

Hoke County Newsletter



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

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email

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COMMISSIONER ALLEN THOMAS HONORED WITH TWO 40 UNDER 40 AWARDS

Commissioner Allen Thomas was honored last month when he received 40 Under 40 awards from both the Fayetteville Observer as well as East Carolina University.

The Fayetteville Observer honors 40 of our area's rising leaders for their business success and community impact. Honorees come from Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland Counties.

The Fayetteville Observer understands the impact this

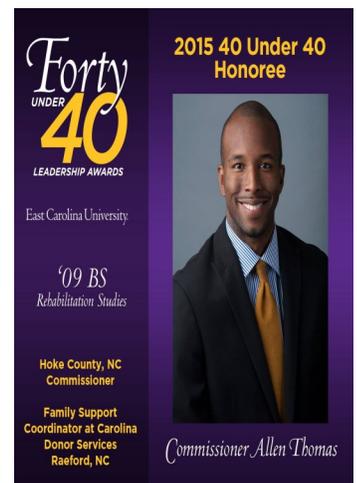
hard-working group has on the future of our community. It is important for The Fayetteville Observer to lead this charge, because they identify and work with these future leaders every day.

Honorees were nominated by their peers and selected by a panel of independent judges. They are dynamic professionals who reached unbelievable heights early in their careers. All of the honorees have extensive records of community service and giving back to others through their time,

talents and donations.

East Carolina University 40 Under 40 was created to celebrate young alumni under the age of 40 who have used their education to pursue their passion and lead positive change by significant career achievements and demonstrating social responsibility through leadership and service.

Congratulations to Commissioner Allen Thomas for receiving these two awards!



MYTHS MAY BE KEEPING PARENTS FROM PROTECTING THEIR CHILDREN FROM DANGEROUS DISEASES...

Measles Cases and Outbreaks

January 1 to February 6, 2015*

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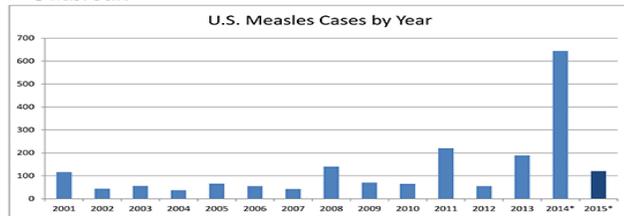
Cases

reported in 17 states and Washington DC: Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington

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Outbreak

representing 85% of reported cases this year



*Provisional data reported to CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases



Myths may be keeping parents from protecting their children from dangerous diseases, when there's every reason to get them vaccinated.

Vaccines prevent six million deaths worldwide every year, CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta writes.

And there's basically no reason not to get them. Only

one in a million children has a serious adverse reaction.

Those are great odds. You're 100 times more likely to get struck by lightning than have an allergic reaction to a vaccine, Gupta says. Taking aspirin, for example, is much more likely to cause brain bleeding.

~ Hoke Health Department

EATING TO BOOST IMMUNE FUNCTION

We all know the basics of preventing the spread of infectious illness. The importance of avoiding sick contacts whenever possible, covering your mouth and nose with your arm if you sneeze or cough, sanitizing surfaces, and practicing proper hand hygiene are the precautions we hear about most frequently, but we can also help boost our immune systems with the foods we choose to eat. Poor diet increases our risk of getting sick and increase the duration of the illness.

Foods that are rich in Vitamin C stimulate the formation of antibodies in the body which help to battle infection. Citrus fruits like oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, lemons and limes are rich in Vitamin C as well as some other fruits

like pine-apples, kiwis, strawberries and mangos. Some vegetables are good sources of Vitamin C and are lower in calories and sugar than fruits. These vegetables include sweet bell peppers, tomatoes, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cauliflower, and various dark green leafy vegetables.

Vitamin A can help keep the tissues found in the mouth, stomach, and respiratory system healthy. When healthy, these tissues can be a strong barrier for germs trying to invade the body. Good foods to choose to get Vitamin A include fruits and vegetables with a rich orange or red color, such as sweet potatoes, carrots, red bell peppers, and apricots. Kale and eggs are also considered good sources of Vitamin A.

Zinc has been found to assist the body with healing which helps the immune system by keeping bacteria and viruses from entering the body through open wounds. Zinc rich foods include beans and nuts, milk, whole grains, lean meats, poultry and seafood.

Protein is another important nutrient in the body's defense. It is the building block for all of the cells in the body including the cells that drive your immune function. The quality of the protein foods chosen does make a difference though.

High fat diets can impair the immune system so care must be taken to choose lean proteins that are low in saturated fat. Fish, seafood, poultry without the skin, eggs, lentils, beans, and soy

products are all quality lean protein sources that make it possible for the body to produce more of the infection fighting white blood cells.

A good rule of thumb to ensure that your body is properly nourished to support strong immune function is to consume 5 to 9 servings of fruits and vegetables per day of varying colors, eat 3 to 4 ounce portions of lean proteins with meals and drink 64 ounces of water through-out the day to maximize nutrient utilization. Eat well to be well Hoke County!

~ Joy Stafford, RD, LDN
Nutrition Director
Hoke Health Department

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH 2015 HEALTHIEST NATION 2030: “A HEALTHY YOU IS A HEALTHY HOKE COUNTY”

In observation of National Public Health Month 2015, Hoke County Health Department is highlighting its efforts and achievements of public health during the month of April. National Public Health Month provides the opportunity for the public to learn about public health success stories which are vital to healthy communities, such as providing good prenatal care, Child Health services,

Immunizations, WIC, Disease Control, Family Planning, Breast and Cervical Cancer screenings to qualifying patients, HIV/STD prevention, Tuberculosis, Social Work Case Management, Environmental Health Services, and Public Health Educators that promotes healthy lifestyles with in our community.

We want to thank our

partners, such as the Hoke County Health Advisory Council, County Officials, private physicians and the overall medical community who work with us daily to ensure health care access and care coordination but most of all our public health employees that diligently provide exceptional services to everyone in an effort to keep our citizens safe and healthy.

The Hoke County Health Department encourages our community to stop-by during the month of April so that they can learn more about all of our cutting edge free or reduced cost services designed to promote, protect and preserve the wellness of our community. For more information on Public Health Month or Health Department services, please call (910) 875-3717 or visit us at www.hokecounty.net.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Warmer weather has finally arrived and is bringing with it beautiful spring flowers and greenery. It also means more of those wonderful family and church get-togethers that involve lots of good food. Before you start planning your next reunion or pot luck, please keep the following safe practices in mind:

Keep cold foods cold! Maintain cold foods at 41 degrees or below. Place foods like potato salad or slaw in shallow containers and place those containers into a deep container full of ice. Keep ice replenished.

Keep hot foods hot! Once foods have been cooked, maintain the temperature at 135 degrees or above. Use chafing pans or steam tables.

Don't leave foods out at room temperature. Discard foods that have been sitting out for 2 hours or more. Bacteria multiply rapidly at room temperature.

Do not thaw foods at room temp. Place in refrigerator the night before.

Use clean dishes and utensils. Never touch ready to eat food with a utensil or dish that has touched raw meat until it has

been cleaned and sanitized.

Wash all fruits and vegetables before preparing or eating.

Be sure to refrigerate any lettuce, tomato and/or melon after it has been cut as these foods have been linked to recent foodborne illness outbreaks.

Wash hands frequently and do not touch ready to eat foods without tongs or gloves.

Foodborne illness is no laughing matter. Many thousands of people are sickened each year, some to the point of death. Keep in mind that those most likely to suffer

illness are young children, the elderly and those in poor health.

It is illegal to sell food without a permit in NC. This applies to roadside plate sales, fish fries, etc. There are some limited exemptions to this rule.

The law also applies to caterers. A caterer must have a valid food service permit. Please confirm that any caterer you hire has a valid permit to operate.

For more information on licensed caterers, permit exemptions, or to receive free information on food safety, please contact Hoke County Environmental Health at 910-878-1274.

STAYING STRONG IN 2015

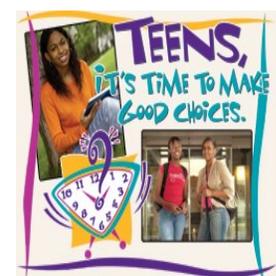
April 1st -30th –Observation of National Public Health Month 2015; The Theme for this year “National Public Health Week 2015 Healthiest Nation 2030: “A Healthy You is a Healthy Hoke County”.

Diabetes Support Group Meetings; every **2nd Tuesday** of the month

CPR & First Aid Classes; held the **2nd or 3rd Friday** of the month.

Childbirth Education Classes; held **every Thursday** of each month.

Teen-Time- every **1st & 3rd Monday** of the month



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

A common in-home business seen throughout Hoke County are in-home daycares. These are small child care businesses operated out of homes that are permitted through both the State of North Carolina and Hoke County. The county defines these types of businesses as "Family Child Care Homes" which are a child care arrangement

located in a residence where at any one time more than two (2) children but less than nine (9) children receive child care.

In addition to required state approvals Family Child Care Homes require a basic zoning permit issued through the Hoke County Planning Department. During the process for obtaining approval through

the state for the business you may also be required to provide verification that the business is allowed in your home. Hoke County Planning can provide a Zoning Verification letter at no charge stating whether your property is appropriately zoned to allow such an activity.

If you have questions about how to get started with an in

-home child care business you can contact the Planning Department at (910) 875-8407 or stop on by the offices. You can also contact Smart Start, the Hoke County Partnership for Children & Families Quality Enhancement Program at (910) 848-2300.

~ Robert Farrell
County Planner

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The Hoke County Inspections Department wishes to announce the retirement of Code Enforcement Director, Danny Paschal. He has been employed with Hoke County since June 2012. During his tenure with the Inspection Department, many

improvements have been made.

Among the many improvements include, but not limited to: changed Inspectors cell phones to smart phones and purchased tablets to enter inspection results and receive necessary emails while in the field;

change in plan review procedures which allow plans to be reviewed and approved in half the normal time of (3 – 5) days; change in computer system to Iworq Internet based system which allow records and inspections to be within reach in minutes, enables inspection results to be

emailed to customer, and enables Inspection Office to review inspections; purchased (2) new vehicles, and many more much needed improvements.

Danny will be retiring on May 29, 2015.

~ Cynthia Love
Inspections

SOLID WASTE

It is always a time of mixed feelings when an employee retires. We are obviously excited when someone is able to enjoy the perks of retirement, but are saddened to lose the day to day contact with a friend and co-worker of long standing.

Larry Hunt, who has worked for the County for 20 years at the Transfer Station, retired on March

31st of this year. Larry will be greatly missed by his coworkers as well as the many customers who utilize this facility.

Good luck, Larry! We hope you and Mary have a wonderful time at the lake camping, fishing and hanging out with your many friends and family.

I have been plagued with

complaints in recent months about the roads that lead to our convenience sites. They seem to be some of the worst in the county for roadside litter. I will again remind those who utilize these sites that it is illegal to transport unsecured items on the roadways of this State.

I have requested that the Waste Enforcement Officer

start ticketing those he catches transporting unsecured items. It only takes a few extra minutes to secure or tarp the items we transport and think how much more beautiful Hoke County would be if we ALL did.

~ Don Russell,
Solid Waste Director

WHAT ARE BOTS, BOTNETS, AND ZOMBIES?

You have probably heard terms such as “bots,” “zombies,” and “botnets” in recent news stories about data breaches and other cyber security risks. But what exactly are they, how do they work, and what damage can they cause?

A “bot,” short for “robot,” is a type of software application or script that performs tasks on command, allowing an attacker to take complete control remotely of an affected computer. The compromised machine may also be referred to as a “zombie.” A collection of these infected computers is known as a “botnet.”

Hundreds of millions of computers worldwide are infected with bots and under the control of hackers (i.e., part of a botnet). The owners of these computers typically do not experience any signs that the machine is infected and continue to use it, unaware they are being controlled remotely by a cyber-criminal. In fact, the infected machine could be sending multiple spam emails, including to all contacts in the computer, making it appear to the recipient that the email is legitimate and from someone they know.

A botnet that has recently been in the news is the Gameover Zeus Botnet, which allows the cyber criminals to retrieve banking



passwords from the infected machines or use the botnet to infect more computers. This botnet was responsible for nearly one million infections worldwide since its first attack in September 2011. In June 2014, U.S. and international law enforcement seized control of the botnet, and are working with Internet service providers (ISP) to notify impacted victims.

How and Why Do Cyber Criminals Use Botnets?

The value of bots and botnets to criminals comes from aggregating massive numbers of computers they can control simultaneously to perform malicious activities.

Cyber criminals may use the botnets to send spam, phishing emails, or other scams to trick consumers into giving up their financial information.

Cyber criminals may also collect information from the bot-infected machines and use it to steal identities, incurring loans and purchase charges under the user’s name.

Cyber criminals may use botnets to create denial-of-service (DoS) attacks that flood a legitimate service or network with a crushing volume of traffic. The volume may severely slow down, or even shut down, the organization’s business operations. Revenue from DoS attacks comes through extortion and leasing botnets. The criminals will rent botnets to groups interested in inflicting damage to another entity. The “renters” will use the botnet for sending spam and phishing emails or attacking legitimate websites and networks. These groups include “hacktivists” — hackers with political agendas—as well as foreign military and intelligence organizations.

Don’t Let Your Computer Become a Bot

It only takes moments for an unprotected, Internet-connected computer to be infected with malicious software and turned into a bot. Every user should have up-to-date security software on all their devices.

The best protection is to set

your anti-virus and anti-spyware programs to automatically update and to automatically install every patch made available for your operating system and browser.

Do not click on links in unsolicited emails.

Do not click on links from your friends and family if they are not using updated security measures. They may unknowingly transmit an infection on their machine to yours.

While there is no single action that will protect you from all of the cyber risks, by implementing these foundational best practices, you can greatly reduce the likelihood that your computer will be caught in the next botnet.

~ Hoke County IT Department

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CIS and NCSA: Botnet Fact Sheet

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



The month of March was very exciting, as well as a month of a great accomplishment for our agency. I would like to announce that HCSO has received their National Accreditation again with CALEA, for another three years. I want to thank all

staff and employees involved in making this a success. I want to give a special shout out to Debra Bordeaux, Accreditation Manager, for the outstanding job she has done to ensure that the HCSO continues to perform at its highest level of

professionalism. As the Sheriff, of Hoke County, I believe that I have the best office in NC. I truly appreciate you for all your hard efforts and commitment to this agency.

~ Sheriff Peterkin

CPR - ACT FAST AND SAVE A LIFE!

Respiratory arrest with when a person stops breathing on their own but their heart is still beating. Cardiac arrest is when a person's heart stops beating and they are not breathing. Both conditions are dire emergencies and need immediate intervention.

Cardiac arrest is the 3rd leading cause of death. Each year, cardiac arrest claims the lives of a quarter of a million people in the United States alone. Most victims of sudden cardiac arrest are middle-aged or elderly. Unfortunately, sudden cardiac arrest is completely unpredictable.

The time from collapse to initiating CPR is a critical factor in determining survival for a victim of cardiac arrest. If you come upon a person who has collapsed and is unresponsive call 9-1-1 immediately.

The Dispatcher who

receives your 9-1-1 call is a trained Emergency Medical Dispatcher who will ask you some questions. While that Dispatcher asks you questions, another Dispatcher is dispatching the ambulance and providing them with the information you give so EMS will know how to best help the person.

Once the Emergency Medical Dispatcher determines the person is not breathing, he or she will immediately provide CPR instructions over the telephone. Don't worry, the instructions are easy to follow and the Dispatcher will remain on the line with you until help arrives. While we realize that you may not want to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to someone, the Dispatcher will instruct you in compressions-only CPR which does not use the mouth-to mouth technique.

It is important to recognize

the cardiac arrest victim is in a critical state. If no one helps, the victim will certainly die. Bystanders at the scene of an unexpected cardiac emergency may feel panicky, anxious or helpless. Though it is natural to hesitate to help in emergencies, bystanders can help the person until emergency responders arrive. If you are the caller, please remember the ambulance has already been dispatched and dispatch has not been delayed while the questions are being asked or instructions given.

Hoke County Emergency Communications Emergency Medical Dispatchers are the lifeline

for thousands of callers who dial 9-1-1 for medical help each year. They are trained and certified in providing life-saving instructions, whether it is giving simple airway maintenance instructions, controlling bleeding, delivering a baby, or CPR instructions. This program is used to take over 7000 calls for EMS services every year in Hoke County.

We hope you never have to call 911 needing this type of assistance, but if you do, help us help you to give the best care possible.

~ Jimmy Stewart
E-911 Director



HOKE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL/SHELTER NEWS

We will be holding our first Rabies vaccination of the year on May 2nd at the Paraclete Skydive building from 10am-1pm. All dogs and cats 3 months of age and older can be vaccinated for \$7.00 cash only. If a dog/cat had a current rabies vaccination they are able to receive a 3 year vaccination. You must bring their current vaccination certificate for the veterinarian to honor this. If you have any questions please call the Animal Shelter at 910-875-4827.

We are pleased to announce that our adoption rates and rescue rates continue to rise. Our euthanasia rate is

probably the lowest that it has ever been. Many of our animals have gone across the country to new loving homes and some have even flown on private airplanes by a wonderful organization called Pilots and Paws. We ask all of you if you have not already liked us on Facebook to please do so. You can find us by searching "Assisting the Hoke County Animal Shelter" We are proud to say that we have 5 stars and a ton of wonderful reviews!

Things seem to be looking up for the homeless pets of Hoke County. One thing that would help the counties pet overpopulation to

decrease is spaying and neutering. It is important that we all do our part and spay/neuter our own pets and educate others of the importance of it. If you know someone who would like to have their pet(s) spayed or neutered, but they simply can't afford it have them call the shelter so we can give them the numbers to some local organizations that can help them.

If you or someone you know is looking for something to do on these beautiful afternoons come on out to the shelter to walk some of the dogs. We love to have volunteers. If you are looking to add a new four-

legged forever friend to your family come out to the shelter during business hours so we can take you on a tour.

~ Kristi Cartwright
Animal Shelter



TELL VETERANS AND SURVIVORS TO FILE!

Filing for veterans' benefits, and appealing decisions on claims, can be time consuming and confusing. But with the recent roll-out of new, streamlined claims processes, applying for veterans benefits now promises to be faster, easier and more accurate.

The changes involve:

- New requirements to use standardized forms for filing for benefits
- A new form for appealing decisions
- A new "intent to file" a claim process for those who need more time to gather information while preserving an effective date for benefits

If you're a veteran or you know a vet, or a survivor who has put off applying for benefits because it was too difficult, encourage them to visit explore.va.gov and check out the new ways to file.

The operating hours of Hoke County Veterans Service is:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday: 1pm-6pm
Thursday: 9:00am-2pm
Call for Appointments.

Certification for Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exclusion (NCDVA-9) must be completed by a VA Representative. Your local Veterans' Service Office can assist.

Scholarships in appreciation for the service and sacrifices of North Carolina's war veterans, a four year scholarship program at approved schools in North Carolina, has been established for the qualifying natural or adopted (before age 15) children of certain class categories of deceased, disabled, combat or POW/MIA veterans.

Applicant must be under age 25 at time of application. For more information, refer to ww.ncdoa.nc.gov

New Location of Fayetteville Vet Center: 12301 Robeson St., Suite 103 Fayetteville, NC 28305
Phone: 910-488-6252
FAX: 910-488-5589

VA Eliminates Net Worth as Health Care Eligibility Factor: The Department of Veterans Affairs is updating the way it determines eligibility for VA Health care, a change that will result in more Veterans having access to the health care benefits they've earned and deserve for more information, visit

ww.va.gov/healthbenefits

or call VA toll free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387)

~ Jackie Haliburton
Veterans Service Officer



HOKE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES

It's a new day here at Hoke County Senior Services! With new leadership in place we are bringing fresh new ideas and excitement to our center. We are pleased to say in the last few months we have gained momentum in participation of our senior community. Not only have we been offering more activities, but the activities are more diverse and on point as to what seniors want, need and are looking for.

Many people in the community have come to realize that "Senior Services" is not just about our congregate program that provides meals, meals on wheels, in home care, insurance information or pharmaceutical help; but that we are a place for fun, friendship and staying

mentally and physically healthy.

Holiday parties have been a complete success! In February we had a fashion show that was so wonderful with our senior models strutting down the runway looking amazing. Valentine's Day was their day to shine! We danced, had cupid bucks that were earned throughout January and February by learning vital information on fire safety, sodium intake, label reading and the woes of saturated fats!

We have gone to the movies, and had movie socials at the center as well. Popcorn and treats included!

Come March, we were deep into arts and crafts creating things that we could actually use such as; dry

erase reminder boards, picture refrigerator magnets, creative and inspirational rock displays, and also beautiful handbags. Our St. Patrick's Day party was truly a blast! Everyone got into the fun of the day with games, funny hats and a spread of food you wouldn't believe, special thanks to Life St. Joseph and Food Lion for their generous donations!

April will bring such things as a poetry contest, a trip to Sandhills Botanical Gardens, and spring gardening activities. Daily, we try to learn something new and keep our minds and bodies sharp and healthy. We are learning the vital importance of socialization and fellowship as well as participation.

New and popular activities such as our chair exercises and Yoga Nidra have been on the calendar. Many were apprehensive at first, but have come to realize the overall mental and physical health benefits of stretching, working on balance and practicing mindful meditation as way to relax, de-stress and sleep better.

Overall, the camaraderie and integration of the members of our elderly community are coming together to join in fun, healthy activities and lasting friendships.

We invite everyone ages 60+ to come to our afternoon activities and become a part of our Hoke County family.

*~ Mary Hollingsworth
Senior Services Director*



2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

Candidate Filing Period:
8:00 am July 6 -
12:00 noon July 17, 2015

One-Stop Voting:
Thursday, October 22 -
Saturday, October 31,
2015

Election Day:
Tuesday,
November 3, 2015

MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

This year's theme is 'Get to know the many faces of foster care'. Foster children don't fit one specific mold... they are children in our own community...they are from any culture, race, ethnicity, faith, or socio-economic status found in our community. They come from two-parent families, one-parent families, poor families and rich families. Child abuse and neglect has no boundaries. Children in foster care didn't do

anything wrong to wind up in foster care, yet they often pay the highest price...of being taken away from their families. Our children in foster care need every opportunity available to them to succeed in our community...they are our future. They are anybody and everybody's children.

There are currently 43 children in the custody of Hoke County DSS. Each child in care deserves to be

treated with love and respect, they deserve a safe home to live in, they deserve to be heard, and so much more. If you are interested in helping Hoke County's

foster children thrive and succeed, give us a call at 910-875-8725 and ask to speak to a Social Worker in Child Welfare to find out what you can do to help.



"ONCE UPON A PROM"

This is our first year doing "Once Upon A Prom"...one of our dedicated foster parents came up with the idea and spearheaded the efforts to make it happen. This event first materialized as an effort to help our teens in foster care who were in

need of formal wear for prom, special events, and/or job interviews; we partnered with Moore County DSS so that we could reach more teens in foster care. We requested donations and other services to help our teens in care shine! What

started off as an effort to help our kids in foster care turned into an event to help all young people in our community. This event is open to all of the teens in our community. The event is being hosted by Hoke County DSS (at DSS) and is

scheduled for 4/18/15, from 8:30-11:30 am.

We hope this is an event that will grow in the coming years so that we can help the young people in in our community succeed...and shine!

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

On 4/8/15, Hoke County DSS took part in "Sound the Alarm" where we sounded the alarms at 10:00 am by honking car horns and setting off our car alarms, as a means of raising awareness about child abuse and neglect.

We invited county fire departments, Hoke Sheriff's Department, Raeford Police

Department and EMS, among other agencies, to join us in sounding the alarm at 10:00 am. Sirens, car horns, and alarms rang throughout the county as a reminder to our community that child abuse and neglect is real and occurs in Hoke County. This was our first "Sound the Alarm" event and we hope to make it an annual event that grows

each year with more and more community members taking part. We all have a responsibility to protect the children in our community and "Sound the Alarm" was one small way of raising awareness about child abuse and/or neglect that occurs in Hoke County every day.

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected,

please call and report it! We can be reached at 910-875-8725 during business hours and you can call 911 after hours to report child abuse and neglect.

We are available 24/7/365 to protect the children in our community.

~ Kay McMillian
Social Services



HAPPY EASTER FOR HOKE CHILDREN

Through the generous donations of two local churches, Mission Outreach Cowboy Church and The Gap Church, Hoke DSS was able to ensure that 93 children in our community received Easter baskets.

We have 43 foster children in the custody of the Department, and they all received an Easter basket,

along with 50 additional children identified by staff.

Mission Outreach Church and The GAP Church have been instrumental in helping us help several families over the last several months. Their contributions are greatly appreciated by the Department, as well as by the children and families we serve. Throughout the year,

DSS partners with community members and organizations to help families in need...we live and/or work in a community where citizens care about each other!

If you want to help us help children and families in need, please call our Intake Social Worker Christin Brooks as 910-878-1988.



WELCOME EDDRENA WIGGINS!



Eddrena Wiggins started in Adult Services as a SWIII on February 24, 2015.

Mrs. Wiggins has a MSW and has experience in Children Services and working with the Mentally Ill population. Mrs. Wig-

gins will be mainly working in Adult Protective Services and as the Adult Home Specialist for the county. In Adult Protective Services she will evaluate referrals alleging a disabled or elderly adult has been abused,

neglected or exploited and as the Adult Home Specialist, Mrs. Wiggins will monitor the Adult Care (Assisted Living) Facilities in the county.

*~ Tammy Chaney
Hoke DSS*

HOKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP 2015

Come join us for six weeks of fun beginning June – 15th thru July – 24th

MONDAY
THRU
FRIDAY
7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Location:

East Hoke Middle School
Fayetteville Road,
across from Wal-Mart

Children **MUST** eat Breakfast before coming to camp, also Parents will provide Lunch

Nonperishable food items, we don't have a refrigerator.

Parks and Recreation will provide a morning snack and afternoon snack

Parents Must provide a document from school that their child has completed kindergarten

Age:

Completed Kindergarten to 10 yrs. old

Camp Fees:

\$40.00 PER- WEEK

Please feel free to call the office at (910) 875-4035

ACTIVITIES

Physical activity will be the primary focus of our camp. Campers will also spend time with crafts, games and Field Trips.

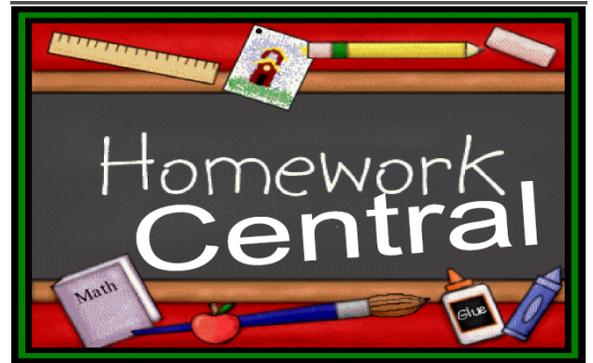


Preschool Storytime

@ Hoke County Public Library

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
for ages 3-5

334 N. Main St.
Raeford NC 28376
910-875-2502
www.srls.info



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3:30-5:30 P.M.
FOR GRADES K-8

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<http://srlsinfo.lib.overdrive.com>

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All available 24/7 with your SRLS library card. Check out our digital resources today at www.srls.info.

BOOGIE IN THE BOOKS



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EVERY HERO HAS A STORY

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Reading Dates:
June 1 – August 7, 2015

Preschool & Elementary Story time & Programs (Ages 0 -12)
Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM

- June 23rd - R-E-A-D-I-N-G with "Ronald McDonald"
- June 30th - Pets to the Rescue!
- July 7th - Be a nature superhero
- July 14th - Undercover Reptiles
- July 21st - What's your Superpower?
- July 28th - Growing up in the animal world
- August 4th - Superhero Training Course

Middle & High School Programs (Ages 13-18)
Thursdays @ 3:00 PM

- June 25th - "Every Hero has their day"
- July 9th - Amazing Animals
- July 16th - Unmasked
- July 23rd - Incredible knowledge
- July 30th - Superhero Training Course

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