

HUNT COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

January 2023 EDITION

Important & Fun Dates to Remember:

January 1st New Year's Day

January 2nd Courthouse Closed

January 4th Trivia Day

January 9th Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

January 16th Martin Luther King Day Courthouse Closed

January 19th National Popcorn Day

January 22nd Chinese New Year

January 23rd National Pie Day

January 25th Opposite Day

Fun Things to do in Hunt County!





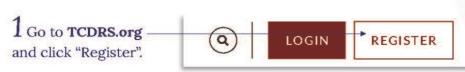


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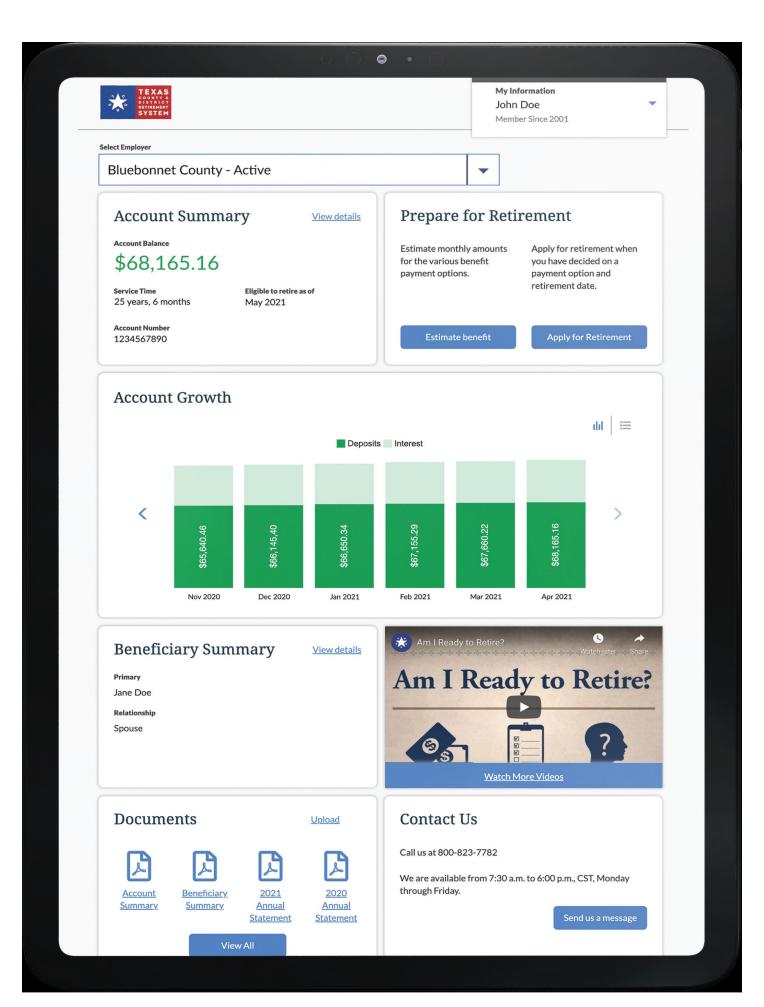


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Happy Work Anniversary!

Thank you to all the County Employees who began their employment or current position during the month of January. Thank you for your years of service!

10 + Years of Service

Ren Saxton-19 years, Sheriff's Office Jeff Kovach-12 years, District Attorney's Office

Joel Littlefield-18 years, CCAL 2 Judge Shelly Hughes-11 years, District Attorney's Office

Jimmy Regan-18 years, R&B 2 Phillip Martin-10 years, Commissioner PCT 3

Libby Dunham-17 years, County Clerk Wayne Money-10 years, JP-1-1

Andy Bench-16 years, 196th District Court Judge Randy Wineinger-10 years, Tax Assessor'

Julie Deary-16 years, 196th District Court Paul Arnold-10 years, Tax Assessor's Office

Julie Morrissey-16 years, Homeland Security Stephanie Holbrook-10 years, Tax Assessor's Office

Clinton Landrith-15 years, Sheriff's Office Edna Garner-10 years, Detention Officer

Shannon Sudderth-14 years, 354th District Court Sheila Linden-12 years, JP 1-2

Holly Peterson-12 years, County Attorney's Office

1 to 9 Years of Service

Debbie Driggers-9 years, JP 2

Richie Valenzuela-9 years, Constable PCT 1

Eric Huggins-8 years, County Court at Law 1

Cathy Stroud-8 years, County Court at Law 1

Timothy Linden-8 years, CCAL 1 Judge

James Troublefield-8 years, Detention Officer

David Hearne-7 years, R&B 2

Karen Blakely-7 years, Facilities

Allison Flanagan-6 years, District Attorney's Office

Connie Porter-5 years, Constable PCT 4's Office

Lisa Lopez-4 years, JP 4 's Office

Steven Harrison-4 years, Commissioner Pct 4

Kerry Crews-4 years, JP 2

Jamiah Williams-3 years, County Attorney's Office

Renee Layman-4 years, District Clerk's Office

Noah Palmer-4 years, Detention Officer

Bobby Stovall-4 Years, County Judge

Roy Leevey-3 years, Detention Officer

Mark Andrews-3 years, Detention Officer

Ralph Grassi-3 years, Detention Officer

Michael Rupon II -3 years, Detention Officer

Matthew Regan-2 years, Constable PCT 4

Christine Young-2 years, County Court at Law 2

Perry Sandlin-2 years, County Attorney's Office

Elisha Hollis-2 years, District Attorney's Office

Mark Hutchins-2 years, Commissioner PCT 1

Justin Sheets-2 years, Constable PCT 3

Ann Taylor-2 years, County Attorney's Office

Thomas Trammell-2 years, R&B 3

Deborah Warren-2 years, Sheriff's Office

Jasmine Simpson-2 years, Elections Office

Joseph Thompson-2 years, R&B

Crystal Bogan-2 years, District Clerk's Office

Mark Clark-1 year, Constable PCT 2

Austin Jackson-1 year, Detention Officer

Christopher Perry-1 year, Detention Officer

Brittney Martin-1 year, County Clerk's Office

Nathanael Whitehead-1 year, Homeland Security

Angela Webb-1 year, Tax Assessor's Office Lauren Covington-1 year, Detention Officer



TOP 10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

(By country living)

- 1. Lose weight
- 2. Eat healthier or change diet
- 3. Get fitter and take more exercise
- 4. Spend more time with family and friends
- 5. Be more aware and take care of mental health
- 6. Sort out finances and cut back spending
- 7. Travel more
- 8. Take up a new hobby, sport, or other interest
- 9. Be more environmentally friendly
- 10. Look for a new job

Southern New Year's Tradition

(By Wide Open Country)

Here in the South, we do our own thing.

- ♦ Black-Eyed Peas
- Collard Greens
- Cornbread and Ham
- Fireworks
- Clean House and Fill up the Pantry
- The First Visitor



Happy Retirement!

Justice of the Peace David McNabb

JP-4

Wishing you the best for your retirement!

Dance your way into 2023...New Year's related songs! (Parade Magazine)

Mariah Carey – Auld Lang Syne (The New Year's Anthem)

The Isley Brothers – Shout

Taylor Swift – New Year's Day

U2 - New Year's Day

Otis Redding & Carla Thomas - A New Year's Resolution

Bing Cosby - Let's Start the New Year Right

Pink - Raise Your Glass

New Year's Traditions from Around the World

In Denmark, plates & glasses are thrown against the front door to banish bad spirits

In Spain, 12 grapes are eaten at Midnight for each of month to bring good luck

In England, Wassail (a punch like drink) is served at Midnight

In Iran, Eggs (symbol of fertility) are exchanged

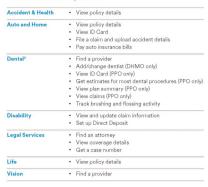
In Scotland, First Footing is observed; the first footer through the door indicates what kind of new year is to come



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Southern Fried Cabbage Ingredients

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⅓ cup vegetable oil 3 slices bacon, cut into thirds

- 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste
- 1 head cabbage, cored and sliced
- 1 white onion, chopped
- 1 pinch Directions
- 1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat; add bacon and season with salt and pepper. Cook until bacon is crisp, 5 to 7 minutes.
- Add cabbage, onion, and sugar; cook and stir continuously until cabbage and onion are tender, about 5 to 10 minutes

(By Allrecipes)

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Hunt County Employee Spotlight

Human Resources would like to introduce January's Employee Spotlight, Jessica Sims with the County Judge's Office. Get to know Jessica, read below to find out answers to our questions.

How long have you worked for Hunt County?

1 year & 7 months

What is your favorite thing about working for Hunt County?

Getting to help so many different people and constantly learning new things

If you didn't work for Hunt County, what's another career path you would take?

I would like to be a Professional Angler

If you had the ability to either see the future or visit the past, which one would you pick?

I would like to revisit the past to see my friends and family one last time who have already passed on

What would you name your yacht if you had one? "WHY KNOT"

Would you rather be a Big Fish in a small pond or a Small Fish in a big pond?

At this moment in my life, I would rather be a small fish in a big pond.

There are many people I can learn from and grow to help build a great team someday

Would you rather be an expert at one thing, or pretty good at many things?

Pretty good at many things

What 3 words best describe you?

Loyal, thoughtful, & sensitive

What is the one thing you cannot live without?

My family

Do you have any words of wisdom?

Speak with honesty Think with sincerity Act with integrity



Hunt County Leadership Message:

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."

Ronald Reagan

Hunt County Judge Bobby W. Stovall

New Year's Trivia Questions

When did the New Year's Eve Ball first drop at Times Square?

How many versions of the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball have there been to date?

When did LED lights first appear on the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball?

How many LED modules are in the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball?

Who is credited with writing the poem "Auld Lang Syne"?

In Scottish traditions, who do you kiss at midnight on New Year's Eve?

Who was the first broadcast host of Times Square New Year's Eve celebrations?

To all the Hunt County employees born in **January** we wish you a wonderful Birthday!

1st	Paula Metzger	Health Department
1st	Kimberly Langehennig	Detention Officer
3rd	Daniel Uzialko	196th District Court
3rd	Karen Blakley	Facilities
3rd	Christopher Bridger	District Attorney' Office
5th	Dora Cruz	JP 3's Office
5th	Tony Bradley	Homeland Security
5th	Jacob Fisher	Detention Officer
7th	Wanda Dawson	District Clerk's Office
7th	Patricia Peters	Sheriff's Office
8th	Thomas Trammell	R & B 3
9th	Julie Morrissey	Homeland Security
9th	Seth Rodgers	Detention Officer
10th	Janice Evans	County Attorney 's Office
12th	Danrose King	JP 1-1's Office
12th	Cassidy Austin	Human Resources
13th	Jeff Money	Sheriff's Office
13th	Perry Sandlin	County Attorney's Office
14th	Shannon Morel	Sheriff's Office
15th	Benny Brothers	Homeland Security
15th	Steven Harrison	Commissioner Pct 4
15th	Aaron Craig	R&B 2
16th	Jon Knudson	Sheriff's Office
19th	Michail Eckles	Detention Officer
21st	Myron Waters	Juvenile Probation
22nd	Vi Wells	Detention Officer
22nd	Crystal Bogan	District Clerk's Office
23rd	Korby Quirl	Detention Officer
23rd	Sara Steves	County Attorney 's Office
23rd	Maria Segovia	Tax Assessor's Office
24th	Charles Kennemer	Constable 4's Office
25th	Johnny Pairsh Jr.	R&B 1
26th	Hailey Hambleton	Detention Officer
27th	Phillip Staton	R&B 3
28th	Elias Leija Garza	Detention Officer
29th	Robert Hunter	Detention Officer
30th	Jimmy Regan	R&B 2
30th	Kirsten Polk	Ag Extension
31st	Lillie Clayton	Facilities

January Facts

The Rose Parade is held every since 1890 in Pasadena, CA. It has been broadcast worldwide in over 100 countries.

In leap years, January always starts on the same day as April and July.

Generally, January is the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

Garnet is the birthstone of January. Capricorn and Aquarius are the (2) Zodiac signs for the month of January. The Dianthus Caryophullus, aka The Carnation, is the birth flower for January.

On January 1, 1892, Ellis Island open. Allowing over 20 million people to immigrant into the United States of America.

On January 4, 2023, the Earth reaches perihelion, which is the point in the planet's orbit where it is closest to the sun. Earth will be 91,403,034 miles away from our brightest star, the Sun.

The full Moon in January is called the Wolf Moon, which will peak on Friday, January 6, 2023.

According to folklore, the first (12) twelve days of the year is said to be revealing of the following (12) twelve months!

January is considered the most popular month to separate or divorce.

The first operational underground railway, aka Subway or the Tube, was opened in London on January 10, 1863.

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