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*DAR varsity basketball player
Aaron Troup shows some of his
skills with the basketball.*

Manager's Comments

National Cooperative Month gives members a chance to learn about NHTC



This month we celebrate all the different cooperatives across the country. NHTC is proud to be part of this tradition that blends the age-old values of community service and caring for your neighbor with innovation and creativity.

As a cooperative, we try to take the best of modern technology — optical fiber — and package it in a way that best serves our community.

The cooperative way of doing business has been used to provide food, health care, credit, electricity, and telephone and Internet service among other things. In October, we take the time to recognize this important idea: that a business could be run by the very customers it serves, and that great values can fuel a successful company.

Cooperatives take the principles of democracy and apply them to business. Every year, our members vote on who will represent their best interest on our board of trustees. In addition, all our policies are member approved. The people

we serve decide the direction of this business, and they have the power to change that direction every year.

By definition, cooperatives are created to provide the best service possible to their community. Part of that mission includes returning our profits back to the members who support us. Every member of NHTC has a capital credit account. Whenever we earn money above our operating costs, we return it to you in the form of capital credit.

Cooperatives are transparent with their finances. It's important that all our members know exactly how their money is spent, and they know that if the cooperative prospers, so will they. I'm thrilled to be a part of a business with these values. I hope everyone takes the time this month to learn more about cooperatives, and to be proud that you're a member — and an owner — of NHTC.

Tom Wing

*General Manager,
New Hope Telephone Cooperative*

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- **Your cooperative is an equal partnership.**



Rebecca Hyde is a Customer Service Representative at NHTC

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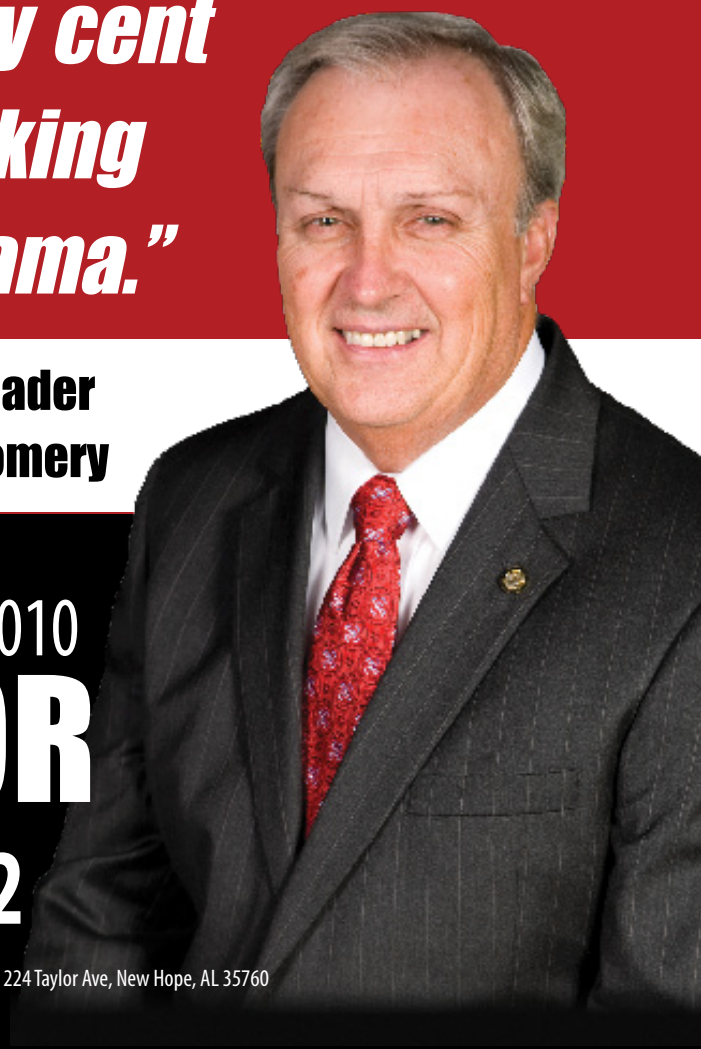
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DAR

Patriots preparing for winning season

Varsity Boys

Dan Bell loves his job. When asked how he feels about starting his second year as head coach for DAR's varsity boys, he says "I don't know a coach alive who isn't excited this time of year. If you don't feel positive about what you're doing, you really need to get into a different profession. I'm thrilled."

In almost the same breath, the coach will tell you that last season was a struggle. "It was not very good at all," says Bell. "We ended up with a 7-21 record."

But the record does not always tell the whole story. "In 14 of those losses, we were within two points of the lead with less than two minutes to go," says Bell. "Our team was not nearly as bad as the record says — we just didn't know how to finish games."

Bell comes to DAR with fifteen years experience coaching basketball at the college level. He has also coached for larger high schools such as Bob Jones and Hazel Green. "It's all smoke and mirrors, though," says Bell about his previous teams. "In the end, it boils down to two things: do you love what you do, and can you take the kids in front of you



From Left to Right: Noah Wright (junior), Coach Matt Nelson, Michael Giles (senior), Coach Dan Bell, Aaron Troup (junior), Coach Jason Wright and KJ Green (senior). Other players this year include Eli Phillips, Riley Jones, Taku Kowai, Justen Rhyne, Jacob Rice, Charles Henry Ayers and James Mayes.

and make them better? Can you make a program that fits them?"

Bell is interested in working towards a winning season, and in building a program. "We're working for the future," says Bell. "We want great teams and winning seasons, but first we've got to establish this program. We're going to make it to where we are competitive year in and year out."

Bell was sure to point out that this year's squad would be anchored by his "Four Horsemen." KJ Green and Chuck Giles will be the two returning seniors, and Aaron Troup and Noah Wright are juniors.

Green was last year's top scorer, and Giles, at six feet five inches tall, will definitely "add some size to the team,"

says Bell.

In preparing for the upcoming season, Bell has taken a different approach than other coaches. "Most people do weights," says Bell. "While strength is definitely important, bulking up is not really what our sport is about — that's football. Instead, we've been taking from the P90X workouts.

We've gotten our core stronger, and we've gotten our muscles firing a lot quicker."

The plan seems to be working. Over the summer, the boys participated in team camps at University of Alabama Huntsville and Samford University. "We were very pleased," says Bell. "We played against some great competition, both 5A and 6A. We competed well."

Joining Bell this year are Assistant Coaches Jason Wright and Matt Nelson. "Wright is someone we're very fortunate to have here," Bell says. "He was the head coach at Huntsville High last year, and he's coached college before that. We're ecstatic to have someone who really loves the game, and understands it on a high level.

"Nelson was with me last year, and I think he's outstanding," says Bell. "He brought the Junior Varsity and 9th grade



Lady Patriots team members are (L to R): Jackie Rhyne (junior), Morgan Carlisle (junior), Bailee Bell (sophomore), Leigh Stahl (junior), Tanya Cooper (senior), Monica Cooper (junior), Coach Jones, Victoria Bearden (senior), Kelsey Jackson (sophomore), Mesha Kilpatrick (senior), McKayla Edmonds (junior), Addie Grace Kennamer, (senior), Adrienne Talley, bookkeeper. Not shown: Lindsey Bearden (senior).

teams to winning seasons last year, and he did it by using our program. That's important to me.

"For a school at the 4A level we have a lot of experience and passion for this game, says Bell. "I feel like I'm very lucky."

Varsity Girls

For 10 out of the last 11 years, Coach Jimmy Jones has led the DAR girls basketball team to the regional tournament. Nine of those years, they have gone to the finals. "The expectations for our girls are pretty high," says Jones. "I wouldn't have it any other way."

Jones believes that this season can meet those expectations and more. "I'm really excited about this year," says Jones. "For the first time in several years we have a lot of experience coming back. We have four of our starters returning from last year."

Last season ended with the lady Patriots playing in the final four of the state tournament. "There is no substitute for that experience," says Jones. "I can already tell a difference in my players. They know they're supposed to be working on a higher level this year, and they are already excited about getting back to that point."

Despite last year's trip to the final

four, the season was not always a successful one. Ending their regular season with a 12-14 record, most people did not expect the players to rally for regionals.

"It was a season that could solidify a coach's faith in teamwork and dedication," says Jones. "We learned not to give up at any point. You can never say to yourself 'this is a bad season — it's over.' You can always turn the corner and get going, and that is exactly what we did.

"I kept telling the girls that we could be a dangerous team," says Jones. "Everyone just had to do their part. Once the girls realized that, everything clicked. I think this year they remember that lesson."

Coach Jones will be looking to seniors Tanya Cooper and Addie Grace Kennamer for leadership on the court. The juniors will also be vital to the Patriots this year. "I'm looking for big things out of

the juniors," says Jones. One junior, Monica Cooper, was selected to the All-Tournament team last year. "When we were beaten in the semi-finals last year, Monica had 17 rebounds and 14 points," says Jones. "She did that as a sophomore."

Jones said he was also grateful for his assistant coaches Brandon Edwards and Merlon Largon. "They're a huge help, and I'm lucky to have them," says Jones. ▲

2010-11 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
11/11	Asbury	A	3:00	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
11/12	Douglas	H	3:30	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
11/15	Scottsboro	A	4:00	9B/JVB/JVG/VG/VB
11/16	Brindlee Mtn	A	3:30	9B/JVB/JVG/VG/VB
11/19	Pisgah	A	4:00	9B/JVB/JVG/VG/VB
11/23	Arab	H	4:30	9B/JVB/JVG/VG/VB
11/30	Brindlee Mtn	H	4:30	9B/JVB/JVG/VG/VB
12/03	Douglas	A	3:30	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
12/06	Asbury	H	4:30	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
12/07	New Hope	A	4:00	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
12/10	No. Jackson	A		
12/14	Guntersville	H	4:30	9B/ JVB/JVG/VG/VB
12/17	Crossville	A	4:00	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
01/04	No. Jackson	H	4:30	9B/JVB/JVG/VG/VB
01/07	Guntersville	A	4:00	9B/JVB/JVG/VG/VB
01/11	New Hope	H	4:30	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
01/14	Crossville	H	4:30	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
01/25	Pisgah	H	4:30	JVB/JVG/VG/VB
02/01	Arab	A		
02/04	Scottsboro	H	4:30	9B/JVB/JVG/VG/VB

NHHS

New Seasons, New Goals

Varsity Boys

Coach Joey Parker isn't new to running a high school basketball team. Starting his 17th year as head coach of the New Hope Indians varsity boys, Parker says he has learned that the key to success is rather simple: "We work really hard. We put in a lot of hours, and that's our philosophy — hard work."

Parker plans to use that philosophy to put the Indians back into the playoffs this season. "We've missed the playoffs the last two years," he says. "Before that we were there the last eight out of ten years."

"This year, we're getting to Jacksonville," said Parker. "That's where our regional finals are, and our players know that is where we want to be."

To meet that goal, Parker will be looking to his five senior boys: Trevor Cross, Tyler Gurly, Dylan Payne, Danson Roberts, and Dustin Whitaker.

"These young men have been starting since sophomore year," says Parker. "So I really believe their leadership and confidence is going to take this team to the next level."

Leadership will be required of the seniors, as most of their sophomore and junior teammates will be getting their first varsity experience this season.

"They're very excited to get to play, and that is what's important," said Parker. "Michael Mann, a junior, is returning to

us with some varsity experience, but past that we'll need strong leadership to show the underclassmen how we operate here at the varsity level."

For Parker and his Indians, the hard work starts long before the first game of the season. "Basketball is now a year round sport," says Parker. "Our players work all spring, summer and fall to get ready for November. Now November is nearly upon us and hopefully that hard work will pay off. I think it will."

There are already signs of a successful season. Over the summer, the team participated in two "team camps" at the University of Alabama Huntsville and Birmingham Southern College.

These camps offer an early look at what a team is capable of, before any

official practices start. "After a hard summer of weight lifting, running and getting ready for the upcoming season, we went 8-4 over the summer at team camps," said Parker. "We've had a lot of success so far, and I think there's more to come."

Coach Parker also said that he believes in working closely with other sports programs to help teach his players about teamwork and sportsmanship. "Being here at a small school," says Parker, "we really want our kids to play three sports."

"All the coaches here at New Hope work together," says Parker. "I help coach football as well as basketball, and I fully believe that any sport can teach our kids valuable life lessons through athletics. For many, these are the only years the students have to participate in competitive sports, and I don't want any student to feel like a coach kept them from making as many memories as possible."



Joey Parker is Head Coach of NHHS boys varsity basketball team.

New Hope Boys Roster

3	Skylar Bearden	Sophomore
4	Dustin Whitaker	Senior
12	Dansen Roberts	Senior
21	Tyler Gurley	Senior
22	Michael Mann	Junior
23	Trevor Cross	Senior
25	Braxton Babbidge	Junior
31	John Cochran	Junior
33	Tyler Mefford	Sophomore
45	Dylan Payne	Senior

Parker was also sure to point out that he finds great support both from the player's parents, but also from his assistant coach Keith Jarrell. "I couldn't ask for better parents," says Parker. "They're just fantastic."

Varsity Girls

Coach John 'Seney' Martin is looking forward to a chance to redeem a tough season last year for the Lady Indians. "It wasn't great," says Martin. "We went 5-15 last year, so we have a lot of area to improve and make this a much better season."



Seney Martin coaches the Lady Indians basketball team for NHHS.

The key to a great season is a great off season, and the Girls Varsity has been hard at work all year. "We had a great week of spring practice," says Martin.

"We got to see who was coming over from the eighth grade, and the girls had to put in some serious work," stated Martin. "We lost a few of the younger

girls, but the ones who have stayed are excited about the team and about getting to play."

Martin is confident that the girls returning from last year will bring the experience needed for a strong season. "We have four starters returning with a lot of experience under their belt," says Martin. "Most of them have been varsity starters for at least two years, so I'm expecting a lot out of them."

Like the boys' teams, Martin's players participated in summer team camps at University of Alabama Huntsville and Birmingham Southern College. "We had some really good performances at team camp this year," says Martin.

"We lost some games, but they were all very close – within five points," says Martin.

"Between the team camps and our summer workouts, I've been very impressed with the work ethic of the girls," says Martin. "We've learned a lot and the girls have already started to come together as a team."

Martin is also planning for the season by seeing what can be learned from last year's games. "I have a whole filing cabinet full of films," he says.

At least one day a week, we focus on watching the games from last year. We are going to learn from our mistakes, and I absolutely believe we're going to have a better year because of it." ▲

New Hope Girls Roster

14	Chandra Brannum	Senior
5	Brooke Canterbury	Senior
	Sierra Childers	Freshman
3	Paige Collier	Junior
	Devin Cooper	Sophomore
12	Brenna Dickinson	Junior
32	Gillian Harding	Senior
34	Natalie Harding	Senior
40	Romeshia Jolly	Sophomore
42	Nicole Robinson	Junior
22	Courtney Sigman	Senior
10	Rachel Warren	Junior

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12/06	Falkville	A	5:00	JVB/VG/VB
12/07	DAR	H	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
12/10	Brindlee Mtn	H	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
12/14	Athens Bible	A	5:00	JVB/VG/VB
12/17	Madison Academy	A	5:00	JVB/VG/VB
01/04	Woodville	H	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
01/07	Athens Bible	H	5:00	JVB/VG/VB
01/10	Falkville	H	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
01/11	DAR	A	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
01/14	Randolph	H	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
01/18	Catholic	A	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
01/21	Madison Academy	H	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
01/25	Brindlee Mtn.	A	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
01/28	Skyline	A	4:30	JVB/VG/VB
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Legislative Update

By Rep. Butch Taylor

Alabama House of Representatives, Dist. 22



With statewide elections less than one month away and a new legislative session right around the corner, this is an exciting time of year to be a member of the Alabama Legislature.

I recently launched a new website, www.repbutchtaylor.org, to serve as a resource for those I so proudly represent in Montgomery. The primary function of the website is to offer those in my district an alternative means of getting in touch with me, but there is much more on the site, information such as how to become a registered voter.

In my previous two columns I have mentioned how important it is that we all vote on Nov. 2. I will make that point again today. Those who are registered voters, please get out on election day and cast your votes for the candidates whom you want to represent you in state government.

For those who are not registered to vote, the Oct. 22 deadline is fast approaching. If you are not a registered voter, I urge you to visit my website, where you will find out how easy it is to get registered in time to vote.

My website also includes my biographical information and links to important county, state and federal government contacts, plus much more. I hope everyone will take the time to visit my site.

It is sure to be an exciting year in the state legislature. We will be facing many challenges this session. There has never been a time when having good leadership in government is more important. I hope you all will take the time to make sure we put the right people in the positions to move our state forward. ▲



Amanda Gummer of Ocala, Fla. felt really sorry for the town of Owens Cross Roads and especially for their small volunteer fire department (VFD).

They were competing in a contest sponsored by her employer, E-One, a manufacturer of fire and rescue trucks and equipment. The grand prize was something the department desperately needed but could never afford to buy—a \$250,000 Traditional Pumper Truck.

As Marketing Communications Manager for the company, Gummer had helped choose OCR as a finalist in the contest. Over the weeks since the contest began, she had grown fond of their small group of firefighters for the way she says they “symbolized everything the contest is about.”

Four weeks before the contest was over, it was Gummer’s job to notify the departments of where they stood in the ranks.

When she called OCR, she knew how many votes they had. She also knew that put them in almost last place among the seven finalists. With so little time left, she knew the odds almost certainly meant they did not stand a chance.

The other thing she knew was the phone call would devastate them.

What she did not know, was if anyone in the world could go from being the underdog in fifth place, to being the winner in first place, in four weeks, OCR was the little town that could.

After the phone call from Gummer,

Chief Dan Kelly says his department did not give up. Instead, the whole town got on board soliciting online votes from friends, family members and anyone with an email address.

“Basically, it was getting the word out to the community,” says Chief Kelly. “We got busy contacting the newspapers, television stations, anybody that we could. Then, just by people knowing people, we started emailing people in Germany, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and even Alaska.”

“We sent out 8,200 postcards,” says Kelly. “We mailed out over 1,200 letters to every fire department in the state of Alabama and had them tell everybody.”

“It was incredible,” says Gummer. “The sense of community was amazing.”

Kelly is adamant about giving credit to God, whom he believes was definitely on their side.

If God did, in fact choose sides in the contest, some of the help He sent might not have come in the form of everyone’s traditional idea of an angel.

It came in the form of a fire apparatus sales company called Sunbelt Fire, in Fairhope, Ala., and an ambitious sales representative who knew how to use his company’s resources for a really good cause.

His name is Billy Atchison. He’s a regular guy with a wife and children who currently lives in Cullman, Ala.

After talking with Chief Kelly and the firefighters at OCR, Atchison, who serves the small department on

his route, contacted all of Sunbelt's national vendors who, in turn, sent the word through all of their channels and contacts.

Between Chief Kelly and his group of volunteer firefighters, the entire town of OCR and neighboring towns like New Hope, Grant and Huntsville, and the combined efforts of Atchison and Sunbelt Fire, the tide began to turn.

Then the tide became a tidal wave. "They went from 4,200 votes to over 30,000 votes in four weeks," exclaims Gummer.

She readily admits the folks at E-One were flabbergasted.

When the winner was announced in



Engine 261 comes home to a huge welcome at a town picnic hosted by the OCR Homemakers Club. The Sept. 17 event, which was covered by several media outlets, lasted more than two hours and featured emotional speeches and an inspirational video.

Chicago, Ill. at the end of August, 2010, Gummer says she could hardly wait to see the look on Chief Kelly's face.

"You get to know the people in the departments as the contest goes on," says Gummer, "and you care about them."

"The people of OCR did an incredible thing, and we are so proud for them," she continues. "They were so far ahead by the end of the contest, that second

place only had around 14,000 votes."

When Kelly drove the truck to the community celebration at the small fire department in OCR in September, 2010, there were a few tears in the crowd to go along with the thunderous applause.

'Engine 261' as it is called, is named in honor of founding department member and their beloved Assistant Fire Chief of 51 years, Robert Murray Maples.

"I want this to be about him," says Chief Kelly. "Because when everything is said and done, none of this could have happened if it hadn't been for Robert Murray Maples. I want his family to know how proud we are of him." ▲

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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.

October 9

Dedication Ceremony

The New Hope Historical Association will have an Historical Marker Dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. at the New Hope Cemetery.

October 12

10th Anniversary Program

New Hope Elementary's Pre-K Program celebrates 10 years with a special program during the PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

October 22

Vision Screening

The Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association (ALSCA) will have a vision screening for adults from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the CARE Center in New Hope. Everyone will be screened for visual acuity, glaucoma and muscle balance. This is sponsored by the Lions Club.

October 23

Class Reunion

The New Hope High School Class of 2000 will have their 10 year reunion at 7 p.m. at Furniture Factory in Huntsville. For more information email Christine McDaniel at cmcdaniel@psch.biz.

October 23

Fall Festival

New Hope Elementary Fall Festival begins with dinner from 4 - 6 p.m., games

from 5 - 8 p.m., 5th & 6th grade dance from 7 - 9 p.m. and 7th & 8th grade dance from 9 - 11 p.m.

New Hope Library Schedule

Tues.	10:30 a.m.	Story Hour
10/01	6 p.m.	Movie: Iron Man 2
10/07	7 p.m.	Genealogy
10/08	5:30 p.m.	Sit-N-Knit
10/16	4 p.m.	Movie: How To Train Your Dragon
10/18	12 p.m.	Friends of the Library

December 4

Christmas Festival

New Hope City Hall will hold their annual Christmas Festival in downtown New Hope. The Madison Community Band will perform at 5 p.m. followed by a tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Gazebo. Enjoy light refreshments at City Hall afterward and meet Santa Claus.



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It's October and another holiday season is on its way. Halloween, which is a distorted observance of All Saints eve, is enthralled with ghost stories. I have three. 1. My step-mother has seen my dad several times since his death. 2. Several years after my great aunt passed away, my cousin sold my aunt's house in Owens Cross Roads. The family who purchased the house never knew my aunt, but their two boys tell of seeing an elderly lady, wearing a green bathrobe, go to bed each night. Yes, she wore a green bathrobe. 3. A church member once told me that angels came from the walls of the pulpit and stood around me when I preached.

For years I have been asked whether I believe in ghosts. I believe in God's word, where there are references to spirits, angels, and demons. Their purpose is to deliver

messages and their message is just as opposite as their origin. Whereas God sends the message of Faith, Hope, Love, and Life, satan's message leads to death. In fact, Paul lists in Galatians 5 some things satan tells us are fun. Trouble often starts as fun, and that's why "sexual immorality, impurity; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, and the like", leads to death.

There is one good "ghost" story, however, quite different from the rest. Visit a church near you to hear the story of One who died and rose again. Believe in this Story and you too can live forever.



Michael Carpenter, Pastor
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From Ann Graves

CHEESY BLACK-EYED PEA CHICKEN CHILI

3 Tablespoons Canola oil
 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into bite-sized pieces
 salt and pepper to taste
 garlic powder to taste
 2 cups chopped white onion
 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
 1 Tablespoon minced fresh garlic
 1 (15 oz.) can seasoned black-eyed peas
 1 (15 oz.) can diced tomatoes
 1 cup water
 1 (1.25 oz.) pkg. white chicken chili seasoning
 1 teaspoon chili powder
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper, or to taste
 1 (8 oz.) pkg. Velveeta cheese, cubed

In a large dutch oven, heat oil over medium high heat. Sprinkle chicken with salt, pepper and garlic powder; then add to dutch oven and cook for about 10 minutes or until all sides are browned. Add onion and bell pepper. Cook for seven minutes. Add garlic and cook for two minutes. Stir in diced tomatoes, water, seasoning mix, chili powder, cumin and crushed red pep-

per. Bring to a boil; gently stir in black-eyed peas being careful not to mash them. Bring back to a boil; reduce heat to low and simmer for 20 minutes stirring occasionally. 10 minutes before serving, stir in cubed Velveeta and gently stir until cheese is melted. Garnish (if desired) and serve.

Garnish:

2 cups sour cream
 1/2 cup chopped green onions
 1 teaspoon paprika

In small bowl, combine sour cream, chopped green onion and paprika.

FARMER'S BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

3 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes
 3/4 cup shredded Pepper Jack or cheddar cheese
 1 cup diced cooked ham, or cooked breakfast sausage or Canadian bacon
 1/4 cup sliced green onions
 4 beaten eggs
 1-1/2 cups milk or 1 (12 oz.) can evaporated milk
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
 dash of cayenne

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat a 2-quart square baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange potatoes evenly in bottom of dish. Sprinkle with cheese, meat and green onions. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, salt, pepper and cayenne. Pour egg mixture over potato mixture in dish. Bake uncovered for 40-45 minutes, or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

TURNIP GREEN CASSEROLE

3 cups cooked turnip greens
 1 med. onion, chopped
 1 Tablespoon hot sauce
 2 cans cream of chicken soup
 3 cups corn bread, crumbled
 1/2 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a 13" x 9" baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Spread turnip greens evenly in the bottom of dish. Top evenly with onion and hot sauce. Spread cream of chicken soup evenly over onion layer. Top with crumbled corn bread; then drizzle with melted butter. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve immediately.

ANN'S CORN BREAD

1/2 cup butter or margarine
 1 cup creamed corn
 1 cup sour cream
 1 cup self-rising cornmeal
 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
 dash of salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt margarine in an 8-inch iron skillet; coat skillet well with margarine and sprinkle a little cornmeal in the bottom of skillet. Mix other ingredients together until well blended. Stir remaining margarine into batter. Pour batter into hot skillet. Bake for 35-40 minutes until browned and done in center.

Scaring Up Some Fun



Halloween, 2008 - Karissa Lewis and Cassie Holliday. Photo submitted by Brandy Holliday.



Dylan Allen and Derek Bearden. Photo sent in by Dian Allen.



Izzy Medlen on Halloween 2009. She is the daughter of Donnie & Kanita Medlen.



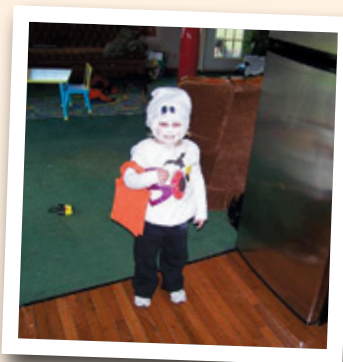
'Croc Man' Justin Allen. Photo sent in by Dian Allen.



Jacob, John Alan and Jackson Stapler as Alabama football players. Photo sent by their mom Mandy.



"These teeth sure are scary." Jordan Lasater and Olivia Henley. Photo submitted by April Hyatt.



Kenzie Ray dressed up as a ghost. Photo sent by Missy Stanley.



Cassie and Emily Holliday on Halloween, 2008. Photo submitted by parents James & Brandy Holliday.

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