

Hoke County Newsletter

Holiday 2015



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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

Newsletter
@hokecounty.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The holidays and New Year are a special time of celebration, reflection and looking forward. The Commissioners would like to thank all the citizens of Hoke County for your efforts to improve our County.

Hoke County Offices will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27th for

Thanksgiving; Wednesday, December 23rd through Friday, December 25th for Christmas; and Friday, January 1st for New Years Day.

We wish your family all the love and blessings of the season, and we wish you the very best for the new year!



KEEP THANKSGIVING GATHERINGS SAFE

Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful time for families and friends to gather around the dinner table and enjoy spending time together. The last thing anyone wants on such a day is an accident or injury to mar the celebration.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), during the time period of 2007-2011, 43% of reported home fires involved cooking equipment. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) found that during 2009-2011, more than three times the daily average of cooking fire occurred on Thanksgiving Day. The kitchen is the heart of the home and even more so at

Thanksgiving. With these statistics in mind, observing the following Thanksgiving Safety tips could help you and your family from becoming one of them:

Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking on the stovetop so that you can keep an eye on your food. The CPSC reminds us to "Stand by Your Pan."

Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check it frequently.

Keep children away from the stove. It will be hot and they should remain at least 3 feet away.

Make sure children stay away

from hot foods and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy, or coffee could cause serious burns.

Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, purses, or bags.

Keep knives out of the reach of children.

Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer, or mixer are not dangling within easy reach of a child.

Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

~ Emergency Management

TODAY IS A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO BE GRATEFUL

"No spring nor summer's beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one Autumnal face..."

~John Donne, "Elegy IX: The Autumnal"

This quote is beautiful in so many ways, but it reminds us that we sometimes face our "autumn" years with fear and trepidation. We shouldn't. We should be grateful that we have arrived!

We should celebrate, share and be joyful.

Here at the senior center we find things every day to be grateful for. Thanksgiving is only ONE day, but we try to be thankful every day. On National Senior Citizens day we asked each senior what they

were grateful for in having achieved the honor of becoming a senior. The following are examples:

"I am grateful for God in my life", "I am grateful for my health", "I am grateful to have this place to come to." "I am grateful for my family", "I am grateful for fellowship" It was a huge consensus of people being grateful for what they cannot buy. All too often when we are young we gage success in life by the "things" we have. As you get older, you realize it's not the things in life it's the people, the love and the memories.

At Hoke County Senior Services we are a family; a big, loud, crazy, argumentative, opinionated, loving caring, sharing family. We have fun,

we laugh, we pray, we learn, but mostly we do it together. Companionship is what keeps us strong, the sense of love and family. Very much like.... "I can say my brothers' haircut is ugly, but you better NOT!"

We'd like to ask that in this season, we all be grateful for whatever we have no matter how small or how large. Someone somewhere is suffering more than we are right now and for them we find in our hearts to say "Today is a beautiful day to be grateful" Every single day.

This fall we also took a trip to the Fruitcake Factory, Golden Corral, celebrated the upcoming birth of our "official Senior Baby" Madalyn, enjoyed the Poultry Festival,

put on a successful Annual Yard Sale, had a ghoulishly good time at the Halloween party and are looking forward to our Thanksgiving Social.

Our Sponsor a senior program is in full effect. Come by the center at: 423 East Central Ave, Raeford, NC to pick an ornament off of the Giving Tree.

Please reach out to someone in need and make their holiday special.

For more information contact Hoke County Senior Services at (910) 875-8588



ADOPT A HOME BOUND SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS!

Hoke County Senior Services is looking for angels to adopt a home bound senior this Christmas !

If you, your business, or church family would like to adopt a senior this Christmas we ask you to stop by the Hoke County Senior Services Christmas tree located at 423 East Central Avenue Raeford, NC and pull an ornament from the tree. The ornament will have the gender and a number associated with the senior's name. Please register with a Hoke County Senior Services staff member upon selecting the ornament.

All gifts need to be wrapped and received by 5:00pm

December 11, 2015 at Hoke County Senior Services located at 423 East Central Avenue Raeford, NC 28376.

For more information contact Della Smith at 910-875-8588 or stop by:

Hoke County Senior Services, 423 East Central Avenue, Raeford, NC 28376



Sample of Items to purchase:

- Personal Care Items
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brush
- Deodorant
- Blanket
- Word Puzzles
- Candy (Sugar Free)
- Hair Brushes
- Socks
- Hats
- Scarves
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels



IT'S TIME TO LIST YOUR PROPERTY

ALL persons who own or control business, farm, and any personal property subject to taxation in Hoke County or made improvements to real property, MUST LIST all such property and/or improvements for year 2016 between January 4 and February 1, 2016.

There is a 10% late list penalty for failing to list your property after January 31. Listings will be accepted as timely filed if received on February 1, 2016 this year since the 31st is on Sunday.

All Exemption or Exclusion applications are due no later than February 1, 2016 with the exception of the Elderly/Disability exclusions. This includes but is not limited to churches, non-profit organizations, educational facilities, builder's exemption, etc.

The Elderly/Disabled exclusion and the Veteran Disability exclusion applications will be accepted until June 1, 2016. The income limit for the Elderly/Disabled exclusion for 2016 is \$29,500.

Present use applications for agriculture, forestry or horticulture are also due no later than February 1, 2016.

If you wish to appeal your real estate value for 2016, you must file the appeal before the Board of Equalization and Review adjourns. Please call our office to make an appointment with one of our appraisers beginning in January, 2016. If you disagree with the results of your informal hearing, you may appeal to the Board of Equalization and Review. Date and time of these meetings will be published in The News Journal and also on our

webpage.

Motor Vehicle Valuation appeals must be filed within 30 days of the due date printed on the notice to renew. Licensed motor vehicles are valued at retail trade level for property tax purposes. Classified motor vehicles are not valued at wholesale, blue book or private party asking prices. Internet valuation lookup websites are typically the lower level of trade. Value adjustments can be made if the owner can document high mileage, significant body damage, excessively worn interior or other types of damage.

Pictures of vehicle documenting the condition, repair estimates, or a copy of bill of sale from a dealer are considered in a valuation appeal. All appeals on motor vehicles are handled by the tax

office. Licensed plate agency staff cannot change the value of motor vehicles.

For more information, visit the Hoke County Website, www.hokecounty.net. Choose Your Government – Taxes – Assessor's Department. Tax Forms are available on the web.

You may also visit our office at 227 N Main St or reach us by phone at 910-875-8751.

*~ Jennie Gibson
Assessor*



HOKE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Fall has started on a promising note with several requests for development coming through the Planning Department. In addition to the Lumbee River EMC building currently under construction on Highway 401 the Planning Board recently recommended approval for a request to construct a shopping center along 401 beside the assisted living facility. This would create more jobs and tax revenue for Hoke County. There have also been several residential subdivision requests the department is currently processing. A new section of

Steeplechase as well as a new approximately nineteen lot subdivision along South Parker Church Road.

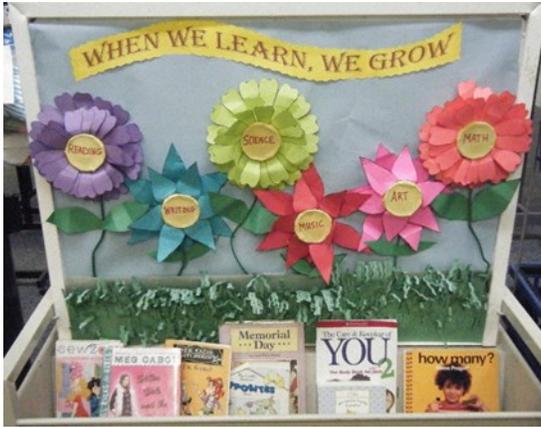
As we have reported in the past Hoke County is still working in cooperation with the City of Raeford, Cumberland County, and the Cumberland County municipalities on a joint regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Regions are dictated by FEMA and the State Emergency Management and plans are required to be renewed every five (5) years in order for local governments to be eligible for disaster relief

financing from FEMA in the event of a natural disaster.

If you have any planning or zoning questions please feel free to come by the office or give us a call at (910) 875-8407.

*~Robert Farrell
County Planner*





When we learn, we grow
~~ display by Natalie Spencer

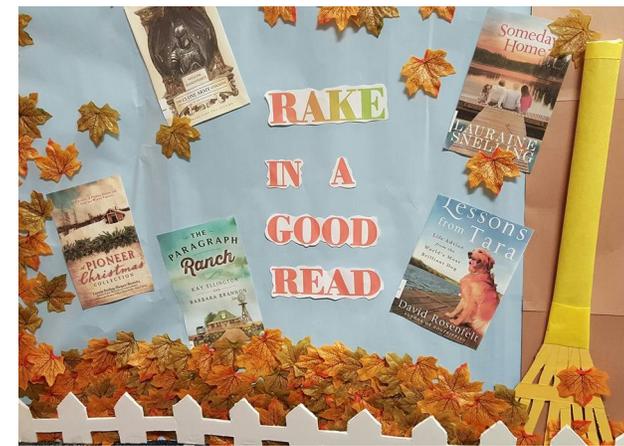


Hoke County's
Summer
Reading
Program

winners: Lillian Killbrew, SRLS & HCPL winner (above left) and Khadijah Hyman (below right)



Library Card Sign-Up Month prize winners Aaron Gessler (w/his mom Sabrina) & Ann Marie Alexander winner of a gift certificate from Seven Lakes Screenprinting & Gifts.



~~ display by Nettie Adams



The Friends go to the Roller Derby!

....and get a giant check!





Hoke County Public Library
ALL HALLOW'S READ

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
 Dress as your favorite book character!

STORIES MUSIC
 GAMES PRIZES
 COSTUME CONTEST
 REFRESHMENTS

Thursday, October 29
 5:30-7:00 pm

Hoke County Public Library
 334 N. Main St., Raeford
 910-875-2502
 www.srls.info



WIN AN IPAD MINI!

Just complete our survey and include your name & email address to be eligible to win one of three iPad minis from Sandhill Regional Library System!
 (Your name will not be associated with your responses)



Find the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/srlscommunitysurvey>, go to www.srls.info and click on the survey link, or stop by your local SRLS library for a paper copy.

Sandhill Regional Library System and its member libraries in Anson, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, and Richmond counties are planning for the future, and we need to hear from YOU!



NC Storytelling Guild President Janice Gavin presented a story program at HCPL as part of the Guild's 100 County Journey to promote their Heart of North Carolina Storytelling Festival in September.



Because we are thankful for every one of you, please join us for:

Patron Appreciation Day

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

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Raeford NC 28376
910-875-2502
www.srls.info

**Drawings!
Refreshments!
Door Prizes!**

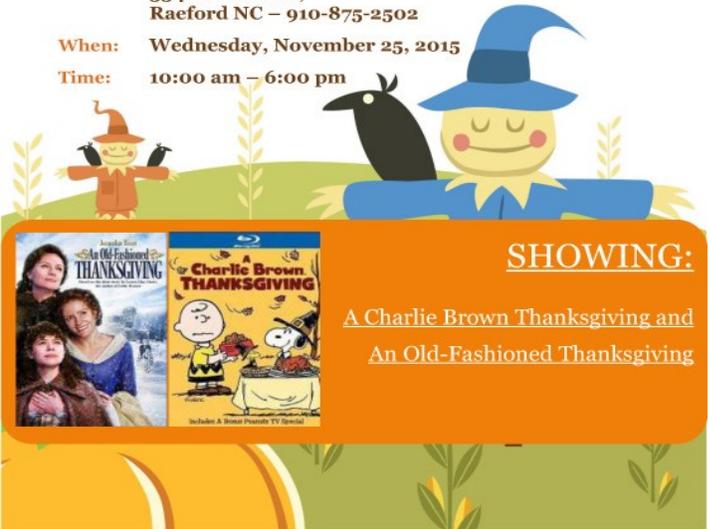
***Fine-Free Overdue Returns!
*Free Replacement Cards!**

Hoke County Public Library Thanksgiving Movie Marathon

Where: Hoke County Public Library
334 N. Main St.,
Raeford NC – 910-875-2502

When: Wednesday, November 25, 2015

Time: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm



SHOWING:

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving




UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST

December 1-19, 2015

Stop by the library and get photographed in your favorite “ugly” Christmas sweater.

Judging – December 21

**All ages welcome!
Prizes will be awarded in several categories!**

Hoke County Public Library
334 N. Main St., Raeford NC 28376
910-875-2502 / www.srls.info



Movie Marathon



We'll be showing the Polar Express and Home Alone throughout the day. Stop by and enjoy some hot cocoa and candy canes.



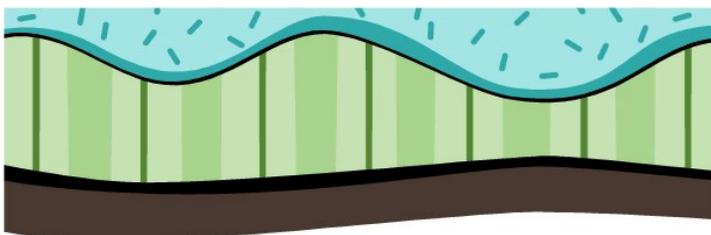
Where: Hoke County Public Library
Conference Room

When: December 22, 2015

Time: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm



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Raeford, NC 28376
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Hooks & Needles Knitting & Crochet Club

Tuesday, December 29, 2015
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

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910-875-2502 / www.srls.info

Please bring your own materials.
Instruction for beginners will be available by appointment.

Projects will include items for local charities. You could win a Michael's gift card!



Hoke County Friends of the Library
BOOKMOBILE FUNDRAISER

“Bricks For A Bookmobile”

ORDER FORM

Brick for Family \$100 Brick for Business \$150 (You may order multiple bricks)

Bricks will come in assorted colors, Red/Rustic or Sand/White (Laser Engraved)
See Sample Below



ORDER TIME FRAME: September 17—December 31, 2015

3 Fonts To Choose: ARIAL FONT A200, Times News Roman T101R, ZAPF Humnst Z110H

3 Lines To Choose (Try to Fill Up each Line) UP TO 20 Character Places (including space)

FONT CHOICE _____ How Many Bricks _____

LINE 1 _____

LINE 2 _____

LINE 3 _____

ONE ORDER FORM Per Brick (Unless All Bricks Are Same)

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

AMOUNT PAID _____ Check, Cash, Money Order

Friends of Library Phone Number Darlene Clark 910-875-5876 Email: DRclark5876@gmail.com

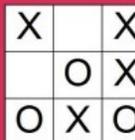
FAMILY GAME DAY 2016

Saturday, January 2
Saturday, February 6
Saturday, March 5

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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Board
games,
card
games,
puzzles,
and more!



Mommy & Me Book Club 2016

For mothers & their daughters
in grades K-2

Book Club Meetings, @ 1:00 pm:

Saturday, January 23
Saturday, February 20
Saturday, March 19
Saturday, April 9

**Reading lists will be available at HCPL,
and on the library's website & Facebook page

Mommy & Me Book Club Tea Party, @ 1:00 pm:

Saturday, May 7, 2015

Hoke County Public Library
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910-875-2502
www.srls.info



KEEP CALM AND COLOR

Escape the daily grind @ this coloring event just for adults!

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Bring your own lunch or snack.
Coloring sheets, crayons & colored pencils provided.



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Color With Me!

Family Coloring Events- 2016

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016**

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Coloring isn't just for kids anymore!

Load up the whole family – moms, dads, daughters, sons, grandparents, aunts and uncles! – come to the library, and color something wonderful!

All ages welcome!

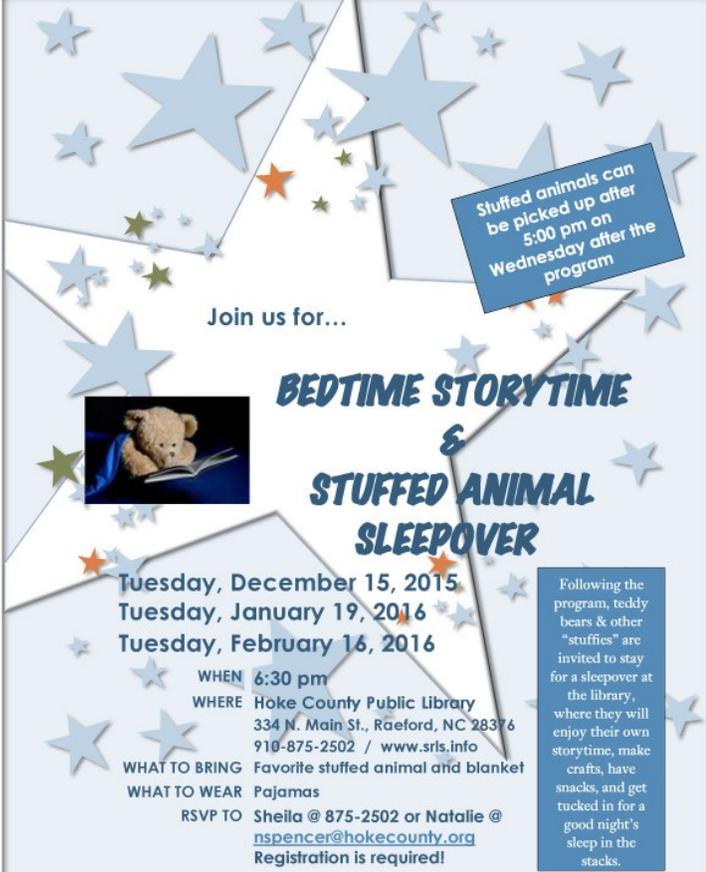
Coloring sheets, crayons, & colored pencils will be provided.



Hoke County Public Library

334 N. Main St., Raeford NC

910-875-2502 / www.srls.info

Join us for...

Stuffed animals can be picked up after 5:00 pm on Wednesday after the program

BEDTIME STORYTIME & STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

WHEN 6:30 pm
WHERE Hoke County Public Library
334 N. Main St., Raeford, NC 28376
910-875-2502 / www.srls.info
WHAT TO BRING Favorite stuffed animal and blanket
WHAT TO WEAR Pajamas
RSVP TO Sheila @ 875-2502 or Natalie @ nspencer@hokecounty.org
Registration is required!

Following the program, teddy bears & other "stuffedies" are invited to stay for a sleepover at the library, where they will enjoy their own storytime, make crafts, have snacks, and get tucked in for a good night's sleep in the stacks.




CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOKE COUNTY VETERANS

HCPL is collecting Christmas cards for Hoke County's military veterans who don't have a family of their own to share Christmas with.



November 23 through December 12, 2015

Stop by Hoke County Public Library to make a card at our craft table, or drop one off.

Include a note with holiday wishes & a "Thank you" for their service.

We'll mail the cards in time for Christmas.

HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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VETERAN'S SERVICES

Do you know someone that is Homeless? Here are some great local resources:

-Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant in North Carolina. Under the SSVF program, VA is awarding grant to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperative that provide services very low income Veterans families living in or transitioning to permanent housing. The SSVF program gives Veterans and their families the rapid assistance

they need to remain in permanent housing or get back into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Family Endeavors in Fayetteville is a contact you can make. 910-672-6166.

PTSD issues- You can learn more about PTSD at ptsd.va.gov

Aid and attendance (SMC)- Can a Veteran receive additional payments for serious disabilities?- VA can pay additional compensation to a Veteran who as a result of

military service, incurred the loss or loss of use specific organs or extremities.

Employability-

VA Health Care- you need a 10-10EZ to register for health at the New VA clinic in Fayetteville, or complete this form on VA medical center, Fayetteville webpage

Who is eligible for benefits under the post 9/11 GI Bill?

- Individuals who serve at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001 are

eligible. To be eligible for 100% of the benefits, an individual must have served an aggregate of 36 months of active duty service, or have been discharged for service connected disability after 30 days of continuous service after September 10, 2001. Veterans must have an honorable discharge to be eligible.

~ Jackie Haliburton
Veteran's Service Office



VA DEPENDENCY QUESTIONNAIRES

The Coach of the nonrated team requested that I remind the field force to encourage their veterans to return the Dependency Questionnaires in a timely manner. Dependency Questionnaires are sent to all veterans receiving benefits every 8 years. If these are not sent back to the VARO, the VARO will go back to the last time the dependents were verified and take them off the veteran's award which will create an overpayment. Also, the VA Form 21-4140s which are required to be filled out annually by veterans receiving I/U, should be returned timely. If the VA Form 21-4140 is not received by the VARO in a timely manner, then a proposal to reduce Rating Decision will

be initiated by the VARO. Veterans who are 65 years or older in receipt of I/U are not required to file a 21-4140 annually.

I understand from talking with Brad Stroud that the Mooresville Claims Clinic sponsored by the American Legion and Iredell County was a big success. This is a prime example of how collaboration and cooperation among agencies can better assist the veterans of North Carolina. A big thank you to Doug Chapman the VARO, Veterans Service Center Manager who ensured that we had a team from the VARO to support this event. Thank you to all those County and NCDVA folks who helped ensure this event was a

success! We are busy this week with a BVA Travel Board session and hope to help a veteran or dependent put a dollar in their pocket!

As Thanksgiving is just around the corner, it gives us reason to pause and reflect on how much we all have to be thankful for as Americans. We are truly blessed to be Americans and enjoy all the freedoms that are associated with being a citizen of the greatest Nation in the world. The price of freedom is not free and has been paid for by the tremendous sacrifices made daily by those wearing the uniform and all those who have worn the uniform of our military services. On Thanksgiving, please pause and remember those in uniform

throughout the world that sacrifice and persevere to ensure we continue to enjoy the freedoms of being an American! We at the SSO truly appreciate all the sacrifices made by our military members and also appreciate the dedicated services you folks in the field provide to our veterans on a daily basis. You folks are the best America has to offer and I'm proud to work with you in assisting veterans in the great state of North Carolina. Keep up the great work and have a safe Thanksgiving holiday!

~ Jackie Haliburton
Veterans Service Officer

HOKE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH ATTEND STATE 4-H COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Four youth delegates from Hoke County attended State 4-H Council Conference November 14-15, 2015 in Raleigh, North Carolina. The delegates joined more than 260 youth and adults representing 67 counties. While at the conference, delegates had the chance to learn about health, improve their leadership skills and participate in interactive workshops.

Hoke county 4-H'ers who attended were (pictured left to right) Aaron Clark, Abigail Clark, Trevor Young and Scott Warren.

The 4-H program is the youth education program of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State Universities. More than

232,000 young people ages 5 through 18 participate in North Carolina 4-H activities each year with the help of 20,563 adult and youth volunteers.

For more information on the 4-H program in Hoke County, please contact Cathy James or Cathy Brown at (910) 875-2162.



~ Cathy Brown
Hoke County 4-H

HOKE READING LITERACY COUNCIL NOVEMBER UPDATES

We have served 112 Students with 2108 hours of instruction
132 Students have completed 1051 hours of Lexia usage
80 participants in our public access computer lab have completed 422 hours of use
We have awarded 97 certificates for completion of Lexia reading levels
(YTD results as of 10/31/2015)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Two of our students were the winners of the Farm City Essay contest for their respective schools. In addition Kameil was the district winner for Hoke County. We are very proud of these young ladies and their accomplishments.

~ Carole Taitt
Hoke Reading Literacy Council



Kameil and Kameil pictured with Carole Taitt



Kameil and Kameil pictured with Barbara Tyson

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SANITATION REPORTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Sanitation grades and reports for all facilities inspected by Environmental Health in Hoke County are available online.

To access the reports, go to the Hoke County Environmental Health page on the county website and click the big link that looks like a grade card.

The Environmental Health page can be located by going to the main county website at www.hokecounty.net and then utilizing the drop down menus under the "Your Government"

heading as follows: County Departments > Department Listings > Environmental Health.

There is also currently a direct link to the Environmental Health page on the county news section of the main page.

You can also directly access the reports by simply going to: hoke.nc.gov/links.cfm

Once there, you may search for the reports you would like to view by date, establishment type, or other criteria.

Having these reports available online for easy viewing by the public is a valuable tool. The best thing a person can do when deciding where to eat or send their kids, etc. is to look at the posted grade and now they can also see why the grade is what it is.

~ Dawn Wilkie
Environmental Health



HEALTH CARE MARKETPLACE (WWW.HEALTHCARE.GOV)

To be eligible to enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace, you:

- Must live in the United States
- Must be a U.S. citizen or national (or be lawfully present). Learn about eligible immigration statuses.
- Can't be incarcerated

NOTE: If you have Medicare coverage, you're not eligible to use the Marketplace to buy a health or dental plan.

Important dates for 2016 enrollment

- November 1, 2015: Open Enrollment started — first day you can enroll in a 2016 insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Coverage can start as soon as January 1, 2016.
- December 15, 2015: Last day to enroll in or change plans for new coverage to start January 1, 2016
- January 1, 2016: 2016 coverage starts for those who enroll or change plans by December 15.
- January 15, 2016: Last day to enroll in or change plans for new coverage to start February 1, 2016
- January 31, 2016: 2016 Open Enrollment ends. Enrollments or changes between January 16 and January 31 take effect

March 1, 2016.

NOTE: If you don't enroll in a 2016 health insurance plan by January 31, 2016, you can't enroll in a health insurance plan for 2016 unless you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period

If you haven't applied for insurance on HealthCare.gov before, here's what you need to know about the Health Insurance Marketplace (sometimes known as the health insurance "exchange" or "Obamacare exchange").

1. The Health Insurance Marketplace is for people who don't have health coverage

- If you don't have health insurance through a job, Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or another source that provides qualifying coverage, the Marketplace can help you get covered.
- If you have job-based insurance: You can buy a plan through the Marketplace, but you'll pay full price unless your employer's insurance doesn't meet certain standards. Most job-based plans do meet the standards.
- If you have Medicare: You can't switch to Marketplace insurance, supplement your

coverage with a Marketplace plan, or buy a Marketplace dental plan.

2. What you pay for insurance depends on your income

- Your savings depend on your estimate of your expected income for 2016, not your income for 2015. Get a quick idea if your expected income is in the range to save.

• Based on the income estimate you put on your application, we'll tell you what you qualify for.

• Most people who apply qualify for a premium tax credit that lowers their monthly insurance bill.

• Some also save on out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and copayments.

• The plans are offered by private insurance companies with a range of prices and features. All plans cover: essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, including pregnancy, and preventive care.

• You can add dental to a health plan, but you don't have to. You can't buy a dental plan unless you enroll in a health plan.

3. You can apply for coverage 4 ways:

- Online

- By phone
- With in-person help
- With a paper application

4. If you don't have health insurance, you may have to pay a fee:

- Most people must have qualifying health coverage or pay a fee with their 2016 federal taxes.
- If you don't have coverage in 2016, you'll pay a penalty of either 2.5% of your income, or \$695 per adult (\$347.50 per child) — whichever is higher.
- Learn about the fee. In some cases, you might qualify for an exemption from the requirement to have health insurance.

5. Apply now. Act by December 15 for coverage starting January 1, 2016

You can apply right now. Enroll by December 15 and your coverage can start January 1, 2016. After January 31, 2016, you can't buy a health insurance plan for the rest of 2016 unless you have a life change — like having a baby, getting married, or losing other health coverage — that qualifies you for a Special Enrollment Period.

~ Della Sweat
Social Services Director

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

The Hoke County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) beginning Dec. 1, 2015. From December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 applications will be taken for households that contain a person aged 60 or above, or at

least one disabled person receiving disability benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability or Veterans benefits, through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. If funds remain, all other households may apply beginning January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016.

Eligibility is based on income, resources, citizenship or legal alien status and households that have a heating source. Eligible applicants will receive a one-time payment that will go directly to the vendor. Also, aged or disabled applicants that re unable to come into the office to apply can conduct a

phone interview.

For more information, contact the Hoke County Department of Social Services at 875-8725..

All Native Americans must apply at the Lumbee Tribal Office, located in Pembroke, NC.

HELLO, GOODBYE



New DSS Employees:

- Jackie Robinson- 8/25/15
- Denisha McGregor- 8/25/15
- Deborah Ross- 10/12/15
- Keila Cruz- 9/15/15
- Melinda McKoy- 11/9/15

DSS Retirements:

- Orlando Fairley- 6/30/15 (pictured right)
- Kay McMillian- 9/30/15 (pictured left)



DSS SPIRIT WEEK



2016 ELECTION INFORMATION



BE SEEN. BE HEARD.

VOTE WITH ID
In North Carolina

ELECTION 2016



NC VOTER ID

BEGINNING IN 2016, MOST VOTERS WILL NEED TO SHOW ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID AT THE POLLS.

FILING PERIODS:

Partisan Offices:

County and District Offices
(12:00 noon)
December 1-21, 2015

Non-Partisan Offices:

Soil and Water Conservation
Supervisors
June 13-July 1, 2016
Board of Education Members
July 5-August 1, 2016

ELECTION DATES:

PRIMARIES

(Presidential, Dem, Rep, Lib)
MARCH 15, 2016

SECOND PRIMARY

(No Fed Offices)
MAY 3, 2016

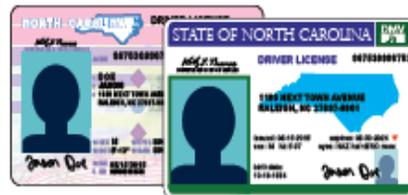
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SECOND PRIMARY

(With Fed Offices)
MAY 24, 2016

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2016



NC DRIVERS LICENSE/PERMIT
(may be expired up to 4 years)



NC IDENTIFICATION CARD
(may be expired up to 4 years)



US PASSPORT/PASSPORT CARD
(unexpired)



MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD
(unexpired, if there is an expiration date)



VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD
(unexpired, if there is an expiration date)



CERTAIN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARDS
(** see requirements below)

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE OF THESE FORMS OF ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE NC IDENTIFICATION CARD FROM THE DMV.

UNABLE TO GET AN ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?

Voters who are unable to obtain an acceptable photo ID due to a reasonable impediment may still vote a provisional ballot at the polls. A reasonable impediment may include the lack of proper documents, family obligations, transportation problems, work schedule, illness or disability, among others. Voters must also:

- (1) Sign a declaration describing the impediment they face; and
- (2) Provide their date of birth and last four digits of their Social Security number, or present their current voter registration card, or present a copy of an acceptable document with their name and address.*

VOTING ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL?

Photo ID is not required to cast a mail-in absentee ballot. Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available online, at the county board of elections and at all one-stop early voting locations, and can be submitted until 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the date of the election.

OVER THE AGE OF 70?

Voters who are 70 years of age or older may use any acceptable photo ID that has been expired for any length of time, provided the photo ID expired after their 70th birthday.

FORGOT YOUR ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?

Voters who do not present an acceptable photo ID at the polling place may still vote a provisional ballot that will be counted if the voter later presents an acceptable photo ID at their county board of elections office before noon on the day before their county board carries the election.

QUALIFIED TO VOTE CURBSIDE?

Voters who cannot enter the polling place without assistance because of age or disability may vote from their vehicle. Those voters may present either an acceptable photo ID or another acceptable document with their name and address.*

OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES?

Additional options exist for voters with a sincerely held religious objection to being photographed, voters who are victims of certain declared natural disasters, and newly registered voters who possess a drivers license or non-operators license issued within the United States. For details, visit www.VoterID.nc.gov.

* Acceptable documents include a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

** Cards issued by North Carolina-recognized tribes and approved by the State Board of Elections are acceptable for voting if they are unexpired. Cards issued by federally-recognized tribes are acceptable if they are unexpired, or if they have an issuance date and were issued within eight years.



IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID OR HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.



WWW.VOTERID.NC.GOV

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