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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY 4

Independence Day

JULY 15

National Give Something Away Day

JULY 24

International Self-Care Day / Wellness

JULY 26

National Disability Independence Day

JULY 1-31

Parks & Recreation Month

IMPORTANT EVENTS

July 1st-July 31st 2026

Independence Day - July 4, 2026

Independence Day is a time to celebrate freedom, community, and the history of our nation. As residents enjoy holiday gatherings, fireworks, and travel, we encourage everyone to celebrate safely and responsibly.

National Disability Independence Day - July 26th, 2026

Independence Day is a time to celebrate freedom, community, and the history of our nation. As residents enjoy holiday gatherings, fireworks, and travel, we encourage everyone to celebrate safely and responsibly.

Parks and Recreation Month - July 2026

Parks and Recreation Month highlights the value of parks, trails, recreation programs, and outdoor spaces in promoting healthy and connected communities. It is a great time to encourage walking, biking, outdoor safety, and family-friendly activities throughout the region.

National Give Something Away Day / Donations and Partnerships - July 15th, 2026

National Give Something Away Day encourages individuals, families, organizations, and communities to give back by donating items, sharing resources, or helping someone in need. This observance is a reminder that even small acts of kindness, generosity, and service can make a meaningful difference in strengthening community connections and supporting those around us.

International Self-Care Day / Wellness - July 24th, 2026

International Self-Care Day serves as a reminder to prioritize physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Taking time to rest, stay active, seek support, and practice healthy habits can make a positive difference in overall wellness. Be sure to take some time for yourself every day.

As we recognize these upcoming holidays and observances, we encourage everyone to take time to reflect, celebrate, and support the people and causes that make our communities stronger, safer, and more connected.



NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH



July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month, making it a great time to highlight the importance of walking, biking, outdoor activity, and community safety.

The Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure program supports these goals by promoting education, encouragement, outreach, and awareness around safe walking and biking for students, families, and communities.

Through activities such as safety lessons, community events, walk-and-bike encouragement programs, and local partnerships, Safe Routes to School promotes healthy habits, active transportation, and pedestrian and bicycle safety.

As families spend more time outdoors during the summer months, it is also important to remember basic safety practices, such as staying hydrated, wearing sunscreen, using crosswalks when available, wearing helmets when biking, and staying alert near roadways.

Parks, trails, sidewalks, and recreational spaces play an important role in creating safe and welcoming environments where children and families can stay active, enjoy the outdoors, and build stronger connections within their communities.



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HEATSTROKE PREVENTION AWARENESS

As summer temperatures rise, heatstroke prevention is an important reminder for families, pedestrians, drivers, and pet owners to stay safe while traveling through the community. Hot weather can become dangerous quickly, especially for children, older adults, pets, and anyone walking, biking, or spending time outdoors.

Simple steps like drinking plenty of water, wearing light-colored clothing, taking breaks in the shade, and planning outdoor activities during the cooler parts of the day can help prevent heat-related illness. Pet owners should also be mindful of hot pavement, which can burn a dog's paws, and should bring water for both themselves and their pets during walks.

Safe travel habits are just as important during the summer months. Pedestrians should wait for a safe gap in traffic, use marked crosswalks when available, and stay alert to nearby vehicles and road hazards. Drivers can also do their part by slowing down near crosswalks, watching carefully for people and pets, and using extra caution around potholes or uneven roads.

Before leaving a parked vehicle, remember to "look before you lock" and never leave children or pets inside, even for a few minutes. This July, let's keep safety cool by staying aware, prepared, and mindful of one another on the road and in our neighborhoods.



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

I M P O R T A N T I N F O R M A T I O N

DOING THE MOST GOOD

YARD SALE

RENT A TABLE FOR \$20 - Keep Your Proceeds!

One Person's TRASH is Another Person's TREASURE!

TREASURES & ANTIQUES

THE SALVATION ARMY FINDING THE MOST GOOD

BOOKS, TOYS & MORE!

GREAT FINDS GREAT PRICES GREAT CAUSE!

HOT DOGS BAKED GOODS VENDOR TABLES AVAILABLE!

AUGUST 1, 2026 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

THE SALVATION ARMY CENTER
2292 ROSS MILL ROAD, HENDERSON, NC 27536

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO

THE HOPE INITIATIVE
SERVICES, SUPPORT, HOPE. ALL IN ONE PLACE.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Stronger Together. Brighter Futures.

A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

The HOPE Initiative brings together nonprofits, ministries, service providers, and community organizations to provide resources, support, and hope—all in one place.

SATURDAY
AUGUST 15, 2026
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CARE AND SHARE BUILDING
110 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
LOUISBURG, NC 27549

HOT MEAL SERVED ON-SITE!
Come hungry, leave encouraged.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
Fresh food for our community.

SO MUCH MORE!
Resources, support, and hope for all.

STRONGER CONNECTIONS • HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES • BRIGHTER FUTURES

PUBLIC HEALTH & BROADBAND

A DIGITAL PATH TO A HEALTHIER TOMORROW

A REGIONAL CONVENING ON BROADBAND ACCESS, DIGITAL INCLUSION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

HENDERSON, NC
McGregor Center
201 Breakerskips St
Henderson, NC 27536-4211

THURSDAY
JULY 23, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TOGETHER, WE CAN CONNECT, EMPOWER, AND TRANSFORM LIVES.

MODERATOR
MAYOR MELISSA ELLIOTT
Health & Wellness Initiative

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ANNETTE TAYLOR
DEPUTY SECRETARY
NC DEPARTMENT OF

WHY THIS MATTERS
Reliable broadband and digital inclusion are essential to improving public health. From telehealth and remote monitoring to health education and access to vital resources—connectivity saves lives and strengthens our communities.

IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES
Expanded access to telehealth, remote care, and health information.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES
Build a healthier, more informed, and more connected region.

CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. GET INVOLVED!

YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR VOICE. YOUR STOVALL.

The Stovall Civic Committee, established in 2024, is a community-focused group dedicated to fostering community engagement, managing local events, and enhancing community life.

Building a Stronger Stovall, Together!

HELP MAKE MEMORIES AT THE **STOVALL Harvest Festival!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

JOIN AS A MEMBER! | VOLUNTEER!

Ways You Can Help!

EVERY STOP & BREAKDOWN | FUNDRAISING ASSISTANCE | OCCASIONAL & FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES | PARKING & GUEST SUPPORT | FOOD & BEVERAGE ASSISTANCE | ENTERTAINMENT COORDINATION | COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Why Join? | BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT! | TOGETHER, WE MAKE STOVALL STRONGER!

For More Information | JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

7	8	9	10	11
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4-4H SUMMER CAMP SERIES

FUN ON THE FARM - FOOD FOR THOUGHT

DIG AND DISCOVER

FLOW DAY CAMP CAREERS OF THE COUNTY

July 6th - 9th
Age: 7-12
12 Spots
Drop-off: 8:30
Pick-up: 4:30
Price: \$30
Lunch and snacks provided!

July 13th - 16th
Age: 7-12
12 Spots
Drop-off: 8:30
Pick-up: 4:30
Price: \$30
Lunch and snacks provided!

July 27th - 30th
Age: 10-13
12 Spots
Drop-off: 8:30
Pick-up: 4:30
Price: \$20
Lunch and snacks provided!

Event info and Registration below:

COMMUNITY FIELD/FUN DAY!

A DAY OF FUN, GAMES & COMMUNITY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SUNDAY JULY 5TH
12PM-4PM

FACE PAINTING | BOUNCE HOUSES

WARREN COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

2026 SEASON EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
April 25: Opening Day	May 2: Market	May 15: Market	May 22: Market	May 29: Market	June 5: Market	June 12: Market
April 26: Public School Collection	May 9: Market	May 22: Market	May 29: Market	June 5: Market	June 12: Market	June 19: Market
April 27: Market	May 16: Market	May 29: Market	June 5: Market	June 12: Market	June 19: Market	June 26: Market
April 28: Market	May 23: Market	June 5: Market	June 12: Market	June 19: Market	June 26: Market	July 3: Market
April 29: Market	May 30: Market	June 12: Market	June 19: Market	June 26: Market	July 3: Market	July 10: Market
April 30: Market	June 6: Market	June 19: Market	June 26: Market	July 3: Market	July 10: Market	July 17: Market
May 1: Market	June 13: Market	June 26: Market	July 3: Market	July 10: Market	July 17: Market	July 24: Market
May 2: Market	June 20: Market	July 3: Market	July 10: Market	July 17: Market	July 24: Market	July 31: Market
May 3: Market	June 27: Market	July 10: Market	July 17: Market	July 24: Market	July 31: Market	August 7: Market
May 4: Market	July 4: Market	July 17: Market	July 24: Market	July 31: Market	August 7: Market	August 14: Market
May 5: Market	July 11: Market	July 24: Market	August 7: Market	August 14: Market	August 21: Market	August 28: Market
May 6: Market	July 18: Market	August 7: Market	August 14: Market	August 21: Market	August 28: Market	September 4: Market
May 7: Market	July 25: Market	August 14: Market	August 21: Market	August 28: Market	September 4: Market	September 11: Market
May 8: Market	August 1: Market	August 21: Market	August 28: Market	September 4: Market	September 11: Market	September 18: Market
May 9: Market	August 8: Market	August 28: Market	September 4: Market	September 11: Market	September 18: Market	September 25: Market
May 10: Market	August 15: Market	September 4: Market	September 11: Market	September 18: Market	September 25: Market	October 2: Market
May 11: Market	August 22: Market	September 11: Market	September 18: Market	September 25: Market	October 2: Market	October 9: Market
May 12: Market	August 29: Market	September 18: Market	September 25: Market	October 2: Market	October 9: Market	October 16: Market
May 13: Market	September 5: Market	September 25: Market	October 2: Market	October 9: Market	October 16: Market	October 23: Market
May 14: Market	September 12: Market	October 2: Market	October 9: Market	October 16: Market	October 23: Market	October 30: Market
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May 23: Market	November 14: Market	December 11: Market	December 18: Market	December 25: Market	January 1: Market	January 8: Market
May 24: Market	November 21: Market	December 18: Market	December 25: Market	January 1: Market	January 8: Market	January 15: Market
May 25: Market	November 28: Market	December 25: Market	January 1: Market	January 8: Market	January 15: Market	January 22: Market
May 26: Market	December 5: Market	January 1: Market	January 8: Market	January 15: Market	January 22: Market	January 29: Market
May 27: Market	December 12: Market	January 8: Market	January 15: Market	January 22: Market	January 29: Market	February 5: Market
May 28: Market	December 19: Market	January 15: Market	January 22: Market	January 29: Market	February 5: Market	February 12: Market
May 29: Market	December 26: Market	January 22: Market	January 29: Market	February 5: Market	February 12: Market	February 19: Market
May 30: Market	January 2: Market	January 29: Market	February 5: Market	February 12: Market	February 19: Market	February 26: Market
May 31: Market	January 9: Market	February 5: Market	February 12: Market	February 19: Market	February 26: Market	March 5: Market

BIZ KIDZ

SATURDAY, AUG. 22ND
WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.
8 A.M. - NOON

- Kid Vendors
- Bouncy House
- Giveaways
- Fresh, Local Produce
- Baked Goods & Prepared Foods
- Handmade Crafts

KID VENDORS REGISTER HERE

Friday, September 25, 2026
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

FREE Entry

For more information contact
Randall Elam
randallem@henderson.nc.gov

Chill Night is a space where teens can unwind, relax, and enjoy an evening filled with board games, card games, movies, dinner, snacks, gaming (PS/Xbox), or simply listening to music. This program provides teens with a safe space where they can decompress, reflect, and develop social skills.

Registration opens on Monday, June 1, 2026, and closes on Thursday, September 24, 2026. You can register in person or online by scanning the QR code.

Warren County Farmers Market PRESENTS PEACH DAY

FREE SAMPLES, COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, LIVE MUSIC & MORE!

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH
8 A.M. TO NOON

WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WARREN EMERGENCY SERVICES & WARREN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL / ANIMAL ARK

Let's Talk!

SAVE DATE
JULY 19, 2025

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Want your community event to be featured in the newsletter? Contact us with your program details!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CALLING ALL FOOD TRUCKS!

GREAT FOOD • GREAT COMMUNITY • GREAT SATURDAYS

Join us for the 2026 POOL SEASON!

WHEN: SATURDAYS
MAY 9 – SEPTEMBER 29

TIME: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
STAY LONGER IF YOU'RE ROCKING!

LOCATION: 15 SPENCER'S GATE DRIVE
YOUNGVILLE, NC (RIGHT OFF HWY 98)

WE WANT YOU!

INTERESTED?
Drop a comment with your page link, or send us a DM! We can't wait to see what you're cooking up this season!

WHY SPENCER'S GATE?

- FOOD TRUCKS:** HIGH VISIBILITY We place signage on Highway 98.
- ACTIVE PROMOTION:** You'll be featured on our community Facebook page to get residents excited!
- HUNGRY CROWDS:** Our pool is the place to be on Saturdays!

GOOD FOOD GOOD VIBES

HUNGRY POOL GUESTS AWAIT!

TUMBLIZE YOUR TUMBLER

SATURDAY JULY 25

10 AM - 12 PM

AGES 13+

\$10.00

MAX 24

"WHEN SIP HAPPENS—CUSTOMIZE IT"

DESIGN A TUMBLER THAT'S UNIQUELY YOURS. OUR CUSTOMIZATION PROGRAM LETS YOU CREATE A PERSONALIZED DRINKWARE EXPERIENCE THAT MATCHES YOUR STYLE, MOOD, AND DAILY ROUTINE.

REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026, AND CLOSSES MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026. YOU CAN REGISTER IN PERSON OR ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

For more information contact: **Randall Elum**
randall.elum@henderson.nc.gov

Community WATER DAY

Henderson-Vance Recreation & Parks Department

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

11 AM - 2 PM

In memory of **Eddie J. Hicks**

"A great father, husband, uncle, godfather, mentor, hard working member of the community, and a man of God".

WE INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY OF WATER BALLOON FIGHTS, WATER GAMES, SWIMMING, WATER SLIDES, AND LUNCH AS WE HONOR THE LIFE AND

KICKBACK @ THE POOL

Aycock Recreation Center

AGES 16 TO 19

CELEBRATE NATIONAL SWIMMING POOL DAY!

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 FROM 6PM-8PM

REGISTER BY FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026. MINIMUM 15 | MAXIMUM 50

Entry fee: \$10 (cost includes food and drink) - Bring your pool toys and water guns.

For more information: **CONTACT SHAWN SOMERVILLE**
at 252 438 3160 / shawn.somerville@henderson.nc.gov

FOOD TRUCK RODEO

Saturday JULY 11

3 pm - 8 pm

For more information contact **Shantel Hargrove**
shantelhargrove@henderson.nc.gov (252) 438-3948

201 Breckenridge St.
Henderson, NC 27536

PIZZA • BURGERS • DESERTS • TACOS, FRIED CHICKEN & MORE!

BACK TO SCHOOL Bash

VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

3-6:30 PM

VANCE COUNTY MIDDLE STADIUM

Seeking community organizations, youth organizations, public safety groups, and businesses that have information and resources to share with the community!

- No fee for vendors.
- Bring your own table/tent/chairs/resources!
- No selling anything (except food trucks)

Memorial LANTERN FESTIVAL

Fox Pond Park 6:00-7:30pm

Registration ends Wednesday, August 26, 2026

\$5.00 per Lantern

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Library Programs and Events

Franklin County Library

June 2026-August 2026

UNEARTH A STORY

Young Children (0-5 years old)

ABC Craft & Learn Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.

- Monday @ Central Library
- Central Library
- Youngsville Library

Ridgeway NC CANTALOUPE 5K

July 14, 2026

URBAN Culture ASSOCIATION of Black Cowboys & Cowgirls

Present **DJ JEFF POPE** **DJ ROCKIN D**

SOUL STEPPIN' Music Fest

Greens Campground Rodeaway

Individual STEPPIN' 2024 STEPPIN'

https://soulsteppin-fest.eventbrite.com

Meet The Animals!

July 13 @ Louisburg Library
July 15 @ Franklinton Library
July 16 @ Bunn Library
July 21 @ Youngsville Library

'Meet some of the animals at the Museum of Life and Science and learn about their lives.'

Junior Crime Lab

July 20 @ Louisburg Library

'Join our elite Forensic Squad to master the science of sleuthing.'

Grow Your Piggy Bank!

July 23 @ Bunn Library
July 27 @ Louisburg Library
July 28 @ Youngsville Library
July 29 @ Franklinton Library

'Join the State Employees Credit Union at the Library for a special Youth Financial Workshop!'

Teens (rising 6th-12th grades)

Henna Tattoos with Gayatri Rambilli @ 4 p.m.
Learn about the rich history and traditions of henna, as well as receive your own henna design from the artist if you choose!

- Louisburg Library on Wednesday, July 11
- Youngsville Library on Wednesday, June 17

Snack Across The Country
In honor of America's 250th anniversary, sample a variety of snacks inspired by cultures from across the country.

- Bunn Library on Tuesday, July 7 at 3:30 p.m.
- Franklinton Library on Thursday, July 9 at 4 p.m.
- Louisburg Library on Wednesday, July 15 at 3:30 p.m.
- Youngsville Library on Friday, July 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Roll For Adventure: Tabletop Games For Beginners
The team from Backwoods Wizards introduces the exciting world of tabletop games!

- August Dates TBD

Learn the basics, including how to get started, what you need to play, and tips for beginners. No experience necessary!

Adults

Open Craft Hour
Bring your own project or try something new with our supplies! All skill levels welcome.

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SAVE THE DATE!



INVITES YOU TO THE

ANNUAL
BANQUET
&
AWARDS
CEREMONY

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF CELEBRATION!

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2026
6:30 PM

CLEARVIEW CHURCH
3485 US-158 BUS
HENDERSON, NC 27537

COST IS \$30 PER PERSON

Kerr-Tar Regional Council

2027 Urgent Repair Program



Serving Vance, Franklin, Granville, Person, Warren Counties!

Does your plumbing leak? Is your electrical system unsafe? Does your roof need repairs? Does your heating system leave you cold? Do you qualify by income? Are you a homeowner?

Are you...

- An older adult (age 62 and up),
- Disabled (or family member),
- A veteran homeowner,
- A single parent with a dependent living at home
- A large family with 5 or more household members
- A household with a child below age 6 with lead hazards in the home

General Homeowner Eligibility Requirements:

- ❑ Gross household income must be at or below 50% of the median county income;
- ❑ Eligible income is \$39,200 for a family of two;
- ❑ Applicant must own the home being repaired or have lifetime rights;
- ❑ Applicant must live in the home as their primary residence.

Mobile homes are not eligible!

Loan Information:

Maximum deferred/forgiven loan of up to \$15,000.

- Homeowners will receive an unsecured deferred, interest-free loan, forgiven at a rate of \$5,000 per year, until the principal balance is reduced to zero.
- No loan payments are required unless the home is sold, or is no longer the primary residence of the applicant, during the first 3 years (payments pro-rated). After 3 years, the loan is forgiven.

Activities generally include:

- Roof repair/replacement
- Lead paint remediation
- Door replacement
- Plumbing/electrical/HVAC
- Siding repair/replacement
- Accessibility improvements for individuals with disabilities
- Other general improvements

The URP applications are available on the KTRCOG website. Hover over the Services tab, click the Housing Repair Assistance section, and you should be able to download a fillable application. When applying, please submit a completed, signed application with gross income verifications for everyone living in the home (bank statements are not allowable verifications). The best form of communication is email (kconner@kerrtarco.org).





OFFICE OF DISASTER RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

Release Date: June 8, 2026

Release Number: NC-20027-01

Contact: Sherrell.Pyatt@sba.gov

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SBA Offers Relief to North Carolina Businesses and Private Nonprofits Affected by Drought **Low-interest disaster loans now available**

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the availability of low-interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in North Carolina to offset economic losses caused by a drought beginning on April 14.

The disaster declaration covers the North Carolina counties of Alamance, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Nash, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland, Vance, and Wake, and the South Carolina county of Marlboro, as well as the Virginia counties of Halifax and Mecklenburg.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to eligible small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs — including faith-based organizations — with financial losses directly related to this disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills which could not be paid due to the disaster.

“Through a declaration by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance to help communities recover,” said Chris Stallings, Associate Administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. “We’re pleased to offer loans to small businesses and private nonprofits impacted by these disasters.”

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4% for small businesses and 3.625% for PNP, with terms of up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant’s financial condition.

To apply online visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or [email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is Feb. 1, 2027.


OPERATION TOBACCO ROAD

This is a short note to invite you, and everyone within your circles of influence, to the 2026 NCNG Cyber Security Response Force (CSRF) Operation Tobacco Road (OTR '26) event, featuring a half-day All Hazards Tabletop Exercise. OTR '26 will occur twice this year, August 17-21 and October 5-9. The All Hazard TTX occurs Aug 19th and Oct 7th. Full details on OTR'26 can be seen [HERE](#).


Operation Tobacco Road is five-day, full scale technical exercise dedicated to Public Sector Cyber & IT Professionals, hosted by the NC National Guard CSRF. The attached flyer tells it better than I can, please forward this opportunity to everyone you think may be interested. The Tabletop Exercise (TTX) is a discussion-based, non-technical exercise focused on incident awareness, coordination, decision-making, and response. The scenarios are challenging, fun and guaranteed to generate discussion long after it's over. Without giving away the plot, I can say this year's script incorporates cyber, natural, man-made, airborne and water elements for the audience to grapple with.

Unlike the hands-on keyboard portion of Operation Tobacco Road, the TTX allows participants to work through response actions, communication flow, and leadership decisions in a guided environment. Sign up for the TTX [HERE](#).


Operation
Tobacco
Road



<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #000080;">Hands-On Keyboard Technical Exercise</p> <p>Join us for a five day, full-scale technical exercise dedicated to North Carolina Public Sector Cyber & IT Professionals hosted by the North Carolina National Guard Cyber Security Response Force (CSRF). Please note that there is no cost to attend, and hotel accommodations will be provided. For more information or to sign up, email operationtobaccoroad2026@army.mil.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #800000; font-size: 1.2em;">AUGUST 17-21, 2026 OCTOBER 5-9, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Learn how to detect and identify malicious cyber traffic in a custom built virtual network ■ Gain practical hands-on keyboard experience with various industry recognized tools ■ Network and work with peers from around the state to hunt threats and solve scenarios through Capture-The-Flag style questions 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #000080;">All Hazards Incident Response Tabletop Exercise</p> <p>Join us for a cyber security focused tabletop exercise simulating real-world incidents that impact emergency coordination efforts. This non-technical exercise allows participants the opportunity to evaluate response strategies, strengthen interagency collaboration, and improve overall resilience during evolving cyber scenarios. The exercise will take place on Wednesday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM during both event iterations.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #800000; font-size: 1.2em;">AUGUST 19 OCTOBER 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Work through realistic crisis scenarios that challenge decision-making during cyber-related disruptions ■ Collaborate with multi-disciplinary teams to coordinate actions and share information under pressure ■ Practice structured problem-solving while responding to evolving incidents in a guided exercise
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NCDHHS ANNOUNCES \$10 MILLION FOR EMS WORKFORCE THROUGH NC RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced that it will provide \$10 million to 39 local EMS agencies through the NC Rural Health Transformation Program. The funds awarded by the NCDHHS Office of Emergency Medical Services for Mobile Integrated Health will strengthen the EMS workforce and expand rural communities' access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment and services.

"Every North Carolinian deserves access to safe, affordable, quality health care, no matter where they live," said Governor Josh Stein. "Investing in our EMS workforce and expanding behavioral health services in the rural parts of the state will help North Carolinians get the care they need closer to home."

"Improving access to care starts with investing in our health care providers, including our frontline EMS workforce," said NC Health and Human Services Secretary Dev Sangvai. "By strengthening EMS-led Mobile Integrated Health programs, we can provide timely treatment, support life-saving recovery, and ultimately reduce preventable overdoses."

This NCRHTP funding gives EMS providers across North Carolina the tools, training, and resources needed to support residents with substance use disorders beyond the initial 911 call. In 2021, rural North Carolinians experienced higher rates of both fatal drug overdoses and overdose-related emergency department visits compared to those rates for urban North Carolinians. The awarded funds enable EMS agencies to address these trends by providing medication for opioid use disorder, supporting rapid follow-up care after overdose events, and connecting individuals to treatment and recovery services. These locally led initiatives developed by EMS providers allow rural residents to receive direct care in their communities when they need it most.

"EMS professionals are uniquely positioned at the intersection of emergency response and health care delivery, serving as a critical link in the continuum of care for rural communities," said Tom Mitchell, Chief of the NCDHHS Office of Emergency Medical Services.

The NCRHTP investment recognizes EMS as an essential component of North Carolina's health care workforce and a vital partner in expanding access to behavioral health care and substance use disorder treatment. This initiative represents an important step toward ensuring that rural residents have greater access to the services and support they need to achieve long-term health and recovery.

The Mobile Integrated Health grant recipients in the Kerr-Tar region include Franklin County EMS and Person County EMS.





VANCE COUNTY COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

 **Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

 **5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

 **Bear Pond Fire Department**
285 Bear Pond Road
Henderson, NC 27537

Hosted by Commissioner Dan Brummitt

District 4



YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Join Commissioner Dan Brummitt for an open discussion about:

-  Public Safety
-  Economic Development
-  Infrastructure & Water Projects
-  County Services
-  Community Priorities

 **ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME**

Bring your questions, concerns, and ideas as we discuss the future of Vance County and the issues that matter most to our community.

SHARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to share your ideas with Commissioner Brummitt.



★ **YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR VOICE. YOUR COUNTY.** ★




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SHARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ONLINE

 https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GqNdm8zsjkOTCPv7m2KiV_vWKQyCE41InOBdbGv-kgtUNIYwOUc10FdXTFZRNEE5QzdDSFNHMjEwQS4u

DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION DONATES 125 STORM PREPAREDNESS BAGS TO KTRCOG AREA AGENCY ON AGING

On Thursday, June 25th, Duke Energy representatives Beth Townsend and Delisha Hinton delivered 125 storm preparedness bags donated by the Duke Energy Foundation in collaboration with the American Red Cross. The storm bags were donated to the Area Agency on Aging at the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments to support emergency preparedness efforts for older adults and community members throughout the region.

Each storm bag included a red American Red Cross-labeled string bag, an emergency drinking water pouch, a blue medical mask, two industrial-grade 12-hour glow safety lights, an American Red Cross Emergency First Aid Guide, an emergency poncho, an emergency survival blanket, and a plastic whistle.

This generous donation highlights the importance of preparing before severe weather occurs. The storm preparedness bags will help individuals and families keep essential supplies readily available during unexpected emergencies, including power outages, storms, road closures, or limited access to resources.

KTRCOG extends its sincere appreciation to the Duke Energy Foundation, Beth Townsend, Delisha Hinton, and the American Red Cross for their partnership and commitment to community safety, emergency preparedness, and resilience.

Photos from the delivery include the Duke Energy representative delivering the storm bag boxes, along with KTRCOG staff members Alan Winstead, Crystal Allen, Kim Hawkins, Desiree Brooks. Not pictured is Ashley Zuniga, who took the photos.



FRANKLINTON SENIOR CENTER FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

On June 5th, 2026, the Franklinton Senior Center hosted a wonderful Father's Day Car Show. The event featured an impressive collection of classic and custom vehicles, hot dogs, goodies, great music, and fellowship among attendees. Everyone had a fantastic time enjoying the festivities and connecting.

Representatives from Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments were also in attendance, sharing information about the programs and services available through Kerr-Tar while enjoying the day alongside the seniors.

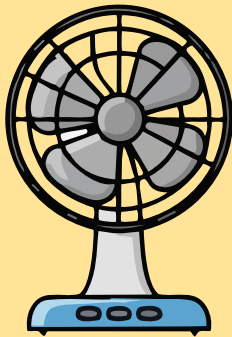
The Father's Day Car Show was a great success, bringing the community together for a day of fun, friendship, and celebration.



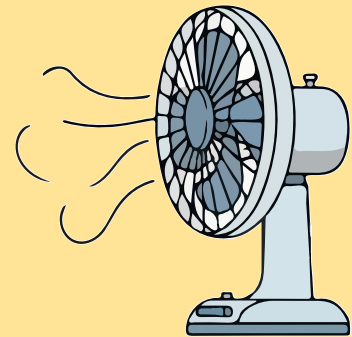
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OPERATION FAN RELIEF

The Area Agency on Aging again is supporting the Senior Centers to provide electric fans for older adults who require them. Anyone who is 60 or older is eligible to receive a fan at no cost. This program benefits older adults who need a fan in the hottest months of the year. For more information, please contact your local senior center or Crystal Allen at callen@kerrtarcog.org or 252-436-2040.

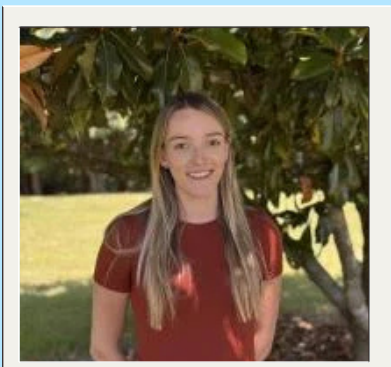


Mr. Carson Clark distributing fans at the Vance County Senior Center



FAREWELL TO OUR DIGITAL NAVIGATOR!

For the last eighteen months, The Area Agency on Aging has used a special grant to provide a Digital Navigator to support older adults in our region using technology. Randi Bowen concluded her tenure here on June 30. She has made presentations at the senior centers as well as met with individuals throughout our five-county region. Her work has been so impactful. All of us wish her well in her next endeavor!



Ms. Randi Bowen



Bowen presenting to older adults regarding scams

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KTRCOG AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROMOTES ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS EVENT ON WARR RADIO

On Thursday, June 4, 2026, Ms. Kim Hawkins, Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman for the KTRCOG Area Agency on Aging, spoke on **103.5 FM/1520 AM WARR Radio** with radio personality **Dr. Vonn P.**, host of **Candid Conversations**. During the radio segment, Ms. Hawkins promoted the Region K Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Event, which was held on Friday, June 12, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Warren County Armory Civic Center. This radio opportunity helped share information about the no-cost event, which was open to the public and focused on raising awareness, prevention, and community support for older adults.



NC GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN PROCLAIMS JUNE 25TH, 2026, AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

NC Governor Josh Stein proclaimed June 25, 2026, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, recognizing the importance of protecting older adults and promoting dignity, safety, and respect across communities.

This observance serves as a reminder to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, while also encouraging individuals, families, caregivers, and organizations to take an active role in prevention.

By working together, communities can help identify warning signs, support vulnerable older adults, and strengthen resources that promote safety, advocacy, and well-being for aging populations throughout North Carolina.



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JUNE 2026 REGION K ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION EVENT

The 2026 Region K Elder Abuse Awareness & Prevention Conference & Walk was a success! The event was held on Friday, June 12, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Warren County Armory Civic Center.

This free event was open to the public and included T-shirts, lunch, and swag bags for participants. Attendees were encouraged to wear silver and purple to show their support for ending elder abuse. Participants also had the option to decorate their vehicles in silver and purple, and those who displayed their support were recognized during the event.

This event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Ms. Kim Hawkins, Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman at Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, who created and organized this important event.

KTRCOG also extends its sincere appreciation to the sponsors for their generous donations and support: Granville Health System, Kerr Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Oxford Health and Rehabilitation Center, NC Long Term Care Ombudsman, Franklin Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, A & S Pest Control, Warren County of North Carolina, Genesis Healthcare Inc., Trillium Health Resources, and Warren Hills Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.



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2026 SENIOR DAY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

On May 28, 2026, Franklin County Senior Services hosted its Fifth Annual Senior Spring Day at Joyner Park. The event brought together seniors from across the community for a day filled with entertainment, games, fellowship, and food.

A variety of public and private agencies were on hand, setting up informational booths to share resources, programs, and services available to older adults and their families. Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments participated in the event, providing information about programs and services and connecting with community members throughout the day.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for seniors to enjoy recreational activities, learn about valuable community resources, and spend time with friends and neighbors in a welcoming environment. Senior Spring Day remains a meaningful tradition that celebrates and supports older adults in Franklin County.



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JOIN THE STEP-TEMBER CHALLENGE



First 25 Participants to register will receive a pedometer



Join the NC Falls Prevention Coalition and Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments for STEPTember—a fun, statewide walking challenge to promote healthy living, strength, and fall prevention during Falls Prevention Awareness Month!

Why Join STEP-tember?

- Walking helps improve balance and reduces the risk of falls
- Movement is medicine - just a few extra steps a day can make a difference
- Stay connected and motivated!

EVERY STEP COUNTS!

Don't forget to call, visit, or email and report your steps to the Senior Center every Friday in September!

All participants will receive a free bag with Fall Prevention Information at your first reporting



WHEN

Each step taken from **September 1st through the 30th** will be added to the final step count for the Senior Center!
Report every Friday!



WHERE

Anywhere! Walk in a park, at home, the mall, senior center.
Each Step Counts!

HOW TO REGISTER

To register, visit the senior center and let them know you'd like to participate!

For more information, please contact:

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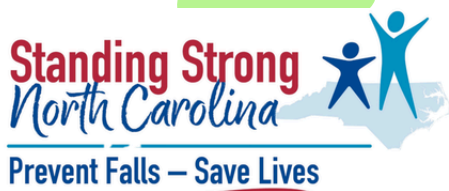
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**LET'S GET MOVING TO STAY
STANDING STRONG NC!**

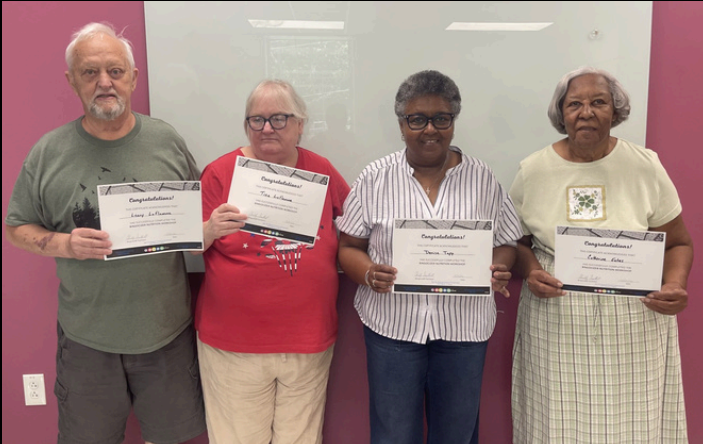


SOUTH GRANVILLE BINGOCIZE

From March through May 2026, the Granville County Senior Center and South Granville Senior Center hosted Bingocize at their facilities. Bingocize is an evidence-based health promotion program that combines the fun of bingo with exercise and nutrition education to help promote healthy aging, physical activity, and social engagement among older adults.

The program was held over a 10-week period, with classes taking place twice a week. Throughout the sessions, participants had the opportunity to enjoy friendly games of bingo while also taking part in guided exercises designed to support movement, balance, strength, and overall wellness. In addition, participants received valuable nutrition education to help encourage healthy lifestyle choices.

The program was well received at both senior center locations. Participants greatly enjoyed the opportunity to stay active, learn helpful health and nutrition information, and socialize with others in a fun and welcoming environment. Many participants shared that they had a positive and engaging experience, and the program helped create an enjoyable way to support health, wellness, and connection within the senior center community.



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STAYING HEALTHY

You can live a healthy lifestyle and prevent disease by exercising, eating well, maintaining a healthy weight and not smoking.

Medicare can help. Medicare pays for many preventive services to help keep you healthy. Preventive services can find health problems early and fight off certain diseases.

If you have Medicare, you can get a yearly wellness visit and many other preventive services.

Ask a SHIIP counselor for more information.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, NC CHILDCARE ACCESSIBILITY LISTENING SESSIONS



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU
Help us understand how
childcare accessibility impacts
your household.



**SCAN TO TAKE
SURVEY!**

UPCOMING SESSION DATES

Bunn Public Library	JUNE 17 & JUNE 18	6:30 PM
Louisburg DT Community Station	JUNE 23 & JUNE 24	6:30 PM
Youngsville Public Library	JULY 14 & JULY 15	6:30 PM
Franklinton Public Library	JULY 22 & JULY 23	6:30 PM



Kerr-Tar Regional Food Pantry Meetings

FOOD ACCESS & SECURITY



Regional food pantry partners will meet to discuss current food access challenges, identify gaps in services, share resources, and explore collaborative solutions. The meetings will provide an opportunity to strengthen coordination, improve assistance efforts, and ensure community needs are being met effectively across the region.

Stipends For All Participants!

Vance & Warren County Pantries Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Vance County Farmers Market
210 Southpark Dr. Henderson, NC 27536

Granville & Person County Pantries Meeting: TBD
Franklin County Pantries Meeting: TBD



RSVP to: Desiree Brooks, dbrooks@kerrtarco.org

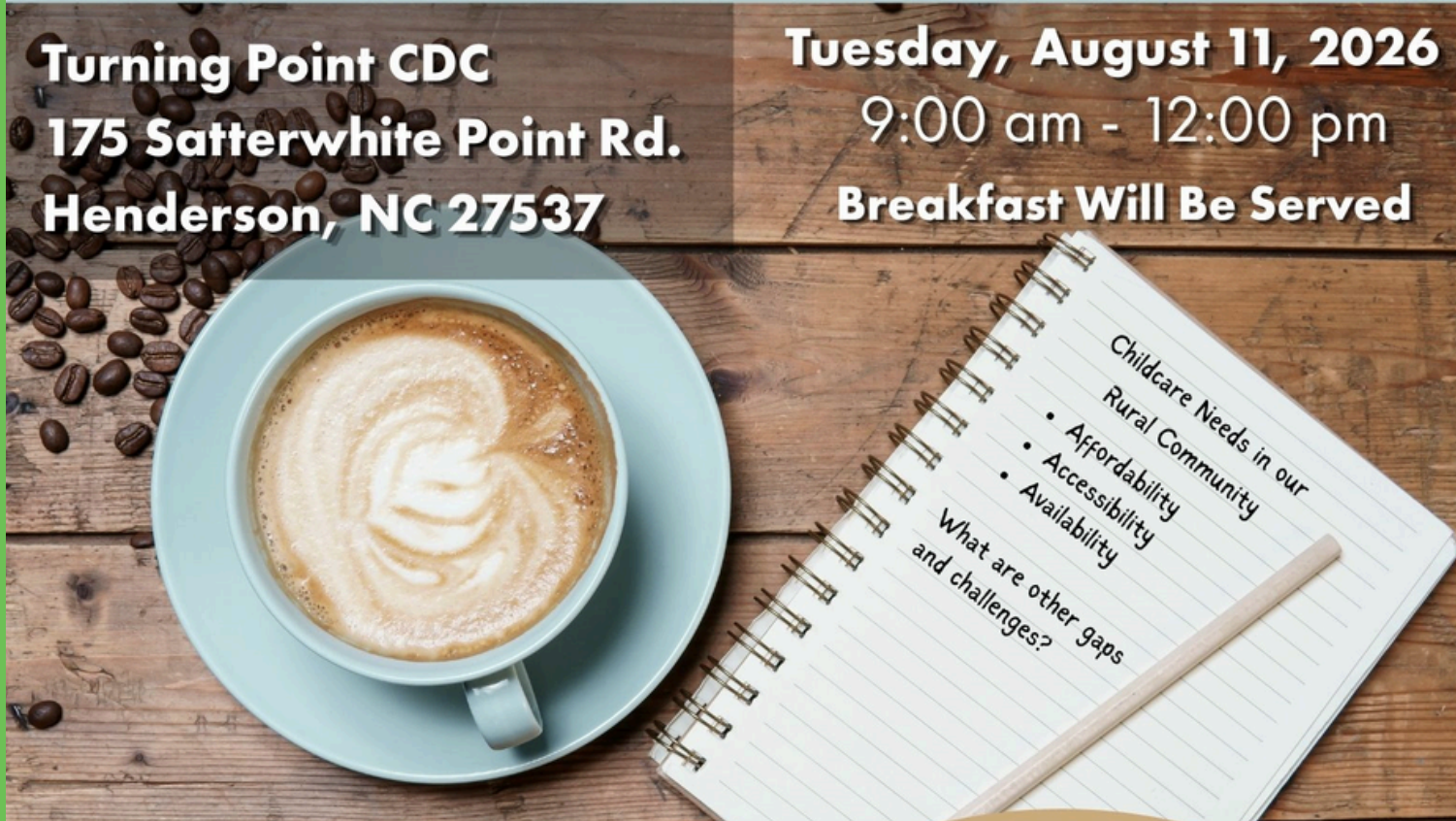
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HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

Community Café Childcare Discussion



**Turning Point CDC
175 Satterwhite Point Rd.
Henderson, NC 27537**

**Tuesday, August 11, 2026
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Breakfast Will Be Served**



**Space is Limited!
Register Here!**



<https://bit.ly/childcarediscussion>



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KERR-TAR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 8, 2026**

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

**McGregor
Hall**

201 Breckenridge St.,
Henderson, NC 27536

Discover how tourism and agri-tourism drive economic growth, create opportunities, and strengthen rural communities

*Registration
Opening Soon!*

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Mary Hemphill

Human-Centered Leadership Strategist, CEO & Founder of The Limitless Leader, Author, & Motivational Speaker.



Thank you to our sponsors!



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Dinner in the Meadow

September 13, 2026

A Farm-to-Table Feast to Benefit Small Farms

Please join the **Meadow Lane Farm for their Dinner in the Meadow** event on **September 13th, 2026!**

The dinner is a fundraiser for the Leonard-Mobley Small Farm Fund, a nonprofit organization that supports small farms in North Carolina. The fund was established in 2014 and provides grants to support the development and sustainability of small farms in eastern NC.

Proceeds from the event go towards a \$5,000 grant awarded to applicants from eastern North Carolina. The award is intended to improve the recipient farm's operations to ensure its continued success.

Please click this [link](#) for more information if you are interested!





SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MONTHLY UPDATE



On Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, Ashley Zuniga, Safe Routes to School Regional Program Coordinator, set up a Safe Routes to School table at the Youth Mental Health Well-Being “What I Wish My Parents Knew” event at Community Methodist Church in Butner, NC.

The event featured the independent film *What I Wish My Parents Knew*, which highlighted youth mental health experiences, coping strategies, trusted support systems, and the importance of creating safe spaces where young people feel heard and supported.

Ashley spoke with parents and youth about the Safe Routes to School initiative and how safe, active transportation can support physical activity, confidence, independence, positive routines, and overall well-being.

We are grateful for the opportunity to share resources, connect with families, and support an event focused on youth mental health and wellness.

YOUTH MENTAL WELL-BEING
WHAT I WISH MY PARENTS KNEW

Community Outreach, Education and Support
FREE Film Screening and Guided Conversation

Tuesday
June 2nd 2026
6:30 PM

Sanctuary
Community Methodist Church
409 West E Street
Butner, NC 27509

Refreshments will be served

Presented by
TELL MY STORY
COMMUNITY & STRENGTH WELLNESS TEAM



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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MONTHLY UPDATE



On Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, Ashley Zuniga, Safe Routes to School Regional Program Coordinator, attended the June 2026 Summer Reading Kick-Off Event at Perry Memorial Library in Vance County.

Ashley hosted a Safe Routes to School informational table and set up a StoryWalk activity to encourage children and families to enjoy walking and reading together. Children were invited to complete the StoryWalk and fill out a passport sheet to receive small SRTS-related giveaway items.

During the event, Ashley shared bike and pedestrian safety materials, educational handouts, and giveaway items.

She also created original StoryWalk materials for the event, including a StoryWalk directions flyer, passport sheets, family safety tips, interest forms, and feedback forms to help make the activity more accessible and engaging for families.

See below photos from the successful event!



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STAY CONNECTED WITH SRTS!


As part of KTRCOG's Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure outreach efforts, community members are encouraged to stay involved by sharing feedback, completing the SRTS Interest Form, and learning more about walking and biking safety opportunities throughout the region. The flyer below includes helpful QR codes for event feedback, future SRTS interest, the KTRCOG monthly newsletter, and the KTRCOG Safe Routes to School webpage.


SAFE ROUTES • STRONG COMMUNITIES • BRIGHT FUTURES


Safe Routes to School

Event Feedback & SRTS Interest

Thank you for joining us!








Thank You for Participating in Our Safe Routes to School Event!

Thank you for participating in our Safe Routes to School event. We hope your family enjoyed learning, engaging, and connecting with us. Your feedback and interest help us plan future walking, biking, and safety activities for students, families, schools, and communities across the Kerr-Tar region.

Event Feedback Survey


Families, parents, caregivers, and children are invited to share their thoughts about today's Safe Routes to School event. Your feedback helps us improve future Safe Routes to School events and activities.



Scan to complete the Event Feedback Survey.


SRTS Interest Form

Interested in Safe Routes to School activities, walking and biking safety events, Walk to School Day, Bike to School Day, school outreach opportunities, community partnerships, or future SRTS events?





Scan to complete the SRTS Interest Form and stay connected.

Keep Up With Safe Routes to School

 **KTRCOG Monthly Newsletter**

Stay updated on Safe Routes to School activities, community events, and regional updates through KTRCOG's monthly newsletter.







 **KTRCOG SRTS Webpage**

Visit the Safe Routes to School webpage to learn more about resources, outreach opportunities, and upcoming activities.




Ways to Get Involved

-  Encourage children to walk, bike, and roll safely
-  Practice pedestrian and bicycle safety together
-  Participate in Walk, Bike, and Roll to School activities
-  Share safety concerns near schools or neighborhoods
-  Help spread the word about future SRTS events
-  Complete the SRTS interest form to stay connected



What Happens Next?


Your responses help us plan future Safe Routes to School activities, identify family interest, and improve walking, biking, and safety outreach across Vance, Franklin, Granville, Warren, and Person counties.



Questions, comments, or concerns?

Contact Ashley Zuniga
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 Serving Vance, Franklin, Granville, Warren, and Person Counties

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♥ Thank you for helping us create safer, healthier, and more connected communities! ♥

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NCWORKS PARTICIPATES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

On June 18, NCWorks participated in the Franklin County Veterans Resource Fair, joining community partners to provide valuable information and resources to local veterans and their families.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn about employment services, job training programs, career development resources, and other support services available through NCWorks and partner agencies.

The event highlighted the community's commitment to serving those who have served our country. NCWorks was honored to connect with veterans, answer questions, and help individuals access resources that support their employment and career goals.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important event and remain dedicated to supporting veterans throughout the Kerr-Tar region.



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RAPID RESPONSE INFORMATION SESSION HELD FOR INTERNATIONAL PAPER EMPLOYEES

The Kerr Tar Workforce Development Board and NCWorks partnered with local workforce and community organizations to host a Rapid Response Information Session at the Ridgeway Fire Department on Friday May 29 following the temporary shutdown of International Paper in Warren County due to a plant explosion on May 27.

Approximately 94 employees were impacted by the closure and attended the session to receive information on unemployment insurance benefits, NCWorks services, job search assistance, training opportunities, and other available resources. The NCWorks mobile unit was also on site to assist.

The event provided employees with valuable information and direct access to workforce professionals who could answer questions and connect them to services during this difficult time. We appreciate the support of International Paper, Ridgeway Fire Department, VGCC and our workforce partners for helping ensure affected workers received timely assistance and guidance.

WINSTON INTERNATIONAL PLANT TOUR

The NCWorks and Kerr Tar Workforce Development Board team recently joined Granville County Economic Development and several other community and workforce partners for a tour of Winston International in Oxford NC. The visit provided valuable insight into the company's operations, workforce needs, and future growth plans.

The tour offered an opportunity for local stakeholders to learn more about Winston International's impact on the regional economy while discussing workforce development strategies and business support services.

Partnerships like these help strengthen connections between employers, economic development organizations, educational institutions, and workforce agencies to better support business growth and workforce success throughout the region.

We appreciate Winston International for hosting the tour and sharing information about their organization and commitment to the local workforce.

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*Happy
Anniversary!*

Alan Winstead

Aging Director

July 8th, 2024

2 Years



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Crystal Allen

Aging Specialist

July 29th, 2024

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Kerr-Tar

Regional Council of Governments

COMMUNITIES SERVED

Franklin County
Granville County
Person County
Vance County
Warren County
Town of Bunn
Town of Butner
City of Creedmoor
Town of Franklinton
City of Henderson
Town of Kittrell
Town of Louisburg
Town of Macon
Town of Middleburg
Town of Norlina
City of Oxford
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MISSION STATEMENT

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments aims to promote regionalism that provides opportunities for local governments to enhance and improve the quality of life for our citizens through effective delivery of services and programs.

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