

HOKE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Hoke County Newsletter. Inside you'll find information of what's going on inside Hoke County.

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National Night Out

Sheriff, Hubert A. Peterkin of Hoke County in Raeford N.C. is planning an event called "National Night Out" with the focus and promotion of Public safety to all Hoke County Citizens. This kick-off Celebration is a very large event that will become annually and he would like to invite you to come out and have fun, enjoy the entertainment and receive free literature and tips to all. He also ask all of you to please secure your residence and come spend the evening with family, friends, neighbors and the men and women of the Hoke County Sheriff's Office and all Hoke County Emergency Services.

There will be free food, drinks, bounces, with carnival items to purchase, live entertainment and mega fun for everyone. This event will be Sheriff Peterkin's way to educate all individuals on Public safety, to get involved and tips to help crack down on crime, and give

something back to the citizens of Hoke County to connect with one another building a stronger bond for a stronger community.

National Night Out is America's night out against crime and a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Night Out Association of Town Watch (NATW). It is also a yearly crime prevention event designed to strengthen our neighborhoods, and to get people to look at the value of National Night Out realizing the better we can become building our bond together, we will continue to fight against drugs and crime.

The event will consist of Emergency Services: Sheriff's Office, Police Department, State Highway Patrol, EMS, Health Department, Fire Department, County Services, Animal Control, Probation & Parole, etc; as well as the media.



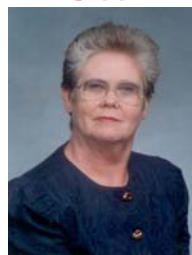
This event will take place Saturday August 6, 2011 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at The Hoke County Recreation Complex in Raeford N.C.

Information booths will be available on site for the event.

For Further information please contact Lt. Cathy LaBuz at (910) 878-1203 or clabuz@hokecounty.org



New Face at the RoD



Hoke County would like to welcome Mary Alyce Inman as the newest addition to the Registers of Deeds staff as a Permanent Parttime employee. Mary Alyce was employed by Hostetler & McNeill Law Firm for 44 years. The Firm closed in 2009.

DSS Yard Sale/Car Wash



The Hoke DSS Foster Adoptive Parent Association (FAPA) will be holding its second yard sale/car wash on August 13, 2011 at the Advance Auto in Raeford (307 Fayetteville Road). One hundred percent of proceeds benefit the foster/adoptive children and families of Hoke

County DSS. If you have items to donate for the yard sale, or want to volunteer your time to wash cars, please contact Kristi Pigford at 878-4048 or kpigford@hokecounty.org.

Support our children and families!



The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker. ~Helen Keller

DSS Adopts Section of Highway 401

Hoke County DSS—Foster Care unit, in conjunction with the Hoke DSS Foster/Adoptive Parent Association (FAPA), adopted a section of Highway 401 South, in an effort to help put a positive light on the foster/adoptive

program and to teach our foster/adopted children the importance of giving back to your community. We adopted the highway section as of February 2011. We have had three highway clean ups to date; most recently on 7/16/11. We will

schedule at least 4 clean ups per year. If you are interested in supporting our efforts, please contact Kristi Pigford at 878-4048 or kpigford@hokecounty.org.

Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting

Are you interested in being a foster and/or adoptive parent for Hoke County DSS? We hope so! We are always in need of more foster/adoptive parents, particularly for our children 12 years and older.

The next training session for Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) is right around the corner; the training will be held on Saturday's beginning 8/13/11 until 9/17/11.

MAPP training is a 30-hour class that will help you (and DSS) decide if fostering or adopting a child is right for you and your family. MAPP will teach you about the child welfare process and parenting foster children, including: why children enter foster care, behaviors of children and how to handle those behaviors; separation and loss issues that many foster children experience; in addition to many more topics.

The training covers 12 skill areas and those 12 skills are needed to make you a successful foster/adoptive parent. Open your heart, open your home.

For more information, please contact Ana Watson at (910) 878-1989 or awatson@hokecounty.org or contact Judy Anderson at (910) 878-1932 or janderson@hokecounty.org.



An Evening to Remember

A Retirement Celebration was held for Senior Services SHIIP Coordinator, Laura Edmundson.

On June 24, 2011, Senior Services Staff provided an evening of fun, laughter and great memories to a very deserving coworker. A host of family and friends, as well as Senior Services board member, Commissioner James Leach flooded the L.E. McLaughlin, Jr. 'Senior Room' bringing smiles, gifts

and many well wishes for the "Guest of Honor."

A fabulous dinner was enjoyed by all. It included steak as the main course and home made ice cream for desert, which was provided by Senior Services Director, Don M. Woods. Coworkers and friends supplied covered dishes to complete the ensemble. Laura enjoyed her moment in the sun as she danced, laughed, and shared words of gratitude for the

occasion.

A special recognition ceremony for Mrs. Edmundson's years of commitment to the Senior Services Department was conducted by Director, Don M. Woods and Commissioner Leach during the second half of the event. Yet, the most moving comments and tributes came from the seniors of Hoke County. Woods remarked, "Laura, as you can see, you will truly be missed"!

**** NOTICE ****

Arts & Crafts for Seniors every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 2pm in the Senior Room.



In closing, Mr. Woods thanked the staff of Senior Services for their assistance in making the event a great success.

Hoke County Public Library



Many thanks to the volunteers that assisted with this year's **Hoke County Public Library Summer Reading Program** (left to right) Darece Gaylor, Michael Watkins Jr., Nataisa York, Shania Earle, Jimmy Capers, Darryl Kershaw II, Toni Richardson, Payton Taylor, Naiya Kershaw, Christopher Moore

Basic Computer Classes are held at the Hoke County Public Library. The classes are held Tuesdays at 5pm, and Thursdays and Saturdays at 10am. Classes last one hour. Call (910) 875 8502 for more information, or to register.

Talk Like a Pirate Day is on September 19th this year. Hoke County Public

Library is offering fine-free returns of overdue books for patrons who... talk like a pirate. Arrrr, matey!

Family Halloween Carnival will be hosted at the Hoke County Public Library on Saturday, October 29 from 2:00-5:00pm. This is open to kids of all ages!

Tax News

Reminder: Hoke County Tax Rate Increased to .73 per \$100.

Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes

As times are changing rapidly, so has the way your mortgage company requests your tax bill from Hoke County. Tax bills are sent electrically, therefore there is no need to actually send the

bill to the mortgage company. If you receive a tax bill we suggest you contact your mortgage company to verify that payment will be made.

A 2% discount is given if taxes are paid by August 31. Taxes are due September 1. January 5th is the last day to pay taxes without interest. They are late January 6th of the following year and inter-

est begins to accrue effective that day and also subject to wage garnishments, foreclosure, bank attachments, and interception of income refunds.

Motor Vehicles

Motor vehicle bills are sent out 60 -90 days after renewing a license plate registration. The tax bill contains a due date; you have that entire



month to pay the bill. After that month interest starts at 5% the first month and .075% each month thereafter. After 4 months of non-payment a DMV Block will be placed on your vehicle and you are subject to wage garnishment and other attachments.



“It’s All About You!” Wellness Program

A 15-week wellness program designed to promote healthy lifestyles for people with diabetes or have pre-diabetes symptoms.



Start dates:

August 4, 2011 at 12:00-1:00 PM (Thursday meetings)
(Hoke County Cooperative Extension)

- To register, call **875-3717 ext. 2106** Ulva Little, Health Educator.
- Registration fee **\$20.00** (Educational notebooks & supplies)—Total value of the program is over **\$700**.
- Hoke County is one of 4 pilot counties for North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension and the NC Division of Public Health Diabetes Branch to gather program data.
- Incentives will be offered along with the participants' weight loss successes.

FYI

The last program ended in December 2010. There were 17 participants enrolled in the “It’s All About You!” Wellness program; however 9 participants successfully completed the program with a total of **-89.2 pounds** lost. These participants made healthy lifestyle changes and continued to lose weight during the holiday season.

Sponsors: Hoke County Health Center & Hoke County Cooperative Extension



NCSU & NC A&T University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS
FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS SCHEDULE
(ADULT/CHILD/INFANT)**

**1ST & 3RD FRIDAY AND 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CALL:
HOKE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER
910-875-3717 EXT. 2106**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Friday, August 5, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Friday, August 19, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday, August 20, 2011	8 AM – 5 PM
Friday, September 2, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Friday, September 16, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday, September 17, 2011	8 AM – 5 PM
Friday, October 14, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Friday, October 21, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday, October 22, 2011	8 AM – 5 PM
Friday, November 4, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Friday, November 18, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday, November 19, 2011	8 AM – 5 PM
Friday, December 2, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Friday, December 16, 2011	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday, December 17, 2011	8 AM – 5 PM

*** CLASSES MAY BE CHANGED/CANCELLED ***
DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF INSTRUCTOR, HOLIDAY AND INCLEMENT WEATHER