

BROWSING THE FILES



Members of the Philippi Homemakers Extension Club present a \$75 check to Rescue Squad executive vice-president Billy Posey at the squad's regular Thursday meeting. They are Vera May Attaway, making the presentation, and, from left, Charles Tew, Mrs. A.J. Lundy, Mrs. Nelda Baucom, Mrs. Leenia Patterson, Mrs. J.L. Conoly and Mrs. Chester Wade.

47 Years Ago

December 25, 1969

The Key Club at Hoke High School collects 10 truckloads of trash from the main highways coming into Hoke County.

The Christmas decorations are the best ever, folks tell columnist Sam Morris. "We think that a bouquet should be given to the Chamber of Commerce for the project," he writes.

The candles in the medians on Main Street are the result of a letter to the people who live there. It's from Talmadge Baker, farm agent, who purchased the candles and sent his North Main neighbors a letter saying, "While visiting a neighboring town recently I learned of a most exciting activity which is done at Christmas. The residents of the area light their street by placing candles in paper bags, which are partially filled with sand to keep them in place. This is a custom of lighting the streets of a neighborhood with candlelight to symbolize the bonfires the Shepherds built to light their way to the manger in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve. This custom of 'Lighting the Candles' is called LUMINARIA, which comes from the Spanish word meaning light." He suggests a single line of candles along Main to begin the custom.

Ninety families face cuts in welfare aid the first of the year after the state cut payments to AFDC recipients. "I will personally see that no stone is left unturned in trying to secure the additional state funds necessary to make up the deficit we are faced with," says State Social Services Board Chairman John R. Jordan Jr.

The number of working wives in Hoke County continues to increase. No less than 48.5 percent of married women here leave their homes each day and head for outside jobs. In 1960, that figure was 36.8 percent. Timesaving appliances are credited for this.

25 Years Ago

December 25, 1991

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

January 3, February 7 & March 7
COFFEE WITH A COP will be held at Hardee's at 4 p.m.

January 18, March 15, May 17 & July 19

HOKE READING/LITERACY COUNCIL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on the third Wednesday of the months listed at 12:30 p.m. at the Literacy Council, 125 West Elwood Avenue. The public is invited to attend the meetings. July 19 is the annual meeting (time to be announced). Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, please contact the Hoke Reading/Literacy Council at 910-875-2145.

January 11
HOKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION WILL NOT HAVE SENIOR BINGO AT THE LIBRARY.

January 13, February 10, March 10, April 7, May 5 & June 9
AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS

SCHEDULE (ADULT/CHILD/INFANT) - Classes are held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Classes may be changed/cancelled depending on availability of instructor, holiday and inclement weather. To register or for more information call the Hoke County Health Department at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106.

May 22 - 25
Hoke County Parks and Recreation presents BILTMORE ESTATE and ASHEVILLE, N.C. The deposit of \$75 is due January 9. The cost will be \$355 pp double, \$335 pp triple and \$444 for single. If you or someone you know is interested in this trip, call 910-875-4035 for more information.

NOTICE: In order to keep our Calendar up-to-date, we are adding an expiration date to the following announcements. If you would like the event to continue in our calendar after the expiration date, please call (875-2121), fax (875-7256) or email (robin@thenews-journal.com) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

Others
FRESH START RECOVERY GROUP holds weekly meetings. Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. at 334 N. Main St.; Tuesdays and Fridays from 8-9 p.m. at 399 Oakdale Gin Road; Wednesdays from noon - 1 p.m. at 399 Oakdale-Gin Road. 24-hour NA hotline number is 866-418-9500. (expires February 2017)

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the last Tuesday of each month at Pittman Grove Baptist Church. The meetings are from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (expires March 2017)

MAGGIE'S OUTREACH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MOCEDC) is looking for Mentors over the age of 21 to be a mentor to our Youth. We are looking for mentors to help change the lives of our At-Risk Youth (boys and girls) in the community. You must be able to pass a background check and be willing to commit to making a difference. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunities in mentorship, contact our office at (910) 875-6623 or mbdevelcenter@mocecdc.org. (expires February 2017)

ENROLLING NOW for MAGGIE'S ROAD TO SUCCESS (RTS) computer classes. We offer basic, intermediate, advanced computer classes and social media (Facebook) and/or Instagram classes. You do not have to know anything about the computer. Classes last for 8 weeks and are 2 sessions per week. We are located at 7350 Turnpike Road. Call 910-875-6623 for more information. (expires February 2017)

MAGGIE'S OUTREACH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MOCEDC) Youth & Family Center has slots available for after-school care & tutoring. Enroll now for the 2016 School Year. Tutoring 3 days (scheduled session only) - after school 5 days 3 - 5 p.m. Includes snacks, recreational activities and peer-to-peer team building. For more information, contact us at 910-875-6623 or visit us on the web at www.mocecdc.com or email at mbdevelcenter@mocecdc.org. (expires February 2017)

HOKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT offers a variety of healthcare services available by appointment Monday - Fridays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. which includes Primary Care, Child Health, Family Planning,

Maternal Health, and much more. To schedule your appointment or request information call 910-875-3717 or visit us at www.hokecounty.net (expires December 2016)

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASSES are offered at the Hoke County Health Department. Five week sessions are on Thursdays of every month from 6 - 8 p.m. You do not have to be a Hoke County resident to participate. \$35 Pre-registration fee is applicable. Medicaid accepted. For more information, contact Mrs. Murchison at 910-875-3717 ext. 2104. (expires December 2016)

ADOLESCENT HEALTH CLINIC for ages 11-19 is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month from 4:30 - 7 p.m. This clinic offers a full range of teen-friendly health services and health education programs at a convenient time. To make your appointment, contact the Hoke County Health Department at 910-875-3717. (expires December 2016)

AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS will be held at the Hoke County Health Department. Classes include adult, child and infant lifesaving techniques. For more information or to register for a class, contact Ulva Bennett at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106. (expires December 2016)

HOKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION LINE DANCE, SWING AND SHAG FEES for classes has changed. The fee is \$25 per month per person (no refund) to be paid the 1st of each month. The fee is to be paid in the Parks & Recreation office by cash, check or money order. The classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m. in the LE McLaughlin senior room. There will be two make-up classes per month for class cancellations. If you have questions or concerns call 910-875-4035 for more information. (expires February 2017)

MAGGIE'S RTS COMPUTER CLASS - Basic intermediate and social media classes. You do not have to know anything about the computer. We are located at 7350 Turnpike Road. Call today for more information at 910-875-6623 or visit www.mocecdc.com. (expires January 2017)

MOCEDC Youth & Family Center, 7350 Turnpike Road, presents "After-school & Tutoring Program" - Enroll Now for 2014-2015 School Year. Tutoring 3 days (scheduled session only) - After School 5 days 3 - 6 p.m. Includes snacks, recreational activities, and peer to peer team building. 910-875-6623 www.mocecdc.com: email: mbdevelcenter@mocecdc.org (expires January 2017)

HOKE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES is open to all seniors 55 and older. Free use of exercise equipment, table games and other games are available everyday from 12 - 4 p.m. (expires February 2017)

CAPE FEAR VALLEY HOSPICE is seeking volunteers to support our patients, families, and administrative staff in the areas in and around Raeford/Hoke County. Training is provided. Contact Kaitlyn Collins at 910-609-6710 for more information. (expires January 2017)

RAEFORD-HOKE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at Edinborough Restaurant. All pastors and ministers are invited. Contact Tom Lee at RaefordFBC@gmail.com (expires March 2017)

The TIA HART COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROGRAM, Inc. meets Mondays 7 p.m. & 8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays 7 p.m. at 116 E. Elwood Ave. The 2nd & 4th Friday we have a food give-away. For more information, call 910-565-3063. (expires January 2017)

RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS - Apply today at MOCEDC, 7350 Turnpike Road or call 910-875-6623. (expires January 2017)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Raeford United Methodist Church, 308 N. Main St. For more information, call 910-479-1781. (expires January 2017)

PROGRAMS for CHILDREN held at the Hoke County Public Library. Call 875-2502 for more information. Mondays - Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. HOMEWORK CENTRAL - FREE homework help and support for elementary and middle school-aged students. Volunteer tutor applications are being accepted. Select Saturdays: STORY SATURDAY for children and their families at 3 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (expires February 2017)

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. - PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - Storytime for children ages 3-5 at the Hoke County Public Library. Call 875-2502 for more information. (expires March 2017)

FREE BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES at Hoke County Public Library; expanded schedule due to high demand. Tuesdays at 5 p.m., Thursdays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Call 875-2502 to register and for more information. (expires February 2017)

Merry Christmas

from the staff of
The News-Journal

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Early ad deadlines!

The Echo & News-Journal ad deadline is 10 a.m. Friday, December 23. We will be closed Monday, December 26. We will re-open December 27.