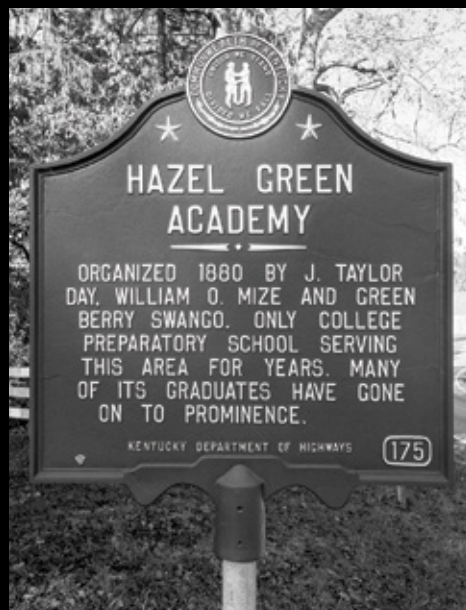




# CONNECTION



## THE LIGHT ON THE HILL

Hazel Green Academy shaped students for decades

# How do you get your news?

It has been a long time since America watched Walter Cronkite sign off his nightly newscast with “and that’s the way it is.” As a news anchor, he was often referred to as the most trusted man in America.

The story is quite different today. No single news source is considered the authority. The traditional networks now fight for viewership with cable channels. Many newspapers have limited their publishing schedules, and some have even gone out of business. The radio format has been splintered by countless other sources vying for listenership, including the fast-growing podcast format.

Aside from the sources themselves, the technology of delivering content has changed dramatically thanks to the internet. In its examination of major findings from 2016, the Pew Research Center recently reported that 38 percent of Americans say they often get their news online (this includes social media, websites and apps). This surpasses both print newspapers and radio.

As this trend continues, this is yet another reason your telecommunications provider is committed to delivering reliable internet service over a robust broadband network. If the internet is your main source of news, we want you to know you can depend on us to keep you connected.



How do you get your news? Visit [www.HowDoYouBroadband.com](http://www.HowDoYouBroadband.com) and take our short quiz.

## Are your passwords secure?

Those who use the internet today find themselves with a long list of passwords to access websites for banking, shopping, sharing photos and status updates, accessing medical records



and more. A report released in January by the Pew Research Center found that 39% of online adults say they have a hard time keeping track of all these passwords.

As a result, many internet users make common mistakes, such as using common words for their passwords or even the same password across several accounts — and these mistakes could be putting their personal information at risk.

ConnectSafely.org, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating users of connected technology about safety, privacy and security, offers these tips for managing your passwords:

- Make the password at least 8 characters long.
- Don’t use just one password.
- Create passwords that are easy to remember but hard for others to guess.
- Include numbers, capital letters and symbols.
- Consider using a password manager.

For more tips, visit [www.connectsafely.org](http://www.connectsafely.org)



## RURAL CONNECTIONS

BY SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD, CEO  
NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association

### Let’s make sure they ‘Build Broadband with Us’

A new administration. A new Congress. A new emphasis on infrastructure.

The new year has witnessed an explosion of policy ideas and actions. At the recent NTCA Rural Telecom Industry Meeting and Expo, I was pleased to announce the Build Broadband With Us campaign that will harness the momentum of this focus on infrastructure. This exciting initiative is designed to engage broadband providers, policymakers and most importantly, rural residents like you.

Through social media, industry events and meetings with policymakers, we’re trying to showcase the need to build broadband as a key component of our nation’s critical infrastructure.

A big part of that means educating state and federal officials about the importance of rural broadband. For instance, did you know rural providers like yours:

- contribute billions of dollars to the U.S. economy and support billions of dollars in e-commerce
- proudly serve 37% of U.S. landmass
- proudly support rural and urban jobs
- collaborate with local leaders on broadband-enabled solutions

Your broadband provider is working hard with neighboring telcos to be sure that Congress, the president and state governments “Build Broadband With Us.” Whether it’s using our new hashtag — #BuildBroadbandWithUs — on social media or calling your representatives, please join us in spreading the word about how vital rural communications are to our nation’s future. Learn more at [ntca.org/BuildBroadbandWithUs](http://ntca.org/BuildBroadbandWithUs). ☞

# New FCC chairman has **strong ties to rural America**

BY STEPHEN V. SMITH

The federal agency tasked with regulating communications services in the U.S. has a new leader, one with strong ties to rural America and an understanding of the unique challenges faced by rural service providers.

Ajit Pai was named chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in January by President Donald Trump. Pai grew up in Parsons, Kansas, a town of just over 10,000 in the southeast corner of the state. “Our backyard was a country pasture with cows and ponds,” Pai said in 2015 as he addressed the Telecom Executive Policy Summit hosted by NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association. “We lived on an unpaved road, next to an ostrich farmer. Our address was Rural Route 4.”

This rural upbringing taught Pai that “rural America is different,” he said.

“So when rural issues cross my desk at the Commission, they aren’t just abstractions to me,” he said.

NTCA Chief Executive



Officer Shirley Bloomfield applauded Pai’s appointment as chairman, saying that since joining the commission in 2012 he “has shown a commitment to solving rural broadband challenges and to thinking creatively about ways our country can more effectively deploy and sustain advanced communications in rural America.”

This could signal a positive direction from the FCC regarding regulations that impact broadband and related services in rural areas. “(Pai) has a deep and genuine understanding of how the services that NTCA

members deliver improve the quality of life and promote economic development in our rural communities,” Bloomfield says.

“I am deeply grateful to the President of the United States for designating me the 34th Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission,” Pai said in a statement on January 23. “I look forward to working with the new Administration, my colleagues at the Commission, members of Congress, and the American public to bring the benefits of the digital age to all Americans.”

## BACKGROUND

Before being named to head the agency, Ajit Pai served in various positions at the FCC. From 2007 to 2011, his roles included deputy general counsel, associate general counsel and special advisor to the general counsel.

Pai was nominated to serve as an FCC commissioner by President Barack Obama and confirmed unanimously by the Senate on May 7, 2012.

A graduate of Harvard University and the University of Chicago Law School, Pai served in various counsel positions for the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Department of Justice. He also spent two years as associate general counsel for Verizon Communications Inc.

The son of immigrants from India, Pai grew up in Parsons, Kansas. To read more about Chairman Pai and his position on issues impacting telecommunications, visit <https://www.fcc.gov/about/leadership/ajit-pai>.

## WHAT IS THE FCC?

The Federal Communications Commission is a regulatory body that governs communications in the United States and its territories. The commission is comprised of five members who are appointed by the president of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. A chairman is selected from among the five commissioners.

### From FCC website:

In its work facing economic opportunities and challenges associated with rapidly evolving advances in global communications, the agency capitalizes on its competencies in:

- ▶ Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities

- ▶ Supporting the nation’s economy by ensuring an appropriate competitive framework for the unfolding of the communications revolution
- ▶ Encouraging the highest and best use of spectrum domestically and internationally
- ▶ Revising media regulations so that new technologies flourish alongside diversity

and localism

- ▶ Providing leadership in strengthening the defense of the nation’s communications infrastructure

Visit [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) to learn more.

# Changing times

**A**t exactly noon on Nov. 18, 1883, the United States made a change that would affect all citizens. The change worried people so much that panicked editorials lamented its effects, entire towns stopped all activity to brace for the moment it would occur, and one mayor even threatened to jail anyone who went through with it. But in the end, absolutely nothing happened — and I think we can learn a lot from that.



**SHAYNE ISON**  
General Manager

You see, back in 1883, technology was changing things in ways not dissimilar from today. The telegraph and the railroad had made an unimaginably vast country seem much smaller. Before trains and telegraphs, the time of day in a certain community was essentially whatever the clock in the town square said it was. In all, there were at least 50 time zones across the U.S., and often, even neighboring towns would be 5 to 15 minutes apart. It's easy to see why a train schedule or information relayed along telegraph lines would need a common, standardized time.

So in 1883, the heads of all of the major railroads decided to make it so. It was declared that at noon on Nov. 18, all clocks would be moved up or wound back to make sure the country was in sync under four time zones.

The notion of changing the time did not sit well with everyone. Many feared what would happen if people tried to interfere with something as elemental as time. The mayor of Bangor, Maine, even went so far as to threaten to jail anyone who moved the hands on the clock. Many townspeople reportedly gathered around their local telegraph offices to wait for the official notice as to when the “new” noon would be. When the message came in, the clocks were set — and nothing else really happened. The fears were misguided, and the change has created the reliable standard we all use today.

While this example seems almost laughable today, how often do we find ourselves caught up in worrying about change? It's so easy for us to spend hours of our time and countless amounts of energy fearing what might happen because of a change. And then, after the change occurs, there's always the danger of getting pulled into wishing for the past.

Of course, any successful change — whether it's a new job, new house or new color of paint on a wall — needs a degree of planning and preparation to make the transition successful. But fear of change shouldn't stop you from doing something you know is right.

That's been our approach at Mountain Telephone. We have embraced change by not letting fears interfere with what we know we need to do. With the way our industry has changed, we've had to be ready to evolve with it. What was once a company offering one product (local telephone service) became a long-distance provider. Then we became a dial-up internet service provider. Now we've become a company that provides broadband, security with personal alert service, television and business systems.

Through all of those changes, there were certainly concerns and a little worrying here and there. But we've always done our homework and made the changes that were needed to make life better for our customers.

President John F. Kennedy once said, “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” I believe that is the right attitude we should all strive for as we look ahead to whatever changes are in store for us in the years to come. ☎

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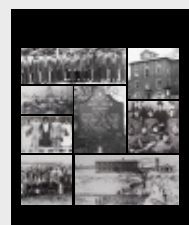
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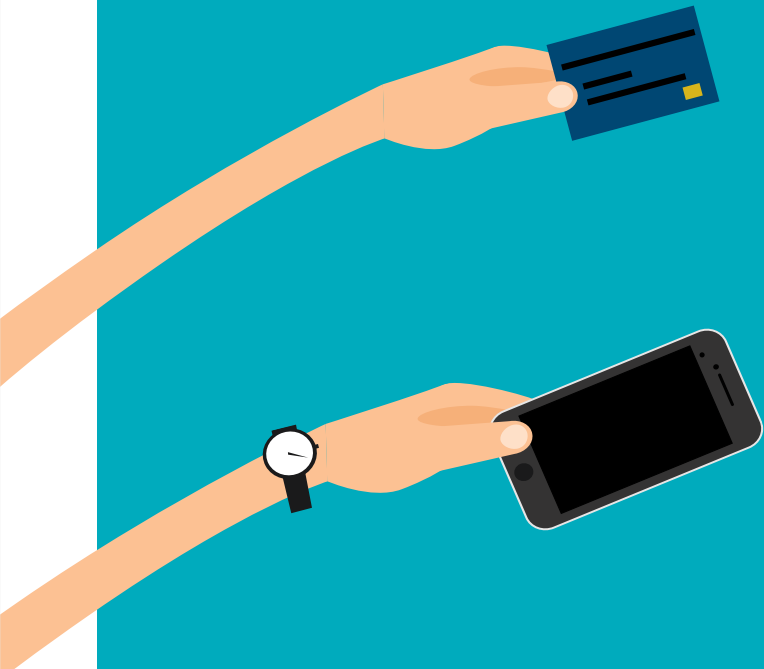
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Known as “The Light on the Hill,” memories of Hazel Green Academy remain strong, even though the last class graduated in 1983. See story Page 8.

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***Hurry, the deadline for nominations is March 10!***



## HOLIDAY CLOSING

Please note, Mountain Telephone offices will close on Good Friday, April 14. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.



# *Relax with* SUN, SAND AND SCENERY

Going to the beach for spring break conjures up very different ideas depending on what kind of vacation someone is looking for. There's soft sand, playgrounds for the little ones as well as activities for the older children, delicious restaurants near the shore followed by a good night's sleep for all. Then there's the MTV version of spring break. In order to enjoy your spring break, it's important to know which one you're getting into. Here are some suggestions for beaches that are a little off the beaten path — ones that will take you away from the crowds and on to new adventures on Southeastern shores.

## GULF SHORES/ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA

With a 6,000-acre state park full of educational activities and a pristine, protected beach; a zoo with lions, tigers and bears — oh my; a water park; a nature preserve; and a magnificent pier with lots of fun stuff to do, Gulf Shores/Orange Beach has everything a family could want when looking for a vacation destination.

“On and off the beach, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach offer families opportunities to explore coastal Alabama’s diverse landscapes,” says Ally Dorrrough, public relations coordinator for Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism.

One of the best ways to do it is to check out the fishing charters that offer a lot more than fishing, including dolphin and nature cruises. Learn more at [www.OrangeBeach.com/Fishing](http://www.OrangeBeach.com/Fishing) and [www.GulfShores.com/things-to-do/beach-water.aspx](http://www.GulfShores.com/things-to-do/beach-water.aspx).

Over the years, the two beaches — Orange and Gulf Shores — have morphed into one incredibly gorgeous 32-mile-long sandbox loaded with fun for families.

- ▶ **Where to eat:** The Hangout, 101 E. Beach Blvd., Gulf Shores. A sudsy fun foam party every hour on the hour until 6 p.m. and a great menu make this a good place for kids. Check it out at [www.TheHangout.com](http://www.TheHangout.com).
- ▶ **Where to sleep:** There is a full range of chain motels, but many families opt for condo living while at the beach to take advantage of laundry facilities and full kitchens to save on dining out. Condo options with on-site activities for kids include Caribe the Resort ([www.Caribe-Resort.net](http://www.Caribe-Resort.net)) and The Beach Club ([TheBeachClub.SpectrumResorts.com](http://TheBeachClub.SpectrumResorts.com)).



## CINNAMON SHORE, TEXAS

With its sugar-white beaches, Mustang Island's Cinnamon Shore is an ideal spot for little architects to build sandcastles, but older kids will consider it a great spot for boogie boarding and surfing the waves.

The idyllic seaside village is 11 years old and has become a sought-after spot for families. "Our activities are centered around the children, and our beach is a pristine location for kiddos to get sandy and make lasting memories," says spokeswoman Lianne Thomas.

Spring break and blistering summer days are seasons for fun at Cinnamon Shore, with KIDS Camp, surf lessons, sandcastle instruction, live music and movies on the lawn. And all ages love s'mores night, when you'll be provided with all the things necessary to make the gooey delights — free of charge. Sunset cruises, dolphin watches and fishing excursions are available.

- ▶ **Where to eat:** Lisabella's Bistro, 5009 Highway 361, is in the heart of Cinnamon Shore. The laid-back, beach-chic atmosphere belies an amazing menu of fresh coastal cuisine. But not all children like seafood, so there's a good menu for them, too. Phone: 361-749-4222.
- ▶ **Where to sleep:** Rental homes at Cinnamon Shore are designed with families in mind, including large bunk rooms for children. But if you're looking for a simple one-night stay, there are a number of hotels, both chains and mom-and-pop motels, in Port Aransas just five miles down the road. A good website to visit is portaransas.org. For Cinnamon Shore rentals, visit [www.cinnamonshore.com](http://www.cinnamonshore.com).



## COLIGNY BEACH PARK AT HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA

Taking the less-traveled path in Hilton Head leads to daylong fun at Coligny Beach Park. While the main drag in town is always busy, the park offers a change of pace, perfect for families looking for a less-crowded option. The waters are shallow, and multiple tidal pools during low tide are ideal for your little tadpole to take a dip.

The park, according to Kayla Medina, public relations manager for Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce, is one of the most popular places on the island, offering direct access to the beach, a child-friendly splash zone, bike trails and a movie theater when children need to come in from the sun and surf.

- ▶ **Where to eat:** Big Bamboo Cafe, 1 N. Forest Beach Drive (at Coligny Plaza Shopping Center). Just steps from the beach, the cafe features a wide range of options, including an awesome children's menu. Phone: 843-686-3443.
- ▶ **Where to sleep:** Recently renovated, The Beach House, a Holiday Inn Resort (1 S. Forest Beach Drive), caters to families with young children, offering free games by the pool and on the beach. Bunk beds are available in some rooms. Small refrigerators in all rooms keep leftovers cold for late-night snacking. For reservations, call 843-785-5126 or visit [www.beachhousehi.com](http://www.beachhousehi.com).



## EDISTO BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Edisto is one of the few islands that hasn't been taken over by chains and other mega-commercial enterprises, but that doesn't mean there's nothing to do. There's golf at The Plantation Course at Edisto Beach Golf Club; fishing from the pier, the shore or along the river; and boat tours that will let you see a different side of the island. There's a bike path that winds its way through most of the island, and if you can't bring your bike, there are several bike rental companies at Edisto Beach. And if you want to "rough it," camping (with full hook-ups and showers) at Edisto Beach State Park is an amazing experience. Listen to the ocean as you drift off to sleep — it's that close. The island also has a lighthouse, museums and white-sand beaches. Though still recovering from Hurricane Matthew, most of Edisto is open and ready for visitors.

- ▶ **Where to eat:** The Waterfront Restaurant, 136 Jungle Road. It's a great place for low-country cooking with one of the best seafood menus on the island, but there's also plenty for landlubbers — burgers, chicken dishes and steaks. There's a children's menu, too. Phone: 843-869-1400 or online at [www.waterfrontrestaurantedisto.com](http://www.waterfrontrestaurantedisto.com).
- ▶ **Where to sleep:** Wyndham Ocean Ridge (1 King Cotton Road) offers one- and two-bedroom suites equipped with kitchens, washers and dryers, making it ideal for families. Reservations: 843-869-4516. 📞

# THE LIGHT *On the Hill*

A school's legacy lives on

BY NOBLE SPRAYBERRY

Black-and-white photos attached to green or yellow pieces of paper are scattered across two poster boards in a restored room of Hazel Green Academy, which closed nearly 34 years ago.

The images show some of the college preparatory school's students who became teachers, people such as Bill Henry, the class of 1972; or Allie Sue Morris, the class of 1958. A separate list notes educators whose photos were unavailable, such as Jean Mitchell, the class of 1939.

Scott Lockard, an academy graduate, says many of the academy's students not only became teachers but were also inspired by those who taught them.

"They had a love of learning instilled in them by dedicated people there at the academy," says Lockard, public health director for the Clark County Health Department and Home Health Agency. "They learned education was about relationship-building, and the teachers took a real interest in the students. It wasn't just getting up there and conveying knowledge."



Generations of female students made a home in Pearre Hall, dedicated in 1902 as a classroom before later becoming a dormitory.





Donna Tremble Brewer, and her brother, Roy, both attended the academy, which shaped their lives.



A store remains active on campus, providing low-cost clothing and household goods.



Scott Lockard graduated in 1983, the academy's last class.

And those faces and names of teachers displayed at the academy only begin to show how the place called The Light On the Hill shaped the communities of Eastern Kentucky.

A school is more than a building. A school, at least in part, is measured by the actions of those who attended, and the legacy is long and deep for Hazel Green Academy.

The teachers, for example, shaped the lives of later generations. A separate display in one school building, with many classrooms restored to resemble how they appeared decades ago, lists the names of graduates who served, and even sacrificed their lives, in the country's military service.

And there are many more graduates who operate businesses, who commit their time to charity, and who take roles as leaders in their communities. For many of them, memories of their days at Hazel Green Academy are rich and fond.

The campus has been owned by the Hazel Green Christian Church since 1989. The place is an aging landmark, too expensive to repair but also too dear to let go.

"The lessons, values and morals we learned at Hazel Green are timeless," says Lockard, a member of the church that helps manage the grounds. "The academy's influence and breadth of reach continue to go on and on and on."

## A DREAM OF EDUCATION

After the Civil War, the one-room schools in the area typically only taught first through eighth grades. Three men — J. Taylor Day, William O. Mize and Green

Berry Swango — each gave \$500 toward the effort to create a place where students could complete their secondary education.

When the Wolfe County academy first opened in 1880, students attended class in the Hazel Green Masonic Hall, and the school served a 20-county area. N.B. Hays — the initials stand for Napoleon Bonaparte — was the first principal, and he later served as the attorney general for Kentucky.

From those beginnings, a long-lasting school was formed. During its centennial celebration, a class annual honoring the event noted a motto dating back to the school's earliest days: "Where we find a path or make one."

For the academy, the path included spiritual conviction and a commitment to a family-style environment. Most of the students, faculty — many of whom considered their time at the school mission work — and staff lived in dormitories on campus. They all participated in social events, often with students and teachers working together.

Students were expected to work at least nine hours weekly, with labor ranging from crafts and food service to custodial and ground maintenance. And that was all balanced by sports, such as basketball, tennis and, when possible, the occasional winter snowball fight.

Also, there was an emphasis on the spiritual, including daily morning devotions, weekly Bible classes and regular church attendance.

Lockard says that even decades after the school opened, the average teacher salary was just a few thousand dollars a year, although teachers did receive room

and board. "If you weren't of a mission mindset, doing God's work, you didn't go to the academy," he says. "The teachers were dedicated people, strong in Christian faith. They saw it as mission work in Eastern Kentucky."

## A TIME OF ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS

For the first 20 years, no other school within 60 miles provided a secondary education, and a school to train teachers was established in 1888. As graduates of that school returned to their communities to teach, Hazel Green Academy became known as the "Mother Mountain School," a place that fostered new educators.

The history of the school is long and rich, and key benchmarks included the move to "The Hill" and the dedications in 1908 of the Helen E. Moses Building and the Ford Industrial Building. Over the years, there were successes and tragedies, such as a 1915 fire that destroyed the Sarah K. Yancey Home, which was rebuilt only to burn again in 1929. In fact, six fires over the years damaged buildings on the campus.

Building, or rebuilding, was also a challenge. Roads and rough terrain made delivering construction material difficult. As a result, faculty and students cut lumber and fired the bricks used to build many of the structures.

The academy grew along with the community. A hospital opened at the school in 1933, a time when no other hospital served the area. Similarly, during the 1940s, the school's farm operation expanded with the first silo in Wolfe

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# Parents, take control

In my last article, I talked about how important it is for parents to take charge of their kids' technology usage. However, that can sometimes be easier said than done. As much as I tried to manage my kids when they were using their iPads, it became apparent that I needed help.

One frustration I had was the number of "kid" apps showing up on my devices every time I installed them on my kids' iPads. I had, like many parents, put my own Apple ID on their devices, which meant every app they downloaded also connected to my account.

## FAMILY SHARING TO THE RESCUE!

Apple products have made it much easier for parents to manage the content their children see and access on their

iPods, iPads and iPhones. One of the best ways to take advantage of these features is to set up a separate Apple ID for each iOS user. This includes even the littlest in your family. If they are old enough for a device, they should have their own Apple ID.

This process is simple: On your own iOS device, go to Settings/iCloud/Family/Add Family Member.

Here you will see an option to Create an Apple ID for a child. Follow the on-screen instructions to create your child's Apple ID. Even though they will now have their own Apple ID, you can control many aspects of their iOS use.


You will need to create a username and password for them, so make sure it is something they can remember. This is important because it saves you the hassle of logging them in every time they want to download something. It also teaches them

responsibility for remembering it themselves. Once they have chosen an app to download, you will get a message on your iOS device that they want to download an app and what it costs. You can either approve or deny their request.

## CIRCLE BY DISNEY

The other way I manage my kids' time online is by using a device called Circle by Disney. With the Circle, I can restrict the amount of time my kids have access to the internet, turn on or off access to specific websites or apps, and set a bedtime to deactivate the internet. This will automatically turn the internet off at a set time, not turning it back on until a set time in the morning. The great thing about this is it only affects my kids' devices, not anyone else's in the house. However, you can restrict access to every device connected to your router if you wish. You also can "pause" the internet for the whole house at meal times or whenever you want the family to disconnect.

The ability to turn off or on specific websites and apps can be helpful when your child needs to finish homework online but tends to be sidetracked by other sites. Now you can be sure they only have access to the sites they need for schoolwork until they finish their assignment.

The internet is important for your family, but it's also important to manage what is being accessed and how much time is spent online. Hopefully these tips will make it more manageable for you. 



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Circle pairs with your home Wi-Fi and lets you manage every device on your network, both wireless and wired, without ever needing to put software on them. It's available for \$99 at Target, Amazon, Best Buy and Disney Stores. **For more information visit [meetcircle.com](http://meetcircle.com).**

# HOME PHONES FOR 911



WHEN IT COMES TO EMERGENCY CALLS, LANDLINE PHONES STILL HAVE THE EDGE

BY ANDY JOHNS

If an emergency happens at your home and you reach for a phone to dial 911, your decision on whether to dial from a landline or cellular phone could greatly affect the ability of firefighters, police officers and medical personnel to find you.



**BRIAN FORTES, CEO**  
NATIONAL EMERGENCY  
NUMBER ASSOCIATION

“That’s the most important question: Can you find the person making that 911 call?” says Brian Fortes, CEO of the National Emergency Number

Association, which studies 911 policy and technology.

For the all-important answer to that question, the 911 caller’s best option is clear. “It’s easier to track someone down using a landline phone than a cellular,” Fortes says. “That still is the gold standard for 911 location.”

The landline difference, he says, is what dispatchers see on screen. On an emergency call from your home phone, dispatchers will be able to pull up the exact address of where the call originated.

On a mobile call, the dispatcher gets the network’s best guess at the coordinates of

the caller. The accuracy of those coordinates could be 300 yards or more away from the caller’s location. “It’s always going to be a challenge if you don’t know that address,” Fortes says.

While wireless providers and emergency officials are making strides to improve the location capabilities for the networks, the NENA CEO feels safer knowing he has a home phone.

“I do have that landline connection in my home for security reasons,” Fortes says. “(In an emergency) if you have access to a wired phone, I would certainly use the wired phone.”

## Here are some things to consider:

### 300 METERS

The current requirements for some emergency cellphone calls only require the phone to be trackable within a 300-meter area. Once emergency personnel respond to a cellular 911 call, first responders may have an area the length of three football fields to search. How many other houses are within 300 yards of your home? “Realistically, there will be 911 calls that fall out of that 150- or 300-meter range,” Fortes says. Landline phones will give the authorities a specific address to send first responders.

### THE ELDERLY AND YOUNG

The two groups of people with the hardest time explaining to dispatchers where they are located are young children who don’t know their address and older adults who may be unable to talk or can’t remember where they are. A home phone line gives dispatchers an exact address in order to send first responders.

### THE Z AXIS

When a wireless emergency call is placed, the signal can only be tracked to geographic area. The current 911 system can’t make any distinction for vertical location, also called the Z axis. For example, in a three-story apartment complex or in a condo above a shop or restaurant, responders may be able to find the location but will have no idea about the floor where the call originated.

### FIVE YEARS

In 2015, the Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules requiring major improvements in cellular 911 calls. Wireless phone providers have five years to phase in these improvements. “A lot of work is currently underway to improve,” Fortes says. “The gold standard is the exact location, and we’re not there yet.”

County completed in 1945, and the farm provided food for the students.

## A CHANGE IN EDUCATION

The school continued to thrive during the 1950s, 1960s and into the 1970s, when volunteer work camps were established to renovate and beautify the campus. In 1983, however, the academy sent its last class into the world.

The growth of the public education system made operating Hazel Green difficult — the average class size ranged from 12 to 18 students. So, school leaders reluctantly closed the academy, says Lockard, a member of that last class.

For a time, Hazard Community College used some buildings of the former academy, as did the Christian Appalachian Project and the Wolfe County Arts Association.

But now, many of the remaining buildings show the wear of years. Windows with broken glass mar the two-story brick structure that was Pearre Hall, dedicated in 1902 and used for classes until 1929, when it was converted into a dormitory for girls. Inside, the structural damage is worse, and repairs would be far too expensive. But a bell still stands outside, a nod to the days when students would move about the campus.

“As the campus aged, it became expensive to operate, and a lot of the buildings had outlived their life spans,” Lockard says. “Those buildings were built with a lot of local ingenuity and hard work. They used reclaimed railroad trestles for roof supports, and old oil casings were filled with concrete for supports.”

Even tearing down the buildings in the worst shape would put financial stress on

the church that owns the campus, so the goal now is to stabilize the structures and make them as safe as possible, Lockard says.

The years, though, have treated some buildings better than others. The long structure housing the library, office and classrooms is in good shape. Individuals and community groups have adopted some rooms, converting them into replicas of classrooms and dorms where students once stayed — complete with teddy bears on the beds.

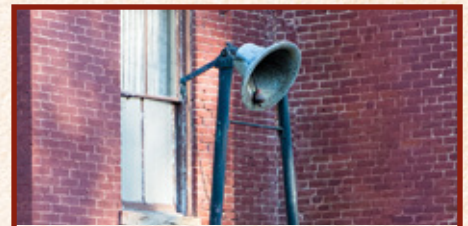
The large auditorium is sound and is used for tasks such as storage and a collection place for items donated to the needy.

And while the complex no longer serves as a school, the Jot 'Em Down Store is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., serving as a thrift store providing affordable items such as clothing to those in need.

For people such as Donna Tremble Brewer, the academy lives on through the lessons she learned and the vibrant memories that remain. She graduated from the school in 1974, following her brother, Roy, who graduated in 1967.

“When I was growing up and going to school there, it was most of my life,” she says. “It was centered around the school and the values I received from it.”

The memories are fond and strong, and she regrets today’s children cannot enjoy the same experience she did. “I just wish that our kids would have had the opportunity to go there if they had wanted to,” says Brewer, who can’t imagine her life without the school. ☑



## Hazel Green Academy QUICK FACTS

- ▶ The first graduating class in 1895 had three members: Ben F. Quicksall, John S. Adams and S. Monroe Nickell.
- ▶ The academy’s three founders each contributed \$500 to the cause.
- ▶ The school has been called the “Athens of the West,” the “Mother Mountain School” and “The Light On the Hill.”
- ▶ The academy complex was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.
- ▶ A walking bridge once connected the boys dormitory and students cottage to the rest of the campus.
- ▶ With only an outside court, in the winter, early academy basketball players practiced before breakfast, before a thaw made the ground too muddy. The Lewis-Ferrell Gymnasium opened in 1935.
- ▶ Many students were baptized on campus, where church was a staple.



Pryce Tutt directed folk dancing from 1940 until 1976.



The academy class of 1930 gathered for a group photo.



Cheerleaders provided support to the Mountaineers.



# Comfort food *in the heart of the gorge*

## The Red River Rockhouse feeds the adventurous

BY JENNIFER CALHOUN

**Y**ears before opening Red River Rockhouse, a popular Campton cafe for outdoor enthusiasts, Aaron Brouwer spent much of his spare time rock climbing and cooking.

But the hobbies didn't fully merge into a business idea until after his wife, Tina, became pregnant with their now 7-year-old daughter, Ayla.

The Brouwers had been living a metropolitan life in Chicago, but they didn't feel like it would be a good place to raise children. It was during a rock climbing trip to the Red River Gorge that they had an epiphany.

After climbing one day, they noticed an old building on Kentucky Route 11 that gave Aaron Brouwer an idea. Why not start a restaurant to feed all the climbers, hikers and mountain bikers visiting the Red River Gorge?

"I kind of bounced this crazy idea off of her, and then we started to talk more seriously about it," he says. "I know it's a weird story."

What made it even stranger was that the Brouwers had never owned a restaurant. They spent their time in Chicago as photographers, and Aaron Brouwer had previously

worked as a park ranger in Yosemite National Park, a popular rock climbing destination. At 15, he washed dishes — and eventually started cooking — at a pizza place in the small farm town in Illinois where he grew up.

But once the idea of a restaurant of their own took hold, the couple bought the building, gutted it and used wood from a small barn on the property as trim in the restaurant.

"That's not because it was in style," Aaron Brouwer says. "That's because I didn't have any money. I loved the look of it. It was all meant to be. But I didn't buy reclaimed lumber. That stuff costs a fortune. It was because it was the most efficient use of materials I had and the most cost-effective."

Now the couple spends their time serving up burgers, burritos, tacos, salads and wraps in the family-friendly atmosphere of Red River Rockhouse. Breakfast lovers can

rest assured that eggs, omelets, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and sausage biscuits are also on the menu every Sunday.

In addition, the cafe offers a variety of local beers, as well as a rotating selection of domestic and imports and wine, bourbon, locally roasted coffee, tea, natural sodas and Coca-Cola products.

The Brouwers pride themselves on offering local meats and produce and not wasting food.

"I don't support factory farming of animals," Aaron Brouwer says. "I think it's just terrible. I think that everything lives and dies, but not everything has to suffer for its whole life. All the pigs and steer and cow and everything that we use — they literally just live their normal little pig life or cow life until they don't."

The Brouwers have since become a fixture in the community, employing more than 20 people during peak season and getting to know local farmers and artisans.

"It's crazy how easy it is to do this," Aaron Brouwer says. "People know we're trying to do the right thing, and they love us for it. I've gotten to meet some of the coolest people, and I've become super-good friends with them." 🍷

*If you go...*

Red River Rockhouse is at 4000 Kentucky Route 11, Campton, Kentucky. It's open March 1 to Dec. 1 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays. The cafe also opens on nice Saturdays during the winter months. **For more information, go to [redriverrockhouse.com](http://redriverrockhouse.com).**

# A TEEN AND HER FOODIE DREAM

**A**delle Pritchard, 13, loves to write, sing and play the ukulele. Like many teens her age, she also plays soccer and enjoys reading and traveling. But unlike most girls in her age group, Pritchard owns a restaurant.

“I’ve always loved to cook,” she says. “I love finding and trying new foods.”

So when it came to deciding what foods she wanted featured in her new eatery, she turned to what she knew best — crepes.

“It was the first thing we thought of,” Pritchard says. “My dad’s from England, and one of their traditions is Pancake Day. Crepes are called pancakes in England.”

When Ken Pritchard moved to Chattanooga and married his wife and Adelle Pritchard’s mom, Carla, he carried the tradition with him.

“We used to always have about 100 people over and make hundreds of crepes to celebrate Pancake Day,” Adelle Pritchard says. “I’ve always loved making them.”

During the summer of 2016, Adelle Pritchard opened Adelle’s Ice Cream Creperie, serving breakfast and lunch on Main Street in Chattanooga’s Southside. She says her friends were very supportive of the move and come by often, but her teachers and others were a bit surprised when she returned to school from summer break and were told of her business venture.

“Not many people my age do something like this,” she says.

Pritchard, with help from her mother, devised a menu that mirrors that of creperies that dot the landscape in Paris, a city she has visited on several occasions as a side trip when visiting her dad’s family in England.

“We knew we would need to have some



Inspired by her English father, Adelle Pritchard embraced her love of crepes.

of the classic crepes on the menu — like ones with ham and cheese or Nutella,” Pritchard says.

A house favorite is “Fire in the Hole,” filled with spicy chicken, greens and Gruyere cheese drizzled with sriracha aioli. Adelle’s offers a number of choices for a sweet finish, including “The Bee’s Knees,” a massive, mouthwatering crepe with Nutella, banana and cinnamon-maple sprinkles topped with honey.

As the name of the restaurant implies, ice cream is also on the menu. But Pritchard wasn’t satisfied with just chocolate and vanilla, adding blood orange sorbet, cinnamon-brown sugar and salted caramel ice creams, hand-dipped and sold by the scoop or made into sundaes, floats or milkshakes.

Pritchard’s entrepreneurial spirit is not lost on her mother, herself a Chattanooga business owner.

“She’s wanted to do this — open a restaurant — since she was about 9 years old,” Carla Pritchard says. “We finally gave in, and now I’m very impressed that it was not just a fleeting interest.”

She is also already considering her future. “I’m very interested in going to culinary school,” she says. “But right now I’m interested in making Adelle’s the best it can be.”

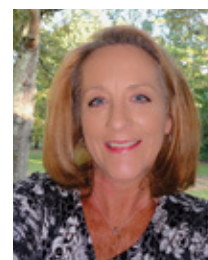
She does this with the help of a good staff of people, including a manager to handle

daily operations when she is in school.

Practice makes perfect when it comes to making good crepes. Pritchard says you don’t need a crepe maker. They can be made in a skillet — any size, depending on how big you want your crepe. And when it comes to filling them, your palate is the guide.

“They’re like a blank canvas; you can fill them with so many different things,” Pritchard says, adding a couple of tips:

- Chill the batter at least a couple of hours. It helps to make the batter more smooth. It’ll keep in the refrigerator for a day or two.
- The batter itself can range from very simple to more complex if you use different spices and flavors.
- You want the pan to be hot enough to set the batter, but not so hot that it smokes. The crepe is done when it turns golden brown. 📺



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## Basic Crepes

- 1 cup sifted flour
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (optional, use only in sweet crepes)

Place all ingredients in blender, adding melted butter last. Blend for about 10 seconds or until smooth. Chill in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes, but leaving it overnight is ideal. Heat a small nonstick pan and swirl about 1/4 cup batter evenly all over pan. Cook for about 30 seconds (or until slightly golden), then flip and cook on other side for another 15 seconds. Cook until batter is gone, stacking crepes on a plate, putting small pieces of waxed paper between each one. Fill with favorite topping, fold over and serve.

## Classic Chicken Mushroom Crepe

### Sauce:

- 1/3 cup butter
- 3 1/2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup chicken broth

### Chicken filling:

- 1 small carton sliced baby bella mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup cooking sherry
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 4 teaspoons chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 dashes hot sauce
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 6 tablespoons sauce

### Topping:

- 1 cup sauce
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 egg yolk, beaten
- 1/4 cup butter
- Parmesan cheese

**For sauce:** Melt butter and stir in flour,

cooking until slightly golden. Gradually stir in broth until thick.

**For filling:** Melt butter in saute pan.

Saute mushrooms until soft, and then add sherry, broth, onion, salt, hot sauce and chicken. Add sauce to moisten as needed. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

**For topping:** Place sauce in saucepan.

Add cream and stir until smooth. Add egg yolk and butter. Heat, but do not bring to boil.

**Finish:** Divide chicken filling evenly onto each crepe and roll up. Place in shallow baking pan and cover with topping and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Broil until golden.

## Pear, Brie and Jam Crepe

- 4 fresh pears
- Thinly sliced brie cheese
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons butter
- Honey or jam

Peel and slice pears and toss with sugar and lemon. Saute in butter until tender. Place pears and thin slices of brie on half of the crepe. Fold the empty half of crepe over the covered half, then fold one more time. Do this with each of the crepes. Place in roasting pan and heat in 350 degree oven for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and top with drizzle of honey or your favorite jam. Strawberry is Adelle's favorite. You can also add toasted almonds or walnuts. 📖



The menu of Adelle's Ice Cream Creperie highlights sweet and savory crepes, as well as unique ice cream flavors.

## IF YOU GO...

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