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Harvey Boshart, Jim Killgore and James Self recall their service to our nation during World War II. Read their story beginning on page 8.

Manager's Comments

Remembering a few rules of thumb about fire safety could save your life



The other morning, I noticed there were leaves on the ground in my yard. That's not too unusual in late October, but what did seem odd was that the leaves had not changed color — they were just dead. It's been so dry lately, and I was seeing one of the effects of not getting enough rain.

With such dry conditions, the chances of a fire increase. I read recently that in 2009 fires caused 3,010 deaths, 17,050 injuries and \$12.5 billion dollars worth of property damage.

With numbers like that, NHTC makes fire-safety training a priority for our employees, and we want to pass what we've learned on to you.

Flames can come from many sources. Here are a few to watch for:

- Electric wiring — Be sure you replace cracked or damaged electrical cords in your home as soon as you discover them. Be on the lookout for strange odors in your home that could be electrical wiring gone bad.

- Smoking — If you decide to smoke, be sure to dispose of your cigarette or cigar butts properly.

- Electric blankets — As the nights get cold, you may decide to crank up your favorite electric blanket. Be careful — this common household item can cause a fire. When you warm up, unplug the blanket before going to sleep.

What should you do if there is a fire? Remembering a few simple rules can help you and those around you stay safe in a fire at your home or workplace:

- Your first priority should always be to get out of the building. Do not stay back and gather belongings.

- Drop to your hands and knees to avoid smoke.

- If you cannot reach an exit, close yourself off in a room and seal the edges of the doors with towels or clothing. Call the fire department and tell them your location.

Stay safe, and enjoy the fall weather!

Tom Wing

General Manager,
New Hope Telephone Cooperative

HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

NHTC's office will be closed on the following days:

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving Holiday

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

Help our community by supporting Christmas charities

Each year, NHTC contributes to local organizations who provide food, Christmas gifts and other necessities to those in need in our area. Please consider helping these worthy charities in our community as they help provide gifts to local children that might not otherwise have anything on Christmas morning.

The C.A.R.E. Center Christmas Shop offers new toys at greatly reduced prices, making Christmas an affordable, fun time for those who may find it hard to make ends meet during the holiday season. Patrons may also choose to work for the C.A.R.E. center in exchange for gift costs.

WAFF's Can-A-Thon provides one

of the most basic necessities — food — to families throughout the region. NHTC will have a bin for donations in the office lobby on Main Drive. Please bring your donations of canned food, baby food and other non-perishable food items. Everything collected will be delivered to WAFF during their annual food drive.

Marshall County Christmas Coalition was established in 1996 to help children in need in Marshall County. Gifts and cash donations are greatly appreciated. They are used to help an average of over 2,500 children throughout Marshall County each Christmas. Parents must go through an application process to prove their need. Visit www.christmas-coalition.org for more information about

the application process and learn how you can donate.

Christmas Share Program delivers Christmas presents to needy children in New Hope and Owens Cross Roads through their 'Angel Trees.' Local merchants will have Christmas trees set up in their businesses with 'angels' on them. Each angel has the first name of a child in need, along with clothing sizes and special wishes. Choose a gift for the angel, wrap it and return it to the business you removed the angel tag from or deliver it to NHTC's office. NHTC will make sure all gifts are delivered to the Share Program organizers.

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PROTECTING *your information*

Have you ever wondered what happens to the personal information many companies must obtain when opening an account for you? Where does it go? Who has access to it? How can you be sure it is protected at all times?

Information collected by telecommunications co-operatives is regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which is an arm of the federal government. This information is commonly referred to as CPNI.

The Communicator held a question/answer session with NHTC General Manager, Tom Wing to explain CPNI and how it benefits members.

How CPNI provides privacy, security and peace of mind

What do the letters CPNI stand for?

Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI).

What is that?

CPNI is any information about a customer's account other than their name, address and phone number.

So that could mean anything from which calling features are on an account to whether or not the bill has been paid, is that correct?

Yes. Every piece of data about an account such as the amount of the bill, details about calls they have made, and even their payment history is all part of that primary account holder's CPNI.

How does the FCC regulate CPNI?

The FCC requires us to assign every customer a password, as well as ask them to set up an answer to a 'shared secret.' The customer must also put the names of anyone they want to authorize to access their account details.

How does the password and shared secret work?

When a person calls to discuss their account with one of our customer service represen-

tatives, they must provide their password before we can discuss the account with them.

What happens if they cannot remember their password?

That's what the shared secret is for. If they know the answer to their shared secret question, we can reset their password to any number they choose and then we can talk with them about their account.

Is this the only way your representatives can discuss a person's account?

No. An account holder can also come into our office and present a valid photo identification.

What if the account is in the wife's name and the husband calls to discuss details, can you tell him anything?

Yes, but only if he is listed as an authorized person on the account and has the password for the account. Otherwise, we are forbidden by law to discuss anything about the account.

But NHTC is like a family to their members, do you really have to be so strict, even with people you know?

Yes. Because the information contained in

the CPNI is protected under federal law, we must comply with the FCC regulations, no matter how well we may know someone.

That sounds like it could be inconvenient for some people. Why couldn't you just break the rules if someone really needs help?

The FCC could impose substantial fines of up to \$1.3 million dollars for each rule violation. That is money our cooperative could not afford to pay.

That sounds like your members can rest easy knowing their information is kept private and secure. Is that right?

Absolutely. The rules regarding CPNI were designed to keep anyone other than the account holder from obtaining any information they could use in a way that could be harmful.

How does a member set their account up to include the names of authorized people?

Members opening new accounts will be given an authorization form to fill out. Members with existing accounts can come into the office and a representative will assist them.

SCENES FROM NEW HOPE'S FOUNDER'S DAY

Great weather... great time for everyone!

Founders Day in New Hope was once again a huge success with seemingly everyone in town showing up for the fun. There was plenty to eat, plenty to hear and more than plenty to see and do. Besides the parade which featured horse-drawn vehicles there were also business booths. Congratulations to David Wayne Holcomb of New Hope, winner of one month's free service from NHTC.



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FIRE SAFETY

something you should think about

The holidays are almost here! There will soon be holiday dinners in every oven and fires blazing in every hearth. It will not be long until Christmas trees will be appearing in windows up and down the street and the colorful lights of the season will be strung from pillar to post.

With all of the fun your family will be having, it is important to take extra precautions when using things such as stringed lights, fireplaces and space heaters.

Here are a few helpful tips to keep in mind so your family's entire holiday season will remain one filled with comfort and joy.

Eliminate hazards

- Keep space heaters away from anything that can easily burn or catch fire.
- Store all flammable materials away from heat sources such as fireplaces, space heaters, stoves and holiday lights.
- Do not let trash accumulate, especially highly flammable things like wrapping paper, newspapers or magazines.
- Do not overload circuits. Use electrical power strips or electrical safety surge protectors instead of putting too many plugs into one outlet.
- Make sure all electrical wiring is safe for use. Wiring should have no exposed bare spots. Wiring with known electrical shorts should be discarded and replaced.

Proper fire safety

- Keep operational fire extinguishers handy at all times.
- Install and maintain quality smoke

and carbon monoxide detectors.

- Create and have your family memorize an escape route in case a fire does occur.
- Choose a designated meeting place outside and well away from your home.
- Hold fire drills, especially in homes where there are children. Repetitive drills are among the best ways to keep young children from panicking and becoming disoriented in case of fire.
- Know at least two ways out of your home and teach them to your children.
- Keep things such as keys and cell phones in the same place at night where they will be easy to access in an emergency.

In case of fire

- Get everyone out of the house immediately. Do not try to retrieve personal items.
- In dense smoke, drop to your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest exit.
- Do not open interior doors before first placing your palm on the door to feel for heat. If the door is hot, that is an indication of fire in the next room. Find another way out.
- If your clothing catches fire; remember the simple chant you learned as a child: stop, drop and roll.
- Once you are outside the house, go to the designated meeting place. Count heads to make sure everyone is out of the house.

For more information on how you can protect your family, contact your local fire department or visit FireSafety.gov.▲



Christmas Tree Safety

Make fire safety a priority when decorating your Christmas tree. Here are several tips for staying safe this holiday season:

TREES

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree will not catch fire, it does indicate the tree is more resistant to burning.
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and do not break when bent between your fingers. The bottom of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry out live trees rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic, and do not block doorways.

LIGHTING

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree.
- Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a nationally-recognized testing laboratory. Use only newer lights that have thicker wiring and are required to have safety fuses to prevent the wires from overheating. Throw out damaged sets.

Visit www.cpsc.gov for more tips.

Mayor Howard Completes Elected Official Training Program

Mayor John L. Howard of New Hope was recently recognized for completing forty hours of classes in municipal government. The classes covered a variety of topics designed to help mayors and councilmembers run their cities more effectively.

"We took courses on tort reform, municipal leaders management, security and a lot of other things," says Howard. Mayor Howard now has the title of Certified Municipal Official, and is already on his way to earn his next certification.

"I have earned about eleven hours already towards becoming an Advanced Certified Municipal Officer," said Howard.

Both of these certifications are given through the Alabama League of Municipalities, a statewide organization



built around promoting education and awareness for elected officials, and providing the tools needed to help run better

government at the local level.

"It's surprising how many little things can be changed to make a large impact on how a town is run," says Howard. "We've started selling off surplus vehicles owned by the city. We have over \$13,000 worth of vehicles for sale right now."

Another issue important to Howard is security. "In Kingsport, Ore., someone walked into city hall and killed six people," explained Howard. "Since I read that, I've been interested in learning all I can about what we can do to make our town more secure."

Getting this certification is just one of many steps Howard is taking to better himself and New Hope. "We're making changes. We're improving this city, and I intend to help make New Hope a better place to live." ▲

An advertisement for Williams Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. It features a man in a blue polo shirt standing next to a white service van. The van has a large red 'W' logo and the text "WILLIAMS Licensed AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION Bonded and Insured Phone: 256-426-9779". Below the van, there are logos for MAYTAG and TRANE. The background is a blue and white graphic with a red swoosh.

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World War II: 65 years later

As we remember our Veterans, what do they remember?

The town of New Hope is home to a handful of veterans who served in WW II. *The Communicator* had the honor of visiting with three of them for this special article meant to honor every military veteran and thank them for their service.

James Self

Though it has been 65 years since he returned from WW II, PFC James Self, 91, of New Hope, still cries when he remembers the first time he heard the words “you’re going home.”

He had been all over North Africa, England, France and Germany fighting on the front lines and surrounded by the sights and sounds of a world totally at war. At 26, he had already seen more bad things in his waking hours than most people see in a lifetime of nightmares.

As part of an anti-aircraft outfit, Self was one of 16 men in charge of moving and manning one of the huge guns which routinely brought down enemy aircraft. Each time his outfit moved, they had to dig a pit to put the massive gun in, sometimes staying in one place no more than 30 minutes.

“The Germans were shelling the Americans, and we were firing back at them,” says Self. “It was terrible.”

Most nights they slept on the ground, but sometimes Self’s outfit found refuge in tents or abandoned buildings.

After 33 grueling months, the first hint that something was about to change in the chaos that had become his life came one night as he was going to sleep in an abandoned farmhouse.

“They had left some straw in there, and me and this corporal were there



James Self

bedding down for the night,” says Self, “when this captain came in there and said ‘Is there a James Self in here?’ Then he wanted to know how long I had been in the service, and how many were in my family.

“Then he left,” Self says, “and the corporal asked me if I knew why he had asked all of those questions. I said ‘no,’ so he said ‘they’re about to send you home.’”

“The next day,” he continues, “they came up and pulled me right off the front line and said ‘you’re going home,’ and I said ‘I’m ready.’”

He was given a list of the nine medals he had earned and a 45-day leave, at the end of which he was supposed to have returned to the war. However, before that time was up, Self says, Germany surrendered and the war was over.

Shortly after returning to New Hope,

Self met and married his sister’s best friend, Margie.

“We’ve been together 64 years,” says Margie. “He’s been good to me.” At 91, Self still drives Margie to church every Sunday. “We’ve had a good life,” she says.

While he does not like to recall much about the war, over the years Self has shared some humorous tales of his time overseas.

His nephew, Jerry Self, and niece, Lou Ann Poole, both of New Hope, still love to hear those stories. One of their favorites involves a letter Self wrote home to his mother and brother asking them to send some candy all the way to North Africa; they did. The family still has the letter, and according to Margie, her husband still eats candy every day.

Harvey Boshart

Harvey Boshart was 24 years old when he was drafted into the Navy in 1944. He had been married for three years to his wife, Nina, who accompanied him to California where he went through advanced training.

From California, he was shipped out to the Philippines. For Boshart, that is the part of the war he cannot recall without shedding a lot of tears.

“When I left her to go overseas, it was one of the hardest days of my life,” says Boshart, now 90.

While he was overseas, the two wrote letters to each other almost every day. “All the letters were censored by the government,” he says, “you weren’t allowed to discuss stuff about the war.

“The time I was in the most danger

while I was in the service was on the boat ride going overseas,” says Boshart. “Our ship went to the Marshall Islands alone, and we picked up a convoy. From there into the Philippines we were on a zig-zag course with escorts and all that.

“They were still sinking ships all in that area when we went over. I’m most sure that we would have been in the invasion of Japan if we’d had to invade Japan,” he says.

“When we first landed on Samara Beach (Russia), there were several of us who came down with flu-like symptoms. We stayed in the hospital for about two weeks, and our crew shipped out to Cavite, which is across the bay from Manila. They flew us out to Manila and it was just in shambles,” he says.



Harvey Boshart

“We lived in metal buildings called Quonset huts and ate bread that was full of bugs that looked like black pepper,” he says. “The heat was 100 degrees or more most of the time, and our mess-hall was in a bombed-out shelter.”

“I was a first-class Seaman,” says Boshart, “and I mostly worked in the

personnel office. I spent about 8 months in Cavite. The war in Europe was over about the time I shipped out to go overseas, but they were still fighting on Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. I had been there several months before it was over in the South Pacific.”

Boshart was discharged 14 months after he was drafted, and came home to Nina. He later retired from Redstone Arsenal where he worked for 30 years.

Nina passed away in 1992. Boshart still drives and attends church each Sunday at Union Primitive Baptist Church in Woodville, where he grew up. He still tends the flowers in front of his house the way Nina used to and even keeps a small vegetable garden.

He flew with the Honor Flight Network in 2008 to Washington, D.C., where he visited all of the war memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

“I had a chaperone for the trip, a lady named Vicki Hunter,” says Boshart, “and when we went to Arlington, she whispered to me ‘I’m gonna have my husband get you a wheelchair.’ and I thought, ‘now what’s up with that?’ We got there and they had this big bar across the front, and I was right up there in that wheelchair, right next to the guard. If I hadn’t been in that wheelchair,” he adds with a laugh, “I’d have been stuck way out in back and couldn’t have seen a thing!”

James Killgore

James Killgore was a farmer in New Hope when he did something that changed the course of his life. It was 1943, and Killgore, who says he had never been further than Huntsville or Guntersville at the time, wanted to see the world.

“There was nothing around here but a barber shop and two grocery stores back then,” he says. “The barber shop charged 10 cents a head, and the grocery stores

charged three to five cents a can for food.

“I was a dirt farmer,” he continues, “I couldn’t make any money, my parents grew everything we ate, and that’s all we could hope for.”

So, right in the midst of WW2, Killgore enlisted in the United States Navy.

“After boot camp in Pensacola, Fla.,



Jim Killgore

I was sent to San Diego, Cal.,” he says, “and from there to the Pacific Ocean.”

When Killgore returned to the states after his service, he says there were no jobs, so he enlisted for a second time in the Navy. That is where he stayed until his retirement from service as a Chief Petty Officer 30 years later.

“I was an aviation machinist mate,” he says. “I worked on aircraft. I’ve been in a couple of battles in the ocean, but there was nothing glamorous about it.”

While he says there was nothing glamorous about his time in the service, Killgore, like James Self and Harvey Boshart, does recall something humorous.

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"We were in the Pacific Ocean," he says, "and we had to put our plane down in the water. Everyone had to jump.

"We had this one guy named Peter on the plane with us.

"He wore a size 15 shoe," he continues. "Well, we all jumped in the water and started scrambling for the lifeboat. Peter was the first one in.

"After everyone settled in, I looked over and noticed that Peter didn't have any shoes on. I saw those big feet of his," says Killgore, "and I said, 'Peter, how come you don't have any shoes on?' and he just looked kind of sheepish and said 'Well, Jim, when that plane hit the water, I got so scared I ran plumb out of 'em!' That's when he told us all that he couldn't even swim," he adds with a laugh.

"My time in the service gave me an education and an outlook on life that I had never had before," he says. "It opened up

the world for me. I've hit just about every continent in the world. I was in several different places when I was overseas.

"I was in Japan for about 18 months," he says, "in the Azores for another 18 months and in England for a while. I served in Vietnam, South Korea and I was also in Grenada.

"I'm not a hero," Killgore adds. "I just did a job. I couldn't have done my job if it weren't for all the people who were here behind me, so I figure they were the heroes.

"My service showed me what other people of the world did and how they lived," he adds. "Some were different than us, some were the same. Some were worse off, some were better. I could see everything a whole lot clearer than before I enlisted.

"I've spent time on the East Coast and the West Coast," Killgore adds. "I've been to the Rockies, the Pacific, North Atlantic, Bermuda and Samoa. There was

one place in Scotland I really enjoyed. Every house there was made of field stone and surrounded by roses.

"I travel now," he adds. "I get in my car and I might drive six or seven hours just looking. My favorite part of the United States, of course, is New Hope, Alabama. That's my home, that's where I choose to live."

Killgore, who received his high school diploma from New Hope High School in 2002, says as a veteran of four wars, he has learned a few things about life, and believes he has some wisdom to pass along to today's youth.

"Get an education," he says, "a real good education. Don't let your mind go to sleep. Learn something new every day. That's what I do, that's why I travel and read. I'm always learning. I've seen many blue oceans and traveled over a lot of rough waters. It was my education. No one can take an education from you."▲

What's in a name?

A history of Veterans Day answers the question

Each year, on November 11, our great country gives a collective salute to its military veterans in honor of their service. Although the holiday has officially been around since 1919, it has undergone more than a few changes and has even been involved in at least one good-humored controversy.

Originally called Armistice Day, it was proclaimed a holiday on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. The name "Armistice Day" and the significant date, Nov. 11, were in honor of the Armistice which ended WW I when it was signed on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour of the day. Armistice Day was celebrated each Nov. 11th as a day to honor veterans of WW I.

On May 13, 1938, Armistice Day was declared a legal national holiday by the United States Congress, a day dedicated to 'the cause of world peace.'

In 1953, Alfred King, a shoe store owner in Emporia, Kansas, believed Armistice Day should be a day to celebrate all veterans. He began a campaign to change the holiday to "All Veterans Day." With the help of then-U.S. Rep. Ed Rees, who was also from Emporia, the bill was pushed through Congress and signed into law by Pres. Dwight Eisenhower on May 26, 1954. Congress officially changed the name to Veterans Day on June 1, 1954.

A good-humored controversy still surrounds the holiday concerning the correct spelling of the word Veterans. An Internet source calls it 'the Apostrophe conundrum,' citing the fact that by using an apostrophe (or not,) the name could be spelled either of three ways: Veterans, Veteran's or Veterans'. According to the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, there is no apostrophe.

OCR student's race because they C.A.R.E.

On September 18, students and teachers from Owens Cross Roads Elementary were able to give back to their community while promoting a healthy lifestyle. They participated in the 3rd annual 'I Race Because I CARE' 5K run/walk. This event helped raise money for the C.A.R.E (Community Assistance Resource Effort) Center, located in New Hope. The CARE Center's mission is to have an impact on southeastern Madison County by reducing poverty through education initiatives, employment resources, recovery programs and emergency services.

Pictured at right are participants Savana Furlough, Tayler Furlough, MaHaley Mann, Laurel McBride and Ethan Pinkerton.



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Legislative Update

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Alabama House of Representatives, Dist. 22



One of my favorite fall events is Founders' Day in New Hope. I really appreciate all the people who work so hard to bring us this fun community tradition.

Founders Day 2010 was the 20th anniversary of the event, and it was the best yet. Everyone enjoyed the parade, horses, antique cars, old tractors and the creative Halloween costumes. And the New Hope High School Marching Band always adds something special to the event.

A new historic marker was unveiled at a dedication ceremony in the New Hope Cemetery this year. This new marker was built to honor William Cloud, the founder of New Hope. He named the town Cloud's Town, but by the end of the Civil War, it was incorporated as New Hope, after the New Hope Methodist Church.

The marker was also built for all the families who have spent generations making New Hope a better place to live and raise a family. With traditions like Founders' Day, it's easy to see why settling in a small town and being part of a great community like New Hope has appealed to so many people over the years.

I was honored to be asked to speak this Founders' Day. I'm always appreciative of the chance to share my experiences of working in Montgomery with my hometown, just as I am fortunate to have been able to represent this area over the past four years.

If you missed this year's Founders' Day, add it to your calendar for next year. You don't want to miss this great small town tradition.▲

PASTOR'S NOTES



BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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Picking up a mail out from a Christian Book Store I couldn't help but notice the large printed question on the front cover, "What's Your Legacy?"

First, I wanted to make sure I understood the definition of "legacy." My research revealed the following: "something handed down from an ancestor, or a predecessor, or from the past."

Ancestors from the past would be our family. Their legacy can be seen in the things we do from day to day, because they passed on to us many of their character traits. You may look like your ancestors, or talk like them, or in

many cases react to life's challenges the same way they would react. I'm pretty sure you have heard someone say, "you remind me so much of your _____ (you fill in the blank)". So, legacy can be described as the gift that lives on, something you can pass on. What are you passing on?

I have a suggestion. Since legacy is the "gift that lives on" then why not give the ideal gift of yourself? No doubt you have a great deal to offer and the value of your character will influence others for a lifetime.

Look at the legacy of Jesus. His legacy has lasted over two thousand years because he gave the gift that lives on and on. Want to know more?

See you in church Sunday!

✝ Inspiration Corner

STRESSED? Try this. Stop by a pharmacy and purchase a rectal thermometer made by Q-Tip®. Go home, change to comfortable clothing, lie down on the bed, open the package and place the thermometer on the bedside table. Take the instructions from the package and as you read it you will notice in small print that every rectal thermometer made by Q-Tip® is PERSONALLY tested. Now close your eyes and say out loud five times, "Lord, thank you for not leading me to work quality control at the Q-Tip® Company." Of course many would be blessed to have that, or any job these days.

Speaking through Jeremiah the prophet, God talks of building up nations who then turn from Him, saying if they would repent of their sins, He would not let them be conquered. Arrogantly, the

people of Judah responded in much the same way we hear people today; "We will continue with our own plans, following our own 'greedy' heart". Care to guess what happened next?

Though news reports tell the recession was over sixteen months ago, it continues to weigh on the average American. People are increasingly stressed and decreasingly patient, trying to make ends meet. While it takes a nation to repent, we can find hope and peace in the midst of the stress, by spending time together with God - in a church near you.

One more thing; PLEASE vote for the faith and values of the person rather than the promises, because "cheese is always free in a mousetrap."



Michael Carpenter, Pastor
New Hope United Methodist
Church & Oak Bowery
United Methodist Church

Community Events

Womens Prayer & Share Group

Meets every Tuesday 8 - 9 a.m. during the school year at New Hope UMC. For more information contact Evelyn Butler at 256-723-4424. All ladies are welcome.

November

New Hope Library

Nov. 4 - PreSchool Story Time at 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 11 - Closed for Veterans Day
Nov. 15 - Friends of the Library at noon
Nov. 19 - Board Game Night at 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 25-56 - Closed for Thanksgiving

November 6

NHHS Technology Fundraiser

Join us from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the NHHS lunchroom for Bubba's Wild Game BBQ. There will also be a moon walk, music, educational games, exhibits, ventriloquist and much more. All contributions are tax deductible.

November 13

Pancake Breakfast

The New Hope Lions Club is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast from 7 - 11 a.m. in the New Hope Elementary School Cafeteria. \$5 per plate.

December 4

Christmas Parade

Grant Christmas Parade begins at noon. The line up begins at DAR School.

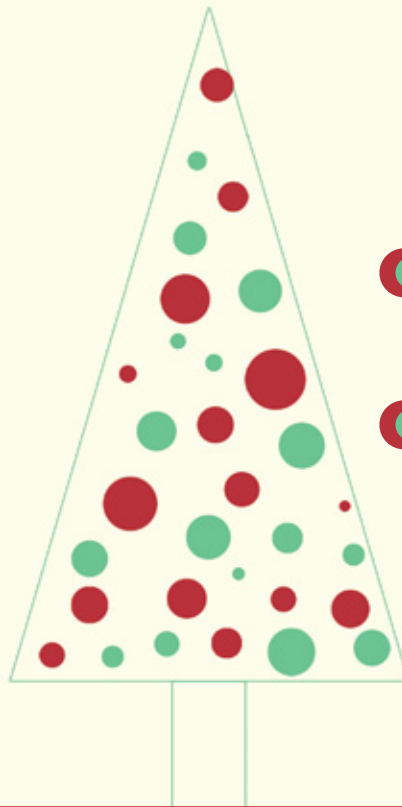
December

Christmas Lights at the O'Neals

Drive the family by the O'Neal's home at 211 Clarence Brockway in New Hope and enjoy the spectacular Christmas lights. The display can be seen from December through New Year's Day.

Christmas Bells are Ringing!

Join the fun as the Town of New Hope
ushers in the Christmas Season
Saturday, December 4th



8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open House at 'The Shoppes on Main'

Register for door prizes, enjoy refreshments and shop for the perfect gift ideas at all of The Shoppes on Main — Old Vienna Bakery, Fine Things & More, Main Street Salon, Inspired Arts & Crafts and The C.A.R.E. Center's Holiday Shop.

2 p.m. Christmas Parade

Everyone loves a parade. Come early and find a spot to enjoy.

3 p.m. Music and Tree Lighting Ceremony

The entire family will enjoy listening to music at the Gazebo in town and the annual lighting of the town's Christmas Tree. Be sure to bring your camera and take your child's picture with Santa. Stay after for refreshments courtesy of local churches.



From Your Cooperative

TOM'S FAVORITE PUMPKIN GOOEY BUTTER CAKE

Cake:

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1 egg
- 8 tablespoons butter; melted

Filling:

- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 8 tablespoons butter; melted
- 1 (16 oz.) box powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine the cake mix, egg and butter and mix well with an electric mixer. Pat the mixture into the bottom of a lightly greased 13" x 9" baking pan.

To make the filling: In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and pumpkin until smooth. Add the eggs, vanilla and butter, and beat together. Next, add the powdered sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and mix well. Spread pumpkin mixture over cake batter and bake for 40 to 50 minutes. Make sure not to over bake as the center should be a little gooey.

PHILLIP'S CHOCOLATE GRAVY

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon flour
- 1 cup water

Mix first 3 ingredients together in heavy saucepan and add water; then boil over medium heat until thickened. Taste great on biscuits, pancakes and waffles.

KANITA'S STRAWBERRY FLUFF

- 1 Angel food cake
- 1 large cool whip
- 5 to 6 Yoplait yogurts
- 1 pkg. frozen strawberries, thawed and drained
- 1 chocolate bar (optional)

In a large bowl tear the angel food cake into large bites and mix in all the yogurt cups. I like mine to be really covered. Next, stir in thawed strawberries. Set aside. Then shave the chocolate bar with a knife or a grater. In a serving bowl, add a layer of the angel food cake, then cool whip, then a layer of the chocolate shavings. You repeat this step about three or four times topping it with a final layer of cool whip with chocolate shavings. I use a tall round glass dish so all the layers can be seen. You can double the recipe and place in a small punch bowl, too.

MOM'S SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

- 3 cups fresh sweet potatoes, boiled well and mashed
- 1 cup sugar

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 egg, beaten

Mix all ingredients well. If mixture is too thick add a little milk.

Topping:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 stick butter; softened
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup pecans

Mix together and sprinkle over potatoes. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

PAULA'S HASH BROWN CASSEROLE

- 2 lb. frozen hash potatoes; thawed
- 1/2 cup onion; chopped fine
- 1/2 cup margarine; melted
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups Colby cheese; grated

Preheat oven to 350° and spray an 9" x 13" (or larger) baking dish with cooking spray. Mix the above ingredients together; place in prepared pan and bake for 45 minutes or until brown on top.

Fall Foliage



Missy, Kenzie and Kenny take advantage of a photo-op during their visit to Tate Farms.



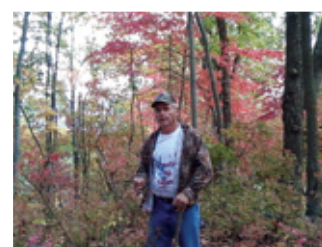
Hudson and Carson Hill needed a break.



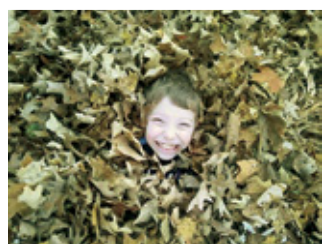
Lilly Brown with Chandler and Chloe Tart.



Luke Kelly.



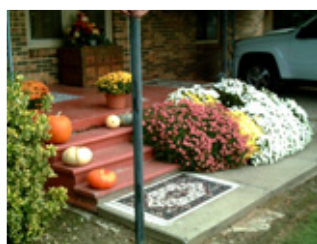
This is David Bearden. Photo sent by his daughter Dian Allen.



This is Justin Allen. The photo was taken by Dian Allen.



Grant Maples, Blake Pence and Hunter Maples in Pigeon Forge.



Fall at the Price's.



The Hubbard kids - Isabela, Faith and Samuel.



Joy, Elias, and Reign Spohr. Children of John and Brandee Spohr.



Malaina Cloud, daughter of Ray and Frances Cloud.



Joshua Burgess on Kindergarten field trip to the pumpkin patch.



Lilly Brown and Chloe Tart.

"First Haircut" is the photo theme for January. 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@nehp.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 January is November 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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