

Welcome to the first issue of 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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A Word From Senior Services

Throughout the first few months of 2010, the Senior Services Department has accomplished a lot to assist our Senior Citizens.

Our Senior Health Insurance Information Program coordinator and staff assisted over twohundred fifty seniors with Medicare drug plans.

Our Medication Assistance Program helped sixty-five seniors and people with disabilities get their medications at a reduced cost, saving around \$90,891.98 in total.

Our staff collaborated with DSS, the Health Department, Cooperative Extension, and

other volunteers in the county to provide a meal and information for needy and homeless people. This event was held February 10, 2010. The number of attendees was well over eighty.

This agency has received a grant from Unilever and ARRA funds allowing us to provide meals to homebound seniors on the weekends in addition to regular weekdays.

Through a grant from North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, we were able to provide urgent home repairs to problems in the homes of seniors which posed a threat to life or safety.

We were able to provide wheelchair ramps to needy families, a cause which we would like to continue in the f u t u r e .

Through collaboration with Blue Springs CDC, we were able to provide assistance with tax preparation.

The Census Bureau was assisted in visiting our nutrition sites so that they would gain a better understanding of the community-dwelling seniors within Hoke County.

Hoke Senior Services has been able to help bridge the technology gap between seniors and their younger counterparts through free safe link cell phones.

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There's a New Tax Collector in Town

March 31, 2010 marked the end of an era for the Hoke County Tax Collections Department.

Judy Pittman, Tax Collector, has retired after 35 years of dedicated service. Mrs. Pittman is one of the most hard-working and devoted individuals ever to serve Hoke County. She has always led by example, she

believed in her staff, and she took great pride in Hoke County.

She has served for many years on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Turkey Festival, and plans to continue staying active with such community events in her retirement.

We wish her much happi-

ness in all her future endeavors! She will certainly be missed.

We would also like to congratulate the newest member of the Tax Collections Department, Daphne Dudley. Mrs. Dudley will be taking on the position of Tax Collector for Hoke County and we would like to welcome her to the team.



The Primary Election was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Hoke County has 25,928 registered voters. Exactly 4,589 citizens cast their ballots this election—that's only 17.70%! The General Election will be Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Be sure to cast your votes!

US SENATE - DEM (Vote For 1)

		Percent	Votes
Marcus W. Williams (DEM)		12.02%	358
Ann Worthy (DEM)		5.41%	161
Elaine Marshall (DEM)		36.77%	1,095
Ken Lewis (DEM)		9.77%	291
Susan Harris (DEM)		8.06%	240
Cal Cunningham (DEM)		27.97%	833
			2,978

US SENATE - REP (Vote For 1)

	Percent	Votes
Nancy Shakir (DEM)	45,39%	1,521
Larry Kissell (DEM)	54.61%	1,830
		3,351

NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 13 - DEM (Vote For 1)

	Percent	Votes
Michael Walters (DEM)	45.79%	1,562
R. Benjamin Clark III (DEM)	54.21%	1.849
		3,411

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DEM (Vote For 3)

		Percent	Votes
Damon Williams (DEM)		5.11%	442
Joseph C. (Joe) Poole (DEM)		16.86%	1,458
Jean E. Powell (DEM)		20.29%	1,755
Ellen C. McNeill (DEM)		22.83%	1.974
Tony Hunt (DEM)		22.51%	1.947
Lonnie Baldwin (DEM)		12.40%	1.072
			8,648

SHERIFF - DEM (Vote For 1)

	Percent	Votes
Hubert A. Peterkin (DEM)	86.50%	3,177
Sarah Purcell (DEM)	13.50%	496
		3.673

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT - DEM (Vote For 1)

	Percent	Votes
Russell Smith (DEM)	44.51%	1,602
Michael L. Dial (DEM)	26.17%	942
Theresa Byrd (DEM)	29.31%	1,055
		3,599

US SENATE - REP (Vote For 1)

	Percent	Votes
Larry Linney (REP)	4.28%	33
Brad Jones (REP)	6.74%	52
Eddie Burks (REP)	4.67%	36
Richard Burr (REP)	84.31%	650
		771

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 8 - REP (Vote For 1)

		Percent	Votes
Harold Johnson (REP)		5.21%	42
Hal Jordan (REP)		7.07%	57
Lou Huddleston (REP)		2.73%	22
Tim D'Annunzio (REP)	· ·	83.25%	671
Darrell Day (REP)		1.12%	9
Lee Cornelison (REP)		0.62%	5
		=======================================	806

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE - Calabria Seat (Vote For 1)

		Percent	Votes
Mark E. Klass		33.62%	1,096
Jane Gray		34.08%	1,111
Ann Marie Calabria		32.30%	1,053
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COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE - Elmore Seat (Vote For 1)

		Percent	Votes
Steven Walker	Ţ,	46.58%	1,459
Rick Elmore	i i	22.92%	718
Leto Copeley	Ţ.	9.61%	301
Alton D. (Al) Bain	<u> </u>	20.88%	654
		-	3,132

Is Your Family Looking for a Forever Friend?

The Hoke County Animal Shelter has plenty of potential pets just waiting for a new home.

The adoption process is very easy. The first step is to come out to the shelter, and meet your potential new pet. Then you just have to fill out some easy paperwork, and the next thing you know, you'll be taking home the newest addition to your family!

The fees at the Hoke County Animal Shelter are very reasonable. Adoption fees for a dog run \$90, and cats run \$60.

These fees include the cost to spay or neuter your pet, as well as administer the state-required rabies shot. In the event that your pet wanders away, he or she will also come with a personalized microchip so the fine people at 24PetWatch can ensure he or she finds his way safely home.

By adopting from the shelter, you help save a life!

The animals available at the Hoke County Animal Shelter can be viewed on the County Website as well as: PetTango.com PetFinder.com

Or you can stop by the shelter in person to take a look at the animals that are waiting for you to take them home! The Hoke County Animal Shelter is located at 353 CC Steele Rd. Raeford, NC 28376

Hours of Operation

Adoptions: M-F 9:00am to 4:30pm Drop Off: M-F 8:00am to 4:45pm Owner Claims: M-F 8:00am to 4:45pm

(910) 875-4827

Hoke County Summer Camp

With school almost ready to get out, and summer just around the corner, it's time to think about what your children will be doing over their summer vacation.

Hoke County Summer Camp is six weeks long, and is packed full of fun and education for your child. It's held at East Hoke Middle School from June 21 through July 30. Be sure to register early to ensure your child gets a slot!

There are a variety of activities for your child to engage in. There will be arts and crafts, as well as many games and activities.

There may even be a few field trips thrown into the mix for some added fun!

Through these activities, your child will learn to build strong skills in arts, communication, team work, and social interaction.

Weeks of June 21—July 30

Registration
May 18—June 12

Ages 6—12

Cost \$35.00 per week

Contact Kendric Maynor (910) 875-4035



HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY Me-WOW Van

(Web On Wheels)

The Sandhills Regional Library System offers Computer Training Classes. These are available to you in Hoke County on Mondays from 10am-11am.

These classes range over a variety of different topics. The best part—they're completely free of charge!

Take advantage, and take a chance to learn something new!

The sites for these classes vary each Monday, so be sure to get in touch with the library to find out where to find the van.

For information on the classes offered, and to sign up, contact the library at (910) 875-2502 or visit in person at 334 N. Main St

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WIC EVENTS

June 4, 2010
Breastfeeding Support Group
Topic TBA
Time: 1pm

June 2010
"It's All About You"
Wellness Program
Start Date TB A
Open to the public!