

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Editor's note: Items should be submitted for the community calendar by noon Friday before the publication date. You are asked to keep in mind that paste-up of the calendar page is done on Monday before publication. Also, if an ongoing item has been discontinued or needs to be changed, you are asked to contact the editor as soon as possible.

December 4

H.E.L.P. FISH FRY, a fund-raiser for the Share Your Christmas program, is scheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Edinborough Shopping Center. Eat in or take out at \$5 a plate. Free delivery with 10 or more orders. You can pick up your tickets at the H.E.L.P. Store on Main Street.
KIWANIS PANCAKE SUPPER and raffle will be December 4 at 5-7 p.m. at Hoke High's Gibson Cafeteria.

December 5

THE 48TH ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE will be held in St. Pauls on Friday, December 5, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Entries are being sought. The entry fee for kings and queens is \$25. The fee for commercial entries is \$50 and there is no charge for non-profit groups. To enter, call the Chamber at 865-3489 or the St. Pauls Review newspaper at 865-4179 and ask for Paul.
SANTA CLAUS will be at the Santa House near the Hoke Library at 3-5 p.m. Friday, December 5.

December 6

A YARD SALE to benefit the Christmas fund for residents of Raeford Manor will take place Saturday, December 6 beginning at 8 a.m. at A-1 Mini Storage, located on Highway 211 West. For information or to donate items, call 878-1562.
SANTA CLAUS will be at the Santa House near the Hoke Library at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, December 6.
THE 2ND CLASSIC CAR CHRISTMAS CRUISE-IN, sponsored by the St. Pauls Chamber of Commerce, will take place at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at War Memorial Park in St. Pauls, where Santa will greet children and where BBQ and hot dogs and beverages will be offered for sale. To enter the cruise-in, which will feature antique, vintage and customized cars, call Paul Terry at 865-4179.

December 7, 8

THE LUMBER BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held on Sunday, December 7 at 4:40 p.m. and Monday, December 8 at 7:10 p.m. at the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church in Lumber Bridge. The service is under the direction of Marvin Lynne Maxwell. Nursery services provided.

December 10

HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED Wednesday, December 10 for their annual Sandhill Region Library System staff training day. No books or other materials will be due on this date. Videos checked out on Tuesday, December 9 will be due on Thursday, December 11.

December 12

SANTA CLAUS will be at the Santa House near the Hoke Library at 3-5 p.m. Friday, December 12.

December 13

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP is Saturday, December 13 at the Hoke County Library at 10 a.m.-noon. This is the third such fellowship meeting. All are invited.
SANTA CLAUS will be at the Santa House near the Hoke Library at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, December 13.

December 15

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meets at the Senior Services Center in the former Amory Building at 7 p.m. Monday, December 15. Sponsored by Liberty Hospice for members of the community who are caregivers, the support group meets monthly. For additional information, call 875-8198.

December 16

HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16.

December 15, 16, 17

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES are being offered in December on the 15th, 16th and 17th. It is required that registration be done one week prior to the course starting date. All classes are at 6-9:30 p.m. at a Hoke County site to be announced later. Call Aric Clark at 875-2180 to register.

December 18

THE UNITED WAY OF HOKE COUNTY will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, December 18 at the Hoke County Public Library beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be for the purpose of electing new officers and welcoming new directors to the board. The public is invited to attend.

December 19

SANTA CLAUS will be at the Santa House near the Hoke Library at 3-5 p.m. Friday, December 19.

December 20

SANTA CLAUS will be at the Santa House near the Hoke Library at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, December 20.
CLOTHROOM REUNION is planned for Saturday, December 20 at 6 p.m. at the Vocational Options of Hoke building, located on Turnpike Road — it's the light blue building on the right after turning off Highway 211 Aberdeen Road and coming from West Hoke Elementary School, it's on the left near the Aberdeen Road intersection. Cost is \$25 per person and that includes a meal, dancing and a fashion/talent show. Make checks or money orders payable to Clothroom Reunion. The deadline is December 16. For more information, contact Odessa McLinnham at 843-5856; or Dorothy Hollingsworth at 875-6222.



Santa Claus will visit children at Santa House, located at the Hoke Library, on Fridays and Saturdays at designated hours until Christmas.

Ongoing events

HOKE COUNTY YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES hosts a victim's support group on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 4-5 p.m. at the office located beside the post office on West Elwood Avenue.
THE PLAYWRIGHTS OF THE CAPE FEAR invite playwrights, writers, and actors to join them in a new forum. They meet the first Wednesday at the main library in Fayetteville from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 425-0970.
INT'L F. & A.M. SONS OF DAVID LODGE meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays at the lodge located at 2606 Laurinburg Road.
RETIRED TEACHERS OF HOKE COUNTY meet at 3 p.m. in the Hoke County Library the third Wednesday of each month.
THE RAEFORD DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMISSION meets each third Tuesday at 9 a.m. at City Hall.
THE FRIDAY NIGHTERS JAM each Friday night at City Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Musicians and audience participation are invited.
T.O.P.S. TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY meets each Tuesday at 326 Magnolia Street at the corner of Magnolia and Campus avenues (across from the Raeford Presbyterian Church). Weigh-ins are at 3:45-4 p.m. and meetings are held at 4-4:30 p.m. For more information, call Kathy, 875-1689; or Colleen, 848-3339.
THE HOKE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL meets every fourth Tuesday at the Raeford Dance Arts Studio at 207 College Drive. For information, contact Jim White at 875-2206; or Pete Capp at 875-3983.
THE HISPANIC REPUBLICAN CLUB meets the third Thursday of the month at the Monterey Restaurant on Yaddin Road in Fayetteville at 7 p.m. For information, call Elana Askey at 426-1411; or email them at LatinoGOPclub@aol.com.
THE HOKE COUNTY DYSTONIA SUPPORT GROUP meets on a TBA basis. Anyone interested in joining this group may contact Rulmdia F. Purcell at (910) 875-3905. Family members are welcome to join. Learn more about dystonia by logging on to www.dystonia-foundation.org.
THE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Hoke County Health Center at 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Ulva Little at 875-3717.
TWELVE STEPS FOR CHRISTIANS SUPPORT GROUP is being sponsored by Freedom Chapel AME Zion Church each Wednesday at 10:41 a.m. also, each Friday, Saturday and Monday at 7-8 p.m. The group is committed to creating a safe place for men and women to share their experience, strength and hope with each other. The group is intended to complement other Christian-oriented recovery groups. For more information, contact Shirley Hart at 848-5635; or Ray P. Owens at 875-4904. The church is located on Freedom Church Road in Raeford.
THE ALLENDALE COMMUNITY WATCH ASSOCIATION meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., currently at 387 South Hilltop Road.
COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE LUMBER TRIBE OF N.C. take place the third Thursday at the tribal office, 707 Union Chapel Road, Pembroke at 6:30 p.m.
ATTENTION HOKE COUNTY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS: CPR and FIRST AID CLASSES are regularly scheduled. For information, call Child Care Connections at 904-6688 and ask for Shakara Graham or Jackie Rushing Hargrove.

THE BLUE SPRINGS-HOKE COUNTY TEEN AND ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAPP) meets every third Wednesday at the Hoke County Public Library. Members of the community, council members, educators, teens and parents are encouraged to attend. For more information and for meeting council times, call 904-0312.
A.F.&A.M. RAEFORD MASONIC LODGE #306 meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the lodge located on West Palmer Avenue.
WEST HOKE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT holds its monthly meeting each fourth Tuesday at the West Hoke Fire Dept., Turnpike Road, at 7 p.m. All citizens and groups of western Hoke County are urged to attend. For information, call 875-8063 or 875-0379.
THE HOKE COUNTY ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED BOARD meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Children's Center. AA meets every Monday night at 8 p.m. (an open meeting) at Evangelical Methodist Church Fellowship Building, the corner of 6th and Green Street in Raeford.
THE MELISSA SHIRINE CLUB meets the first Monday of each month at Raeford Masonic Lodge 306. All Shriners and Shrinettes are welcome.
THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY meets every second Thursday at 7 p.m. at The Lonestar Steakhouse, 1800 Skibo Road, Fayetteville. Meetings are open to the public. For information, call Brian Irving at 308-3253; or email info@libertypoint.org <mailto:info@libertypoint.org>.
THE CAPE FEAR BRANCH 259TH OF THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION and **THE LADIES AUXILIARY** meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Retired Military Association Building off Old Elizabethtown Road in downtown Fayetteville. Residents of Hoke County who are active or retired Navy, Marines or Coast Guard are invited to join the branch unit meeting. For more info, call Leonard Galloway at 875-6020.
THE HOKE COUNTY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION meets the third Monday (note the change from Tuesday) of each month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Call Jackie Hargrove Rushing at 875-5645 for more information.
THE HOKE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES board of directors meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Partnership office at 1089-B East Central Avenue in Raeford. For more information, call 904-5452.
THE RAEFORD-HOKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE board of directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 a.m. at the Chamber Depot. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to be placed on the agenda should call the Chamber office at 875-5929.
SENIORS BINGO is held at the Hoke Public Library the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. with free prizes and refreshments. For more information, contact Parks and Rec. at 875-4035.
HOKE COUNTY 4-H is the youth development organization of the NC Cooperative Extension Service and is open to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 19. Community clubs are located throughout the county and meet once a month at various locations and times. Ongoing community clubs include: Clover Crusaders, Hands to Service, Lucky Leaders and West Hoke Blue Dolphins. To receive additional information on location and times of club meetings, how to become a 4-H club member, or general information call the 4-H office at 875-2162.
THE HOKE COUNTY EXTENSION AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CLUBS (formerly the Hoke County Extension Homemaker) meet once a month at various times and locations throughout the county. Current ongoing clubs and meeting dates are:
 • Mildouson Extension & Community Association Club - 4th Monday of the month;
 • Busy Homemakers Extension & Community Association Club - 2nd Thursday of the month;
 • Philippi Extension & Community Association Club - 3rd Monday of the month;
 • Raeford Morning Extension & Community Association Club - 1st Thursday of the month.
 For more information, call the Hoke County Center of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service at 875-3461.
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Raeford Masonic Lodge on East Palmer. The public is invited. Contact Jere McClendon at 875-5408 for more information.

Military service-connected meetings

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - Ralph A. Pandure VFW Post 10 meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 145 Hanger Lane off Doc Brown Road. That is at PK Airpark. Contact Terry Middleton at 875-9600 or George Balch at 875-4410 for more information.
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (Hoke County Chapter 17) holds their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. Contact Commander Leo Salzer at 875-4083; or George Balch at 875-4410 for more information.
ELIAS B. WILLIAMSON RAEFORD POST 20 of the American Legion meets the third Thursday of each month (note day change) at 7 p.m. at the Hoke County Library. For more information, call Tom Squire at 875-2147.
THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF RALPH A. PANDURE VFW POST 10 meets every second Monday at 7 p.m. at 145 Hanger Lane, located at PK Airpark off Doc Brown Road. Contact Ida Workman, president, 904-1612, for more information.
ALPHONSO PICKETT VFW POST 7930 AND AUXILIARY meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. For information, contact commander Richard Ferguson at 848-6190 or senior vice commander Guy Morris at 875-4032.
THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION AND LADIES AUXILIARY meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Retired Military Association building off Old Elizabethtown Road in Fayetteville. For more information, contact the Galloways at 875-6020.

Remembering and honoring Hoke's heroes

The News-Journal has established a Wall of Honor for Hoke's sons and daughters who are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and elsewhere in defense of our country.
 Previously included on our "wall of heroes" are Lonnie Lee Peterkin Jr., LaTroy D.R. Peterkin, Danielle

L. Peterkin, LCPL Elliott B. Graham, LCDR Karl Rauch, SSgt. Erin L. Brown, Sgt. Gregory L. McLean, Lt. Col. Michael Sundborg and E2(LS) James W. Watson.
 The idea for a Wall of Honor originated with the Rev. Elie B. Graham, who also wants Hoke's war heroes to be

remembered in other ways. He may be contacted by calling 281-4936.
 If you want your loved one to be included in the Wall of Honor, email pat@thenews-journal.com or mail to or bring photos and write-ups by The News-Journal office at 119 West Elwood, Raeford NC 28376.



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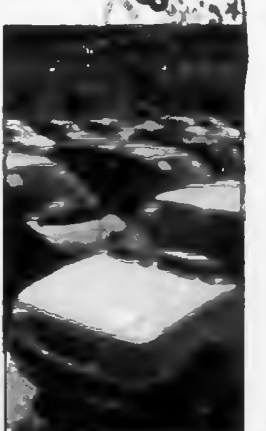
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