

HOKE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2016

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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

Hoke County CDBG Scattered-Site Housing

Hoke County was awarded funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance. The funds received were used to provide housing assistance to three families in Hoke County. The County was able to demolish and clear two dilapidated units and provide those families with brand new modular units. The County was also able to use the remaining funds to provide rehab assistance to a third family in the County.

The families receiving assistance were low-income and had various issues with disability. The CDBG program was able to address those issues on behalf of the families. The Hoke County Board of Commissioners along with the Lumber River Council of Governments were very instrumental in the CDBG program. The families receiving assistance were able to address the Hoke County Board of Commissioners during the February 1st, Board meeting. They expressed their appreciation for the assistance they

received; not only for the Commissioners, the Lumber River COG but also for the Contractors who provided the work.

The photo included shows one of the families who received assistance and was taken in front of the new unit. The recipient was Alfred Hart, Jr. The photo contains the Alfred Hart, Jr. Family and Commissioners James Leach and Robert Wright. We have also included a picture of the old unit and the new unit.

~ Adrian Lowery
LRCOG





Hoke County Sheriff's Citizens Academy

The Hoke County Sheriff's Office will be holding its 3rd "Sheriff's Citizens Academy" to commence on Thursday April 7th 2016. Classes will be held at the Hoke County Sheriff's Office every Thursday evening from 6 pm to 8:30 pm, and last for nine weeks.

the topics to be covered are; Crime Prevention, Administrative Services, Patrol Duties, CSI & Evidence Procedures, Juvenile Process, Subject Control/Use of Force, Traffic Stops, Domestic Violence, Drug Enforcement, Gang and Criminal Investigations, K-9 Operations and Detention Duties.

21 years old and submit to a background investigation. Anyone interested in attending this session must complete a Citizens Academy Application at the Hoke County Sheriff's Office. Space is limited to 25 students, all others will be placed on a standby list in the event someone is unable to attend.

All classes will be instructed by Sheriff's Office staff and certified General Law Enforcement Instructors. Some of

Applicants must be a Hoke County resident or county employee, at least

Application deadline is March 31st 2016.

The 5th Annual Hoke County "Sheriff's Shootout" Basketball Fundraiser



On April the 8th 2016 come out to West Hoke Middle School to watch Sheriff Hubert Peterkin and his Hoke County Sheriff's Office All-Stars take on the West Hoke Middle "Tigers".

Game Time is 6 pm, at the West Hoke Middle School Gym. Tickets are 2.00 apiece and can be purchased in advance at any Hoke County Middle School or High School or at the door the day of the event. All proceeds go to

fund the Sheriff's Annual G.R.E.A.T Summer Camp.

Come out and support the kids and your Sheriff's Office in what's bound to be the game of the year.

Hoke County Planning Department



At their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 the Hoke County Board of Commissioners approved a Conditional Use Permit request to allow a 22,400 square foot new shopping center to be constructed along Highway 401 beside the assisted living facility and in front of the Stone Gate Apartments. As of right now they are only clearing the land. They have not received approval to begin construction and there is no

word as to what shops and businesses may lease space in the building.

On a more general note, as all are surely aware, North Carolina has received a lot of rain in 2015 and the beginning of 2016. This has resulted in standing water and some localized flooding issues. Hoke County Planning would like to remind citizens to check their culverts, pipes, and drainage ditches on their property.

Anything like that on their property is their maintenance responsibility and by keeping drainage areas clear of debris, trash, or anything else that may block the flow of water it helps their neighbors and community.

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*

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. The Pinwheels for Prevention is a National effort to raise awareness for child abuse prevention efforts across the nation. Pinwheels represent the bright futures all children deserve. We, at DSS, display pinwheels to

remind Hoke County that it is everyone's responsibility to make sure our community is safe for children to thrive. Anyone can purchase pinwheels by visiting the www.preventchildabuse.nc.org/store. Please feel free to display pinwheels in the month of

April to help raise awareness for this important cause. Hoke DSS is working with community partners to create an event for our county to Kick off this celebration!! Stay tuned.

~ Della Sweat
Director, DSS



CFSR Review

Hoke County DSS, Child Welfare Services, was one of ten county departments in the State that volunteered to take part in the 2015 Federal Child and Family services Review (CFSR). The CFSR is federal monitoring of child welfare services to ensure that children and families served by local child welfare systems are receiving necessary ser-

vices to achieve Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being. A large component of the CFSR is an actual review of child welfare cases across the State; 105 cases were reviewed from April 2015 to September 2015 in ten counties. North Carolina last underwent a CFSR in 2007. Hoke County DSS-Child Welfare Services is engaged in Continuous

Quality Improvement (CQI) and participating in the federal review was just one more way for us to assess our services. We strive to provide necessary, appropriate, and beneficial services to the children and families served by our local child welfare system so that Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being Needs are achieved. Hoke County

DSS will continue to partner with the State Division of Social Services and the other nine county DSS' that took part in the 2015 CFSR, as we all aim to improve services and outcomes for the children and families involved in the child welfare system.

~ Della Sweat
Director, DSS

Foster Care, Adoptions, and Licensing Unit

Hoke DSS offers a foster/adoptive parent training classes at least twice yearly. The 30-hour class is required for anyone interested in fostering or adopting a child from foster care. The class is free of charge and is normally held on Saturdays for five weeks. We are currently offering the class beginning February 20, 2016

and ending March 19, 2016.

For further information on fostering or adopting a child in foster care, please contact Nickkia McIntyre at 878-1989 or via e-mail at nmcintyre@hokecounty.org or April Locklear at 878-1927 or via e-mail at aunlocklear@hokecounty.org

Foster Parent Training will be EVERY Saturday on the following dates from 9:00am to 3:00 pm

- February 20, 2016
- February 27, 2016
- March 5, 2016
- March 12, 2016
- March 19, 2016

Must attend ALL 5 classes

Training will be at the Hoke County Department of Social Services

**314 S Magnolia Street
Raeford, NC 28376**

Duke Energy Low-Income Program

Limited Funds available to assist

Elderly and Disabled

DUKE ENERGY clients with:

- * Hook up * Repair
- * Electric bill Deposits
- * Electric bill payment assistance on delinquent bill
- *Purchase of energy efficient equipment (such as fridge, freezer, washer, dryer, ac unit, etc.

Maximum benefit is \$650.00 per individual. Contact a Hoke County DSS Adult Services Social Worker for program eligibility questions and to complete an application.

- There are income and crisis guidelines used to determine eligibility.

Program Ends June 30, 2016!



Special points of interest:

Teen-Time

Health Clinic for teens; available the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month from 4:30PM-7:00PM.

Child Birth Education Classes

Five week series on Thursday's, from 6-8PM contact Cornelia @ 910) 875-3717 Ext: 2104.

CPR & First –Aid Classes

Contact Ulva for more information @ (910) 875-3717 Ext:2106.

Diabetes Support Group

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 PM. Contact Ulva for more information @ (910) 875-3717 Ext:2106.

Board Of Health Meetings

Held on the 2nd Monday of every month @ the Health Department 7PM.

Public Health Advisory Council

Meets every 3rd Tuesday @ 11:30 AM. at the health department. Contact Ulva @ (910) 875-3717 Ext: 2106.

HOKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

February is Heart Health Awareness Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. To prevent heart disease and increase awareness of its effects, Hoke County Health Department is proudly participating in American Heart Month. Locally between 2010-2014, there has been a total of 321 deaths related to Heart Disease in Hoke

County, which is considered the leading cause of death in our county.

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease. To lower your risk:

- Watch your weight.

- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.
- Get active and eat healthy.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/disease/>

CDC Reports Adolescents' Use of E-Cigarettes Doubled

In just a year, the number of middle and high school students who have tried electronic cigarettes has more than doubled, from 3.3% in 2011 to 6.8% in 2012. The increased use of e-cigarettes is concerning since the long-term effects of these products remain unclear. Since 90% of smokers began smoking as teens, the increased use of e-cigarettes among teens is even more troubling as it may lead to the use of other tobacco products. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/>



Will the United States Have a Flu Epidemic?

The United States experiences epidemics of seasonal flu each year. This time of year is called "flu season." In the United States, flu season occurs in the winter; flu outbreaks can happen as early as October and can last as late as May. CDC says the flu season

begins when certain key flu indicators (for example, levels of influenza-like illness (ILI), hospitalization and deaths) rise and remain elevated for a number of consecutive weeks. Usually ILI increases first, followed by an increase in hospitalizations, which is then

followed by increases in flu-associated deaths.

It's still time to get that Flu shot...What are you waiting for?

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2015-2016.htm>

Health Literacy Resources for Older Adult Caregivers

Caregivers for older adults may have vast responsibilities, depending on the older adults' needs. Caregivers can influence health decisions older adults make or the decisions other people make about older adults. Because of this influence and responsibility, they need skills to support complicated medical conditions

and take advantage of opportunities to help older adults with health information.

The "Tips for Caregivers" section of CDC's Health Literacy website has a list of resources for caregivers who serve older adults. For example, the Palliative Care Communication Institute

created "A Communication Guide for Caregivers" to help families talk about cancer and get much needed care and support.

You can find this and more caregiver resources by visiting our Older Adults Tips for Caregivers webpage.

State Achieves 2020 Teen Pregnancy Goal 6 Years Early

North Carolina's teen pregnancy rate fell 8% in 2014, hitting a record low for a 7th consecutive year, according to new data provided by the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics and released by SHIFT NC (Sexual Health Initiatives For Teens). Statewide, 10,328 girls ages 15-19 experienced a pregnancy in 2014.

The 2014 teen pregnancy rate was 32.3 per 1,000 15-19-year-old girls. In other words, the newly released data shows that only 3.2% of 15-19-year-old girls in North Carolina experienced a pregnancy in 2014.

Other highlights from the newly released data include:

- Reduced pregnancies among girls of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, helping to minimize some historical disparities.

Pregnancies to white, black, and Hispanic teens dropped 7%, 11% and 9%, respectively.

- 75% of counties saw teen pregnancy decrease in 2014.
- North Carolina's teen pregnancy rate is 69% lower than when it peaked in 1990 at a rate of 105.4 per 1,000 girls ages 15-19.

Nationwide, researchers have attributed teen pregnancy declines to increased use of birth control, the availability of highly effective long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) like IUDs and the Implant, and a slight increase in the average age when teens first engage in sexual intercourse. North Carolina communities have focused on facilitating these trends. However, there is still much work to do in Hoke County.

Hoke County: Ranked #27

Number of pregnancies among 15-19-year-old girls: **65**

Teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 15-19-year-old girls: **41.8**

Teen pregnancy rates by race/ethnicity:

African American: **46.7**
 Hispanic: *****
 White: *****

Teen pregnancy rates by age

15-17-year-olds: **23.6**
 18-19-year-olds: **76.4**

Teen pregnancy rates by age

15-17-year-olds: **23.6**
 18-19-year-olds: **76.4**
 Number of pregnancies among 15-17-year-old girls: **24**
 Number of pregnancies among 18-19-year-old girls: **41**
 Percent of Repeat Pregnancies: **27.7%**

Teen birth rate per 1,000 15-19-year-old girls: **34.1**

NC County Ranking (out of 100 counties): **27**

Change since 2013: **-11.6%**



Environmental Health Sanitation Reports Available Online

Sanitation grades and reports for all facilities inspected by Environmental Health in Hoke County area 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 <http://www.hokecounty.net/> and then utilizing the drop

down menus under the "Your Government" heading as follows: County Departments > Departmental 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 <http://hoke.nc.gegov.com/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.

~ Helene Edwards
 Health Director



Environmental **Health** is Awarded a Grant

The Hoke County Health Department's Environmental Health division has been awarded a grant of \$8224 from NACCHO, the National Association of City and County Health Officials, to participate in the FDA Mentorship Program in 2016.

The Mentorship Program, in its fifth year, assists local health departments who are enrolled in the FDA Voluntary National Retail Program Standards by matching them with an

experienced mentor department who will guide them as they work towards program goals. Hoke County is one of the 27 jurisdictions nationwide to be selected. Their assigned mentor is Pitt County Environmental Health, of Greenville, NC.

Erik Johnson, Environmental Health Specialist with Hoke County, enrolled the department in the FDA Program Standards in August 2015 and applied for the grant in October. He says it is the

county's retail food regulatory program. Enrollee's must complete an initial assessment against nine Standards the first year to identify program gaps. In subsequent years the department will attempt to meet the individual Standards, including topics such as regulatory foundation, standardized staff training, foodborne illness preparedness, community relations, compliance/enforcement and program resources.

In 2016, Hoke's action

plan is to complete the initial self-assessment for all nine standards and prove compliance with the first Standard, regulatory foundation. Grand funds will pay for staff training, supplies, and staff time. An additional \$3000 is available to cover travel costs of mentor meetings and attending the national FDA conference in Washington, DC in August.

~ Helene Edwards,
Health Director

Hoke County Preparedness



2015-16 Working on Ebola response

- * Have had two Ebola information sharing meetings with partners
- * Have developed Ebola response plan

2015-16 Established Capabilities Rubric

- * Rubric based on capabilities have been established and sited
- * Capabilities weaknesses addressed

Plans for full scale exercise for 2017 have been planned

- * Plans for tabletop exercise for 2017 in May of 16
- * Working on strategies for scenario of foodborne illness

~ Roland Little
Preparedness Coordinator

Hoke Reading/Literacy Council

Hoke Reading/Literacy Council students will be reading at the 5th National African American Read In which will be held on Tuesday Feb. 16 at Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 8025 Turnpike Rd, Raeford. This event is open to the public.

UPDATE

YTD we have served 142 students with 1573.5 hours of computer instruction and 2108 hours of one to one instruction.

We have awarded 115 certificates and provided 85 Hoke County citizens with 557 hours of public access lab usage.

FRIENDS OF LITERACY DRIVE

Please support our Friends of Literacy drive which will take place shortly. Funds raised will be used to provide program support, books, and educational materials for our students. If you would like to make a donation please contact the office

staff at 910-875-2145 or email us at hrlc@nc.rr.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to serve as tutors for students (adults and children) in our program; Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, be an excellent reader and possess a willingness to pass on their love of reading to others. Training will be provided.

Please contact us if you are interested in serving.

~ Carole Taitt
Executive Director,
Reading/Literacy Council



Bernard (left)

Estrella (right)

Hoke County Animal Shelter News

This has been a long season of warm tidings and cold weather and we would like to take a moment and share a little bit from our last couple months here at the Animal Shelter. We started the holiday season off on Thanksgiving where we held our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Animals. We were so blessed this year as a total of 9 turkeys had been donated as well as all the other fixins' that go along with a good home cooked Thanksgiving dinner! Every animal that was here at the shelter that day not only got a home cooked meal hand fed to them, but they thoroughly enjoyed the affection of the staff and volunteers who wanted them to feel like they had a family during the holiday season. Every dog got taken outside for a nice long walk through the trail by our wonderful volunteers. Some sat at the picnic table just basking in all the affections an animal deserves!

Our Turkey day was preceded by a wonderful Christmas for them as well. It has been a shelter tradition here for some years that every single animal in the shelter gets their very own Christmas gift! They all get wrapped and the animals get to enjoy opening them. We aren't sure which they enjoy more the wrapping paper or the gift itself. We feel it is important to help each animal here feel the love that they all deserve, the love of a family. During the holidays we are their family.

We wrapped up the year with a sense of pride after seeing our adoption and rescue numbers for the year! Every year our adoption and rescue numbers keep rising and this year was no different. We had the highest adoption and rescue numbers that I have seen in my 10 years at the shelter and possibly ever! Our Facebook page has been an essential

part of our growing success and I urge you to find us and like us if you have not already done so. You can find us by searching "Assisting the Hoke County Animal Shelter" in the Facebook search bar. I recently wrote a story about two wonderful dogs who had to be surrendered by their daddy who had just lost his home. Our post has been seen by over 100,000 people already and was published on the Bark-Post. We were able to raise a couple thousand dollars for the family in need and both dogs are in a long term foster home until the family can get back up on their feet.

We will be announcing our annual rabies clinic in the next couple weeks and as a reminder we also do microchips at the shelter by appointment only for \$20.00 and rabies vaccinations to Hoke County residents for \$10.00. Please give us a call

if you would like to set up an appointment. 910.875.4827. also, if you or someone you know has a pet you need to get spayed/neutered, but cannot afford to do so please contact the low cost spay and neuter clinic. The Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic is a low cost spay neuter clinic located in the Sandhills, off US 1. Costs are heavily subsidized and available thanks to the support of the Companion Animal Clinic Foundation.

Call: 910-692-(3499) for appointments to spay/neuter your pets!

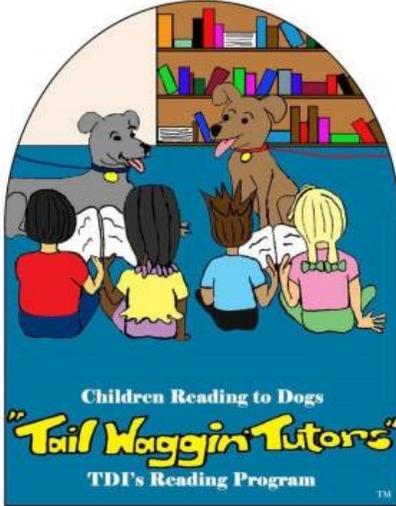
We invite you all to come out and meet our animals or to volunteer. We rely heavily on the love and support we receive from the community so we hope to see you soon!

~ Kristi Cartwright
Animal Shelter



Read with Jackson

A "Tail Waggin' Tutors" event for students in grades K-5



3rd Saturday of every month
3:00-4:00 pm

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

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Jackson enjoys listening to his favorite book, read to him by some of the library's younger patrons.



Mommy & Me Book Club 2016

For mothers & their daughters in grades K-2

Book Club Meetings, @ 2:00 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, 2016

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

Hooks & Needles Knitting & Crochet Club

- Tuesday, February 16, 2016
- Tuesday, March 15, 2016
- Tuesday, April 19, 2016
- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- (plus Saturdays on a drop-in basis)

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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!

Additional dates TBA



Color With Me!

Family Coloring Events

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 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.



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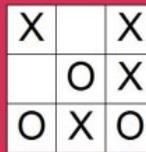
FAMILY GAME DAY 2016

Saturday, February 6
Saturday, March 5
Saturday, April 2

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Board games, card games, puzzles, and more!



BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS CLASSES

TUESDAYS – 5:00-6:00 PM

THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS – 10:00-11:00 AM

LIMITED SEATING
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

GETTING STARTED WITH:

INTERNET USE

E-MAIL

JOB SEARCHING

RESUMES

ONLINE APPLICATIONS

HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Raeford NC 28376
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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Library patrons at the puzzle table with a work in progress.



2016 ELECTION SCHEDULE

SPRING PRIMARIES

**PRESIDENTIAL
PREFERENCE PRIMARY**
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
Democrat, Libertarian, and
Republican Primaries
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
[That means ALL Primaries
will be held]
Tuesday, March 15, 2016

SECOND PRIMARIES (if needed):

County, District and State Offices
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
(or)
County District, State and
Federal Offices
Tuesday, May 24, 2016
(This would include US Congress and/
or US Senate Contests)

GENERAL ELECTION:

General Election
Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Canvass
Friday, November 18, 2016

Revised September 25, 2015

EARLY VOTING

One-stop Absentee (Early Voting) will be conducted from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm on weekdays
and 9:00 am-5:00 pm and 8:00 am-1:00 pm on Saturdays,
beginning **Thursday, March 3, 2016** thru **Saturday, March 12, 2016**.

2016 CANDIDATES LIST – PRIMARY

US PRESIDENT—REP

Mike Huckabee
John R. Kasich
Rand Paul
Marco Rubio
Rick Santorum
Donald J. Trump
Jeb Bush
Ben Carson
Chris Christie
Ted Cruz
Carly Fiorina
Jim Gilmore
No Preference

US PRESIDENT—DEM

Martin J. O'Malley
Bernie Sanders
Hillary Clinton
Roque Rocky De La Fuente
No Preference

US PRESIDENT—LIB

John David Hale
Cecil Ince
Gary Johnson
Steven Elliot (Steve) Kerbel
Darryl W. Perry
Austin Petersen
Derrick Michael Reid
Jack B. Robinson, Jr.
Rhett Rosenquest Smith
Barbara Joy Waymire
Marc Allan Feldman
No Preference

US SENATE—REP

Larry Holmquist
Paul Wright
Greg Brannon
Richard Burr

US SENATE—DEM

Ernest T. Reeves
Chris Rey
Deborah K. Ross
Kevin D. Griffin

**US HOUSE of
REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 02—REP**

Frank Roche
Kay Daly
Tim D'Annunzio
Jim Duncan
Renee Ellmers

**US HOUSE of
REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 07—REP**

Mark D. Otto
David Rouzer

NC GOVERNOR—REP

Pat McCrory
Charles Kenneth Moss
C. Robert Brawley

NC GOVERNOR—DEM

Ken Spaulding
Roy Cooper

**NC LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR—DEM**

Holly Jones
Ronald L. Newton
Robert Earl Wilson
Linda Coleman

**NC ATTORNEY
GENERAL—REP**

Buck Newton
Jim O'Neill

**NC ATTORNEY
GENERAL—DEM**

John Stein
Marcus W. Williams

**NC COMMISSIONER of
AGRICULTURE—REP**

Andy Stevens
Steve Troxler

**NC COMMISSIONER of
INSURANCE— REP**

Joe McLaughlin
Ronald (Ron) Pierce
Mike Causey

**NC COMMISSIONER of
LABOR—DEM**

Charles Meeker
Mazie Ferguson

**NC SECRETARY of
STATE— REP**

Michael LaPaglia
A.J. Daoud

**NC SUPERINTENDENT of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—
REP**

Mark Johnson
J. Wesley Sills
Rosemary Stein

**NC SUPERINTENDENT of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—
DEM**

Henry J. Pankey
June Atkinson

NC TREASURER—DEM

Dan Blue III
Ron Elmer

**NC STATE SENATE
DISTRICT 21—DEM**

Eronomy Neon
(Mohammed) Smith
Naveed Aziz
Ben Clark

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DISTRICT 16A—DEM**

Kristy McMillan Newton
James R. Allen

**HOKE COUNTY
COMMISSIONER—DEM**

James A. Leach
Robert A. (Bobby) Wright
Joseph (Joe) C. Alston
Lonnie Baldwin

SAMPLE

PCF 01 VTD 01

Sample Democratic Primary Ballot
Hoke County, North Carolina
March 15, 2016

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT
(county-wide) **D031**

BALLOT MARKING INSTRUCTIONS:
A. With the marking device provided or a black ball point pen, completely fill in the oval to the left of each candidate or selection of your choice as shown.
B. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.

PARTISAN OFFICES	NC Lieutenant Governor (You may vote for ONE)	NC State Senate District 21 (You may vote for ONE)
Presidential Preference (You may vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Holly Jones <input type="radio"/> Ronald L. Newton <input type="radio"/> Robert Earl Wilson <input type="radio"/> Linda Coleman	<input type="radio"/> Economy Neen (Mohammed) Smith <input type="radio"/> Naveed Aziz <input type="radio"/> Ben Clark
<input type="radio"/> Martin J. O'Malley <input type="radio"/> Bernie Sanders <input type="radio"/> Hillary Clinton <input type="radio"/> Roque Rocky De La Fuente <input type="radio"/> No Preference	NC Attorney General (You may vote for ONE)	District Attorney District 16A (You may vote for ONE)
US Senate (You may vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Josh Stein <input type="radio"/> Marcus W. Williams	<input type="radio"/> Kristy McMillan Newton <input type="radio"/> James R. Allen
<input type="radio"/> Ernest T. Reeves <input type="radio"/> Chris Rey <input type="radio"/> Deborah K. Ross <input type="radio"/> Kevin D. Griffin	NC Commissioner of Labor (You may vote for ONE)	Hoke County Board of Commissioners (You may vote for TWO)
NC Governor (You may vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Charles Meeker <input type="radio"/> Mazie Ferguson	<input type="radio"/> James A. Leach <input type="radio"/> Robert A. (Bobby) Wright <input type="radio"/> Joseph (Joe) C. Alston <input type="radio"/> Lonnie Baldwin
<input type="radio"/> Ken Spaulding <input type="radio"/> Roy Cooper	NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Henry J. Pankley <input type="radio"/> June Atkinson	
	NC Treasurer (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Dan Blue III <input type="radio"/> Ron Elmer	

Continue voting next side →

North Carolina Ballot Style D0031

-- VOTE BOTH SIDES --

SAMPLE

PCF 008 VTD 08

Sample Republican Primary Ballot
Hoke County, North Carolina
March 15, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL—2nd
(REPUBLICAN BALLOT) **R011**

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PARTISAN OFFICES	US House of Representatives District 2 (You may vote for ONE)	NC Secretary of State (You may vote for ONE)
Presidential Preference (You may vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Frank Roche <input type="radio"/> Kay Daly <input type="radio"/> Tim D'Annunzio <input type="radio"/> Jim Duncan <input type="radio"/> Renee Ellmers	<input type="radio"/> Michael LaPaglia <input type="radio"/> A. J. Daoud
<input type="radio"/> Mike Huckabee <input type="radio"/> John R. Kasich <input type="radio"/> Rand Paul <input type="radio"/> Marco Rubio <input type="radio"/> Rick Santorum <input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump <input type="radio"/> Jeb Bush <input type="radio"/> Ben Carson <input type="radio"/> Chris Christie <input type="radio"/> Ted Cruz <input type="radio"/> Carly Fiorina <input type="radio"/> Jim Gilmore <input type="radio"/> No Preference	NC Governor (You may vote for ONE)	NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (You may vote for ONE)
US Senate (You may vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Pat McCrory <input type="radio"/> Charles Kenneth Moss <input type="radio"/> C. Robert Brawley	<input type="radio"/> Mark Johnson <input type="radio"/> J. Wesley Sillis <input type="radio"/> Rosemary Stein
<input type="radio"/> Larry Holmquist <input type="radio"/> Paul Wright <input type="radio"/> Greg Brannon <input type="radio"/> Richard Burr	NC Attorney General (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Buck Newton <input type="radio"/> Jim O'Neill	
	NC Commissioner of Agriculture (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Andy Stevens <input type="radio"/> Steve Troster	
	NC Commissioner of Insurance (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Joe McLaughlin <input type="radio"/> Ronald (Ron) Pierce <input type="radio"/> Mike Causey	

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North Carolina Ballot Style R0011

-- VOTE BOTH SIDES --

SAMPLE

PCF 01 VTD 01

Sample Republican Primary Ballot
Hoke County, North Carolina
March 15, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL—7TH
(REPUBLICAN BALLOT) **R001**

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PARTISAN OFFICES	US House of Representatives District 7 (You may vote for ONE)	NC Secretary of State (You may vote for ONE)
Presidential Preference (You may vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Mark D. Otto <input type="radio"/> David Rouzer	<input type="radio"/> Michael LaPaglia <input type="radio"/> A. J. Daoud
<input type="radio"/> Mike Huckabee <input type="radio"/> John R. Kasich <input type="radio"/> Rand Paul <input type="radio"/> Marco Rubio <input type="radio"/> Rick Santorum <input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump <input type="radio"/> Jeb Bush <input type="radio"/> Ben Carson <input type="radio"/> Chris Christie <input type="radio"/> Ted Cruz <input type="radio"/> Carly Fiorina <input type="radio"/> Jim Gilmore <input type="radio"/> No Preference	NC Governor (You may vote for ONE)	NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (You may vote for ONE)
US Senate (You may vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> Pat McCrory <input type="radio"/> Charles Kenneth Moss <input type="radio"/> C. Robert Brawley	<input type="radio"/> Mark Johnson <input type="radio"/> J. Wesley Sillis <input type="radio"/> Rosemary Stein
<input type="radio"/> Larry Holmquist <input type="radio"/> Paul Wright <input type="radio"/> Greg Brannon <input type="radio"/> Richard Burr	NC Attorney General (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Buck Newton <input type="radio"/> Jim O'Neill	
	NO Commissioner of Agriculture (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Andy Stevens <input type="radio"/> Steve Troster	
	NC Commissioner of Insurance (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Joe McLaughlin <input type="radio"/> Ronald (Ron) Pierce <input type="radio"/> Mike Causey	

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North Carolina Ballot Style R0001

-- VOTE BOTH SIDES --

SAMPLE

PCF 008 VTD 08

Sample Libertarian Primary Ballot
Hoke County, North Carolina
March 15, 2016

LIBERTARIAN BALLOT **L071**

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PARTISAN OFFICES	REFERENDUM
Presidential Preference (You may vote for ONE)	Connect NC Public Improvement Bond
<input type="radio"/> John David Hale <input type="radio"/> Cecil Ince <input type="radio"/> Gary Johnson <input type="radio"/> Steven Elliott (Steve) Kerber <input type="radio"/> Darryl W. Perry <input type="radio"/> Austin Petersen <input type="radio"/> Derrick Michael Reid <input type="radio"/> Jack B. Robinson, Jr. <input type="radio"/> Rhett Rosenquest Smith <input type="radio"/> Barbara Joy Waymire <input type="radio"/> Marc Allan Feldman <input type="radio"/> No Preference	The issuance of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) State of North Carolina Public Improvement Bonds consisting general obligation bonds of the State secured by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to fund capital improvements and new facilities for the State, including, without limitation, the construction and furnishing of new facilities and the renovation and rehabilitation of existing facilities for, without limitation, the University of North Carolina System, the North Carolina Community College System, water and sewer systems, the State's National Guard, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, attractions and parks, and the Department of Public Safety.
	<input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against
	End of Ballot

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North Carolina Ballot Style L0071

-- VOTE BOTH SIDES --

From the Hoke County IT Department

Did you receive or give a new device during the holidays? Whether it's a smartphone, laptop, desktop, tablet, or another device, check out the below tips to help protect your new technology and secure your personal data.

Configure your device with security in mind. The "out-of-the-box" configurations of many devices and system components are default settings often geared more toward ease-of-use than security or protecting your information. Enable security settings on your device, and as you install software and apps, pay particular attention to those that control information sharing.

Lock the device. Locking your device with a strong PIN or password makes unauthorized access to your information more difficult. *Passwords are more secure than PINs.* If you have an Android device and want to use a lock screen pattern, make sure the pattern includes at least 7 points and doubles back over itself (e.g. at least 2 turns). If you use the fingerprint lock, remember that if your device is lost or stolen, you can't change or replace your fingerprints, like you can a password or PIN. So be careful with your device and make extra sure to protect your biometric

information. Additionally, make sure that your device automatically locks after a period of inactivity – preferably between 30 seconds and two minutes. This way, if you misplace your device, you minimize the opportunity for someone to access your personal information.

Regularly apply updates. Manufacturers and application developers update their code to fix weaknesses and push out the updates and patches. Enable settings to automatically apply these patches to ensure that you're fixing the identified weaknesses in the applications, especially your operating system, web browser, and apps.

Install antivirus software. Install antivirus software if it is available for your device and enable automatic updating of the antivirus software to incorporate the most recently identified threats.

Disable unwanted and unneeded services. Capabilities such as Bluetooth, network connections and Near Field Communications provide ease and convenience in using your smartphone. They can also provide an easy way for a nearby, unauthorized user to gain access to your data. Turn these features off when they are not needed. Also consider disabling or unin-

stalling other features or apps that you no longer use.

Be careful downloading apps. Apps provide a lot of wonderful capabilities for your device, but they are also a common way that malicious actors disseminate malware or gather information about you. Always make sure you trust the app provider and download the app from the Google Play Store, Apple's App Store, or other trusted source, as they proactively remove known malicious apps to protect users. Be proactive and make sure that you read the privacy statement, review permissions, check the app reviews, and look online to see if any security company has identified the app as malicious.

Set up a non-privileged account for general web use. Privileged (such as Administrator or Root) accounts allow you to make changes in how your device operates, but a compromised administrator account provides attackers with the authority to access anything on your device. Use a non-privileged account when browsing websites and checking emails.

Enable encryption. Encryption makes it hard for attackers who have gained access to your device to obtain access to your information.

Turn on encryption features.

Maintain your device's security. Remember that setting your device to be secure is great, but you have to keep those settings, as well. It may be tempting to do away with some of the security, such as a lock screen password, or allowing the settings to change when you get an app update, but that puts your device and information at risk.

By using caution and following these tips, you can help secure your new device and protect your information. Have a safe, secure, and joyous holiday season!

How to create a strong password:

<http://msisac.cisecurity.org/whitepaper/documents/Security%20Primer%20-%20Securing%20Login%20Credentials.pdf>

Advice for connecting a new computer to the Internet:

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST15-003>

~ Candace Pierce
Director, IT



Welcome to New Hoke County Employees

HATS

Sonja Dickerson
Tammy Dixon

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Alicia Dial, RN
Dr. Connie Jones

HUMAN RESOURCES

Nicole Dial

JAIL

Altarique Harrington
Travis McCusker
Clyde McNeill
Brittney Tuel
Michael Smith

PARKS & RECREATION

Janae Dupree
George Robinson

SENIOR SERVICES

Christina King

SOCIAL SERVICES

Aisha Bostick
Joshua Cooper
Shonja West
Christina Hunter Myers

UTILITIES

Jamile Butler
Annie Miles

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Charles Monroe

Featured Department: Tax Collections



*Left to Right:
Sonya Bowen, Susan Quick, April King, and
Director Daphne Dudley*

The Tax Collections Department is located in the Pratt Building at 227 N. Main Street.

They are responsible for the collection of taxes on personal property and real estate. The department also assist in answering tax and billing related questions for the residents of Hoke County.

Featured Department: Hoke County Public Library



*Back row (left to right): Director Sheila Evans, Staff Members Melinda Patterson & Sarah Oxendine, F*A*R Storyteller Jackie Kicklighter*

Front row (left to right): Staff Members Shirley McLaughlin, Clara Adams, Lynette Dial & Natalie Spencer

*Not pictured: Staff members Mareshah Abers, Larry Hope, & Logan Willis and F*A*R Storyteller Nancy McNeill*

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