself, received care packages from people in the U.S. "People send packages of soap and shampoo," he says. "They also send packages of Propel and Kool-Aid to mix in our bottled water. That was wonderful because all there is to drink over there is bottled water. The care packages really matter. We didn't always have time to write a personal 'thank you' to them, but the people here should know that those packages do make a difference. Not all of the soldiers have family to do that kind of stuff."

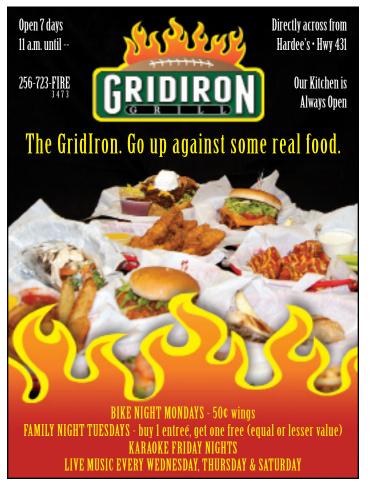
Daniel received many care packages from NHTC. He says they were filled with hot chocolate and coffee, and a rare commodity – foam cups.

"Foam cups go fast over there," he says. "Everybody needs them and our unit didn't have a supply person looking out for us and ordering that kind of stuff. We had to trade and barter for them. So when someone sent them. everybody wanted them."

Daniel says he does not think he will go back overseas. "The way it works for the Guard," he says, "you stay home for 30 months before you can go back. I don't see myself going back. I will be within two weeks of getting out of the Guard when my 30 months are up."

He and his family wish to thank everyone who kept them in their thoughts and prayers during Daniel's absence. "It really meant a lot to us," he says. "Being from a small town really does make you glad to come home." \triangle





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Americans who tune into home-improvement channels like HGTV or the DIY network, chances are you have spent some time looking out your own back door and dreaming. Gone are the days when plastic wading pools beside sprinklers hooked to the garden hose embodied the perfect backyard.

Today's homeowners have traded in their backyards for 'outdoor living spaces,' picturesque havens of tranquility where downtime is serious business.

Depending on your choice and budget, today's outdoor living space can be as high- or low-tech as you desire. Here are some things to think about before getting started:

- Setting a budget
- Choosing outdoor activities
- DIY vs. Pro

Your **budget** is one of the most important aspects of creating your outdoor living space. When setting your budget, be sure to include all aspects of the project to avoid leaving things undone. If your project is large, plan it in stages if necessary, completing one portion at a time. Do not forget important features like landscaping and lighting.

What **activities** do you and your family enjoy? Whether it is sports, cooking, movies or all of the above, the sky is the limit with today's outdoor living spaces.

If your family loves the water, you may want to consider making a pool the focal point of your new space. Hot tubs, jacuzzis and even decorative fountains are also nice choices, and there are varieties of each to fit almost any budget.



For those who prefer **do-it-yourself** projects, above-ground pools can be ordered online as a kit and shipped right to your door. Site prep can be a little difficult, so be prepared to spend some time leveling your space. You can choose from a metal, resin-coated or resin-injected above-ground pool. Either style can be surrounded by a deck to add beauty and functionality.

If an in-ground pool is what you have in mind, you will need to hire a professional. When Bob and Denise Fredrickson left their three-story home on Lake Guntersville looking for a cozy place to retire, they did not want to sacrifice swimming and water activities. The couple contacted Beth Parker, vice president of Burleson Pool Co. in Hampton Cove. "We said we wanted a backyard that would be our vacation place," Bob says. He and Denise told Parker they wanted a pool, a hot tub and a fireplace. They left the details up to her imagination.

"It is rare to have a client who just lets you be creative," Parker says. "I was blessed enough that the Fredricksons felt confident in me and let me do that."

The entire project was handled by the team at Burleson. "We don't subcontract anything out," says Parker. "We have our own construction crews, landscapers, everything you need."

"The process was really friendly," Bob says. "Beth guided us through the whole thing and she was always open to our ideas."

The Fredricksons completed outdoor living space is everything the couple hoped for. "Beth and her team took our dream space and made it a reality," Denise says. "We don't even miss the lake."

While the Fredricksons prefer to cook indoors, for those who enjoy a good outdoor barbeque, there are a full range of ovens, stoves, refrigerators and grills on the market to rival even the fanciest of kitchens.

While thinking of water activi-

ties and cooking up great meals, do not forget how your family intends to use your new space after dark. Enormous fireplaces and remote controlled lighting sources are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to your potential choices.

Parker suggests making a list of things you really want for your project, and then thinking of ways to enhance each feature. For example, if you are thinking of having a pool, consider ways to incorporate the sound of water splashing into your design.

At the Fredrickson's, Parker designed a waterfall effect by having the hot tub spill over into the pool. "Our team also created a tranquil background sound by drilling holes in three large boulders," she says. "Water is forced up through holes and bubbles out. It is beautiful to see and to hear."

If movies are among your choices for outdoor entertainment, there are several options you may consider. Large screen TVs, retractable movie screens or stereo systems can be wired to hidden speakers, giving your outdoor space a theatrical sound and feel.

Whether you hire a professional or do it yourself as a family project, the art of outdoor living is in making the most of your space every day of the year and in making memories to last a lifetime.

"We roasted marshmallows in our fireplace when it snowed and took pictures," Denise says. "That will be next year's Christmas card. Our outdoor space is perfect for us." A

Left: This multi-functional outdoor living space features natural materials and has several focal

Top Right: Bob and Denise Fredrickson of Owens Cross Roads enjoy their outdoor oasis

Center Right: Don't overlook seating when planning your space. Consider creating separate areas for conversation, eating and relaxation if space allows.

Bottom Right: This hottub doubles as a waterfall, providing ambiance in this outdoor living space. When the hot tub is in use, the water level in the tub lowers, shutting off the waterfall effect.







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Cable lineup now has more choices

New Hope Telephone Cooperative has added even more choices to their current cable lineup.

Now, subscribers to NHTC's TV Expanded Cable

Package have a few new choices — Fox Business on channel 71, Hallmark Movie on channel 72 and OWN, the Oprah Winfrey Network on channel 73.

These new additions give subscribers more than 70 choices for their viewing pleasure. And while, nationally, cable TV and even satellite TV service prices have continued to climb,

NHTC's cable service remains a real value at only \$44 per month. The price has not increased in more than five years and the cooperative is working hard to keep the cost as low as possible. Members can save even more by bundling services.

For members who do not have a need for more channels, NHTC offers two smaller cable packages.

Find out more about NHTC cable by visiting www.nhtc.coop, or call 256-723-4211.

COUNTING HER BLESSINGS

Minnie Woody Tabor celebrated her 99th birthday on January 28, 2011. She is the youngest of 13 children born to John and Lilly Woody of the Poplar Ridge community.

Minnie attended school at Poplar Ridge through the fifth grade, and then attended New Hope where she graduated high school.

She attended college at Florence State where

she earned a teaching certificate. She went on

to teach at the old Cave Springs, Cedar Point and Maple Hill schools.

Minnie married John Henry Tabor of Owens Cross Roads in 1936. From then until his death in 1967 she lead the life of a farmer's wife.

After the death of her husband, Minnie went to work in the cafeteria at New Hope High School. She worked there until her retirement in 1980.

Minnie is a member of Oak Bowery Methodist Church. She loves canning, gardening and growing flowers.

These days, Minnie still attends church and enjoys going to the New Hope Senior Center. One of the great joys in her life is spending time with family, friends and her great, great grandchildren.



One cold winter's evening, I found myself going to bed earlier than normal. After a while, I found myself awake and colder than when I went to bed. In a woeful attempt at getting back to sleep, I started the ritual of tossing and turning. I learned in all this tumbling, the further away from Teresa I tossed the colder I felt, but the closer to her I turned. the more comfortable I became.

During this May/June edition of The Communicator we will celebrate Mother's and Father's Day, and my late night experience sparked a memory of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Writing about marriage, Paul tells how husbands are to love their wives so much, they should be willing to give their lives for them, and wives should honor their husbands in such a way the husbands have headship over the household. What a difference that would make in the divorce rate of our nation!



Michael Carpenter, Pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church & Oak Bowerv United Methodist Church

Paul goes on to say he is not talking about marriage itself, rather, our relationship with God! Are you struggling with a relationship? Take a look at your relation-

ship with God for answers, for life gets pretty cold the further from God you toss. That's part of why we church people go to church. We're not perfect, but we know where to turn. Give it a try, for the second best thing you can do as a parent is Love your spouse in the will of God! What's the first best thing? Find out in a church near you.

Lou Ann Poole honored for work in NSDAR

Lifelong New Hope resident and retired NHTC employee Lou Ann Poole received the DAR Historic Preservation Recognition Award during the group's annual awards ceremony earlier this year. Poole was nominated by the Hunt's Spring Chapter NSDAR.

The national award recognizes and honors an individual or group that has done remarkable volunteer work at the community level in the area of historic preservation.

As an active member of the Gunter Mountain Chapter NSDAR, Poole has logged many volunteer hours preserving the past. Her contributions in historical preservation activities are well documented.

She was a key member in founding the New Hope Historical Association (NHHA),

a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and documenting the history of her community. She has served in various offices at NHHA while seeking out local history.

Poole mastered the art of open-hearth cooking and volunteered more than 1,000 hours demonstrating and lecturing at Burritt-on-the-Mountain, a living-history museum



located in Huntsville, Ala. She hand-made authentic period garments to wear during her demonstrations. To further enhance her ability to preserve and practice this art, she and her husband built a log cabin with a stone fireplace and hearth on their property. The cabin has served as the meeting locale for local DAR chapters, Confederate organizations and civic groups.

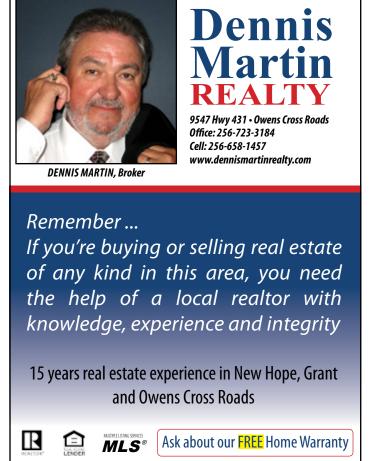
Her home is secured on the Alabama Register of Significant Sites for its value to the community.

Poole serves on the board of the New Hope Cemetery Foundation and is active on the perpetual care boards of Whitaker and Hayden cemeteries. In this capacity, she platted and documented burial sites in New Hope and Whitaker cemeteries securing

both placement on the Alabama Register of Historic Cemeteries

"Her knowledge of how to get a job done, willingness and use of her time, skills and energy have rendered her local community a better place to live," says Doris Spivey of Hunt's Spring Chapter NSDAR.





Homemakers Club

The OCR Homemakers Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Please call Sherry Grey for more details at 256-520-5667.

May 31 Swimming

The New Hope Rec Center Pool is now open. Call for swimming lessons: 256-723-3800.

May 18 (rain date May 19) **Older Americans Festival**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sharon Johston Park in New Market. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy dancing, singing, horseshoes, door prizes and more. Tickets may be purchased through the Senior Center. Sponsored by the Madison County Commission and TARCOG Area Agency on Aging.

May 21 29th Annual Fishing Rodeo

Free admission, great prizes. Held at Sharon Johnston Park. Ages 5 - 10 fish from 8:30 - 10 a.m., ages 11- 15 fish from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Bring your own rod. Bait, hooks and corks provided. No boats or artificial lures allowed. Rules will be posted. Visit www.co.madison.al.us for more information. Sponsored by the Madison County Commission.

May 27-28 **Grant Founder's Day**

Sponsored by Grant Fire and Rescue. Friday kick-off at 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be games, food and entertainment for the entire family! Call 256-505-1204 or 256-728-2007 for more informa-

June 1 Football Sign Ups

New Hope Rec Center begins football sign-ups. Call for more information, 256-723-3800.

June 4-14 Baseball Tournament

Baseball tournaments at the New Hope Rec Center. Call for more information.

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GRILLED ASIAN PORK SALAD

Salad and Pork: 5 cups mixed salad greens 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into 2 inch strips 1 cup snow peas 1/2 red onion, sliced into thin wedges 1/3 cup snipped fresh cilantro 2 tablespoons Pampered Chef Asian Seasoning Mix 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 1 pork tenderloin, about 1 pound

1/4 cup dry roasted peanuts, coarsely

chopped (optional)

1/3 cup vegetable oil

Dressing: 3 tablespoons rice vinegar 1-1/2 tablespoons soy sauce 2 teaspoons Pampered Chef Asian Seasoning Mix 1 teaspoon sugar

For dressing: combine vinegar, soy sauce, seasoning mix and sugar in small bowl. Slowly add oil, whisking until well blended. Cover; refrigerate until ready to use.

For salad: arrange greens on large serving platter. Top with bell pepper, snow peas, onion and cilantro. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Heat skillet over medium heat for 5 minutes. Combine seasoning mix and oil; rub over entire surface of pork. Grill pork 15-20 minutes, turning every 5 minutes until desired doneness. Remove pork to a cutting board and tent with aluminum foil; let stand 5-10 minutes. Carve pork into thin slices and arrange around edge of salad on serving platter. Sprinkle with peanuts, if desired. Drizzle with dressing.

RED POTATO SALAD

12 cups cubed red potatoes 1 cup chopped green bell pepper (about 1 medium) 1/2 cup minced red onion 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1/3 cup red wine vinegar 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard 2 tablespoons mayonnaise 1-1/2 teaspoons salt 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Cook potatoes, covered in boiling water, 10 minutes, or until tender; drain well and cool. In a large bowl, combine potatoes, bell pepper and onion. In a small bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients. Pour over potato mixture, tossing gently to coat. Cover and refrigerate.

CORN SALAD

3 cans Shoepeg corn 1 large onion, chopped 1 small bell pepper, chopped fine 1 cucumber, chopped 1 tomato, chopped 1/2 cup sour cream 1/2 cup mayonnaise 1 teaspoon vinegar 1 teaspoon dry mustard

Drain corn and mix all ingredients. Let set 3 - 4 hours in refrigerator.

GRAPE SALAD

1 bag red seedless grapes 1 package cream cheese 1/2 cup brown sugar 4 ounces sour cream 1 cup pecans

Mix cream cheese, brown sugar, sour cream and pecans together. Fold in washed and dried grapes. Refrigerate before serving.

BROCCOLI SALAD

1 head fresh broccoli, rinsed (tough stalk and leaves removed) 6 to 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled 1/2 cup chopped red onion 1/2 cup raisins, optional 8 ounces sharp cheddar, cut into very small chunks 1 cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons white vinegar

1/4 cup sugar 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Chop broccoli into bite sized pieces, place in a large bowl. Add bacon, onion, raisins (if using) and cheese. Wisk together mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar separately. Pour over other ingredients and mix. Chill before serving.

MEXICAN PASTA SALAD

1 pound uncooked rotini pasta 1 to 2 tablespoons lime peel, grated (from 2 medium limes) 3 to 4 tablespoons lime juice (from 2 medium limes) 1 cup ranch dressing 1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso taco seasoning 1 large avocado, pitted and diced 2 cups cherry or grape tomatoes 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, finely chopped 2 medium green onions, chopped or diced 1 can (19 ounces) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed 6 ounces pitted large ripe olives, diced 4.5 ounces Old El Paso chopped green

Cook and drain pasta as directed on package. Rinse with cold water to cool; drain well. Meanwhile, grate peel from limes; place in small bowl. Squeeze juice from limes; add to peel in bowl. Stir in dressing and taco seasoning, then mix. Stir avocado into dressing mixture. In large serving bowl, toss pasta with all remaining ingredients. Pour dressing mixture over salad; toss gently to mix. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving to blend flavors. Try adding 1/2 pound of cooked diced chicken or shrimp.

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Bailey and Ryan Loudermilk, spring 2010



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Sydney Light, Gabriel Romero, Amanda Cambron and Maria Romero; granddaughters of Charley McPeters and Ava W. Cambron. Photograph taken by Ava Cambron.



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