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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**JUNE 1-30** Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

**JUNE 1-30** National Safety Month

**JUNE 1-30** Men's Mental Health Month

**JUNE 15** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

**JUNE 19** Juneteeth

**JUNE 21** Father's Day

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

Please join us for the Kerr-Tar Regional Planning Organization TAC/TCC Meeting at the KTRCOG Office on Thursday, June 18th, at 3pm.

The Regional Food Council Meeting will be held at the KTRCOG Office on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10am.

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments will be hosting its Full Board meeting at the KTRCOG Office on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm! Dinner will be served to participants.

The Workforce Development Board Meeting will be held at the KTRCOG Office on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Interested in attending any upcoming meetings? Our [calendar](#) is updated continuously! Don't forget to subscribe to our monthly newsletter editions!

Please join us for the 2026 Region K Elder Abuse Awareness & Prevention Conference & Walk on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 10am - 2pm at the Warren County Armory Convention Center! This event is FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC. Free t-shirts, lunch, ice cream, and goodies will be given to participants (first come, first serve). Please wear PURPLE & SILVER or decorate your car with these colors to show your support about ending elder abuse. Individuals will be recognized for their effort at the event!

Want to feature your KTRCOG event? Email [info@kerrtarcog.org](mailto:info@kerrtarcog.org) with the event details!

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments  
1724 Graham Ave  
Henderson, NC 27536  
(252) 436-2040  
[info@kerrtarcog.org](mailto:info@kerrtarcog.org)

# IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday, June 1st, 2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## National Safety Month - 06/01 - 06/30

National Safety Month is observed each June to raise awareness about the importance of preventing injuries and creating safer environments at home, at work, on the road, and in the community. This month encourages everyone to take simple, proactive steps to protect themselves and others.

## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - 06/15

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on June 15 each year to raise awareness about the abuse, neglect, and exploitation that some older adults may experience. This day encourages communities to recognize the signs of elder abuse, support prevention efforts, and promote dignity, safety, and respect for aging adults.

## Juneteenth - 06/19

Juneteenth, observed on June 19, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and celebrates freedom, resilience, and African American history and culture. This day serves as an opportunity to reflect, learn, and honor the continued pursuit of equality and justice.

## Father's Day - 06/21

Father's Day is a special day to honor and celebrate fathers, father figures, grandfathers, and the important men who provide love, guidance, and support in our lives. This holiday is a meaningful opportunity to show appreciation for the lasting impact they have on families and communities.

## Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

June is recognized as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and the importance of brain health. This month encourages individuals, families, and communities to learn the warning signs, support those affected, and promote healthy habits that may help protect brain health over time.

*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.*

# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

**Now Enrolling!**  
**Grades K-11**  
**2026-2027**

**HENDERSON COLLEGIATE**

HendersonCollegiate.org  
1071 Old Epsom Road  
Henderson, NC 27536

**Join the Pride Today!**

**Business Insurance 101 WEBINAR**

This **FREE** webinar offered by the NC Department of Insurance will cover the fundamentals of business insurance, including how to safeguard your business from financial risks.

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Assessing and identifying potential risk exposures
- Exploring key business insurance types
- Understanding coverage limitations for high-risk operations
- Navigating insurance audits and managing Certificates of Insurance

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- March 5
- June 4
- September 17
- December 3

**NC DEPARTMENT of INSURANCE**

**SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH & LEARN**

Please join us for an educational Lunch & Learn designed specifically for small business owners - a practical jargon free hands on introduction to AI tools you can use today!

**June 24** **IN PERSON!**  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

1547 South Campus Drive Creedmoor, NC 27522

**GENERATIVE AI FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

Discover practical, jargon-free, hands-on introductions to AI tools that can help you save time, improve productivity, and grow your business - tools you can start using right away!

Whether you are brand new to AI or simply curious about how it can support your business, this session will provide real world applications in an easy-to-understand format.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and explore the future of small business technology!

Speaker **EMILIANO DUNTON**  
AAB Corporation

Visit **VGCC Small Business Center** webpage to register now, spots are limited!  
Contact Michelle Bailey with questions: bailey@gvcc.edu / 252-738-3509

Lunch provided by Plumpeez Deli

**SUMMER CAMP**

**JUNE 8TH - 26TH**  
**JULY 6TH - 24TH**

**\$100 WEEKLY OR \$25 PER DAY**

**9AM TO 12NOON - MON. - FRI.**

**KARATE** **TUMBLING**

**Sledge Institute**

Apply for grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Join the Sledgehammer Fam today!

We're a tuition-free public charter school where students experience learning with purpose through:

- Project-based learning
- Competency-based education
- Place-based education
- Global education
- Postsecondary readiness
- All-inclusive wellness

- Hands on, real world projects
- Critical thinking and creativity
- Community connections
- Supportive and skilled staff
- Integrated curriculum
- Strong school culture

**Apply Now**

**YOUTH MENTAL WELL-BEING**

**WHAT I WISH MY PARENTS KNEW**

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

**Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**  
**6:30 PM**

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

Refreshments will be served

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**PRESALE ONLY**

**FISH FRY FUNDRAISER**

Join us for great food and support your local firefighters!

**DATE:** 06/13/2026  
**TIME:** 12-6PM  
**LOCATION:** STOVALL FIRE DEPARTMENT

**AWARD WINNING MAGICIAN AND STORYTELLER DANA HILL BRINGS HIS HIGH ENERGY COMEDY ILLUSION SHOW FOR AN ABSOLUTE DINO-MITE TIME!**

**PERFECT FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES!**

**WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**June 17, 2026**  
**5:30PM**

**Design & create unique items to take home!**

- Personalized Picture Frames
- Coasters
- Sun Catchers
- And More!

All glass tiles, templates, and crafting supplies are provided!

**DATE:** THURSDAY, JULY 9  
**TIME:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
**AGES:** 7+ YEARS OLD  
**COST:** FREE!

**WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
119 S Front Street • Warrenton, NC 27589  
252-257-4990 • wcmmlibrary.org

Join us for a **DINO-MITE** afternoon of bingo, prizes, and prehistoric fun!

**BINGO**

**AGES 5-12**

**DATE:** JUNE 23  
**TIME:** 1PM-3PM  
**AGES:** 5-12

**WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
119 S FRONT STREET  
WARRENTON, NC 27589  
252-257-4990  
READ. LEARN. DISCOVER. TOGETHER.

**RIDGEWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
668 U.S. HIGHWAY 1 S, NORLINA, NC 27563

**CELEBRATING 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1974-2024**

**LARGE FLEA MARKET / YARD SALE**

**JUNE 6, 2026**  
**8AM - 4PM**  
668 U.S. HIGHWAY 1 S, NORLINA, NC 27563

- Vendor spots are \$25 per spot, 10x10
- \$10 more to park vehicle with spot
- Free parking 200 feet away
- NO PREPARED FOOD VENDORS ALLOWED.
- FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE PURCHASED ON SITE.

**FUN ON THE FARM - FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**JULY 6<sup>th</sup> '26**  
**AGE:** 7-12  
**22 SPOTS**  
**PRICE:** \$10  
**LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!**

**CAMP LOCATION: THE HIVE ON MAIN STREET WARRENTON**  
108 S MAIN ST, WARRENTON, NC  
8:30 - DROP OFF  
4:30 - PICK-UP

\*FOF- FOOD FOR THOUGHT\*  
DETAILS & REGISTRATION [4-H Online link:](#)

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Want your community event to be featured in the newsletter? Contact us with your program details! **4**

# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Granville County BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

## BEE JUBILEE

10TH ANNUAL BEE JUBILEE & FOOD TRUCK RODEO  
CELEBRATING NORTH CAROLINA POLLINATORS, MAKERS & GROWERS.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026**  
**9AM-3PM**

GRANVILLE EXPO CENTER - 4185 HWY 15 - OXFORD, NC

HONEY • ARTS & CRAFTS • BEE PRODUCTS & SUPPLIES • FARMERS MARKET  
PLANTS • MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD • FUN • KIDS' ACTIVITIES  
DEMONSTRATIONS & EDUCATION • HONEY RAFFLE • HONEY TASTING

BEE JUBILEE HONEY SHOW  
HONEY BEE EDUCATION ALL DAY  
LIVE AUCTION @ 130

**FFA Goat Yoga Fundraiser**

**JUNE 12, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

— LOCATION: —  
SOUTH GRANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

\$5 for BOTTLE-FEEDING the babies  
\$20 for YOGA

**HORSE SUMMER CAMP 2026**

ACTIVITIES

- Horse Care
- Horseback Riding
- Outdoor Games
- Crafts
- Unforgettable Memories

SESSIONS  
JUNE 9-11  
JUNE 16-18  
JULY 6-8  
9AM-3PM

AGES 8-16 ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

Walkin' Ease Farm  
4037 Culbreth Rd. Stem  
Contact Mary  
336-244-7222

\$150/session  
Limited spots available!

**CHAPEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
182 Kerr Lake Cole Bridge Rd, Norlina, NC 27563

## 2026 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Making a Difference in the Community!

GRADES 1-5  
READING & MATH

5-WEEK PROGRAM  
EVERY TUES, WED, & THURS  
9:00AM - 1:00PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH - THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

For more information, contact  
Pastor Maadie Stinnett (252)456-4324

## The Golden Hour MARKET

**June 27, 2026**  
**4pm - 8pm**

Vendor fee \$20

Location 107 W.Lyon rd  
Creedmoor NC 27522

## 6 FLOW 4-H SUMMER CAMP SERIES

4-H WILDLIFE RUMBLE  
FUN ON THE FARM- FOOD FOR THOUGHT  
DIG AND DISCOVER  
FLOW DAY CAMP CAREERS OF THE COUNTY

June 29th and 30th  
Age: 7-12  
12 Spots  
Drop-off 8:30  
Pick up: 4:30  
Price: \$15

July 6th- 9th  
Age: 7-12  
22 Spots  
Drop-off 8:30  
Pick up: 4:30  
Price: \$10

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

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

Event info and Registration below:

TWO EVENTS. ONE DAY. ONE COMMUNITY.

*Celebrate Art. Celebrate Freedom.*

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CREATIVITY, CULTURE & COMMUNITY IN FRANKLINTON!

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

5:00PM - 6:30PM  
6:30PM - 8:30PM

YEAR 2 **Al'Umma ART WALK**  
GRAND OPENING  
NEW INSTALLATIONS REVEALED!

3RD ANNUAL **JUNETEENTH Celebration**  
HONORING FREEDOM. CELEBRATING COMMUNITY.

Porte NOIRE

## HISPANIC HERITAGE DAY

**JUNE 13, 2026**  
**8-2**

210 SOUTH PARK DRIVE, HENDERSON

VANCE COUNTY REGIONAL FARMERS MARKET

TACOS  
ICE CREAM

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

## Summer Youth Sports Camps

**Volleyball Camp**  
John Graham Gymnasium  
June 15 - June 18  
9 am - 12 pm  
Ages 8 - 15  
\$15.00

**Football Camp**  
Warren County Recreation Complex  
July 6 - July 9  
9 am - 12 pm  
Ages 7 - 13  
\$15.00

**Baseball / Softball Camp**  
Warren County Recreation Complex  
June 22 - June 25  
9 am - 12 pm  
Ages 7 - 13  
\$15.00

**Cheer Camp**  
John Graham Gymnasium  
July 27 - July 30  
9 am - 12 pm  
Ages 7 - 14  
\$15.00

**Soccer Camp**  
Warren County Recreation Complex  
July 13 - July 16

**Bookmobile Schedule June 2026**

Contact: Beth Anne Bough  
Outreach Librarian  
252-438-3316 ext. 241  
bbough@kerrtar.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		North Henderson Heights 10am - 12pm Lincoln Heights 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Chased for staff days			
	Fox Pond Park 2pm - 3pm	Cedarhurst Apartments 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Vance County Farmer's Market 9am - 12pm Springwood Apartments 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Kittrell Community Center 4pm - 6pm		Juneteenth Festival 11am - 2pm
		North Henderson Heights 10am - 12pm Lincoln Heights 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Wash House Parking Lot 9am - 12pm Hillcrest Apartments 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Townsville USPS 4pm - 6pm	Chased for Juneteenth	
	Fox Pond Park 2pm - 3pm	Cedarhurst Apartments 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Vance County Farmer's Market 9am - 12pm Springwood Apartments 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Howard Memorial Park (Hiddleburg) 4pm - 6pm		

**Vance County 4-H**

## BOWLING CAMP

**JUNE 8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12**  
**10 AM - 12 NOON**

BEFORE THE 1ST FRAME  
85 US-15B BYPASS, HENDERSON, NC 27536

**June 27, 2026**  
**4pm - 8pm**

Vendor fee \$20

Location 107 W.Lyon rd  
Creedmoor NC 27522

Want to be a vendor?  
Email Kayla and Kim @  
thegoldenhourmarket1@gmail.com

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# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

AT THORNTON LIBRARY  
(210 Main St. // Oxford)

Volunteer opportunities range from helping with weekly storytime, teaching science experiments, demonstrating art activities, and volunteering with large library events like our comic con and Summer Blow-Out Party! For more information, contact Amy Carlson at Thornton Library: (919) 474-1217 // amy.carlson@granvillecounty.org

**VOLUNTEER DATES:**  
Tuesday, JUNE 9, 2026  
THROUGH  
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

## VANCE COUNTY 4-H SWIMMING CAMP

JULY 6, 7, 8, 9, AND 10  
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: YMCA  
380 RAIN CREEK ROAD  
HENDERSON, NC 27536

**\$5 PER STUDENT**  
CASH ONLY - DUE BEFORE CAMP

REGISTER AT THIS LINK OR  
<https://forms.gle/kLjVB1Xz7wiEhu147>  
SCAN THE QR CODE PROVIDED:

## PERFORMERS & VENDORS Needed for Henderson's JUNETEENTH Festival

Application Due: Monday, June 8, 2026  
Date of Festival: Saturday, June 13, 2026  
Food Vendor Fee: **\$75.00** Non-Food Vendor Fee: **\$25.00**

**\*\*No electricity will be provided for vendors. Performers do not need to pay a fee.**

We're looking for local food vendors, performers, and small businesses to showcase their products and items to the community!

## BOOKS & BINGO WITH FRIENDS (OF THE LIBRARY)

JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN AND A CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES!

SCAN HERE & REGISTER NOW!

JUNE 27, 2026  
12:00 PM  
YOUNGVILLE LIBRARY

## CAMP FUSION: CTE

Create, Build, Care

CTE SUMMER CAMP FOR RISING 6<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

**CAMP STRUCTURE**

- Dates: June 1 - 4, 2026 (Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders)
- Dates: June 15 - 18, 2026 (Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Graders)
- Dates: June 1 - 4, 2026 (Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)
- Dates: June 8 - 11, 2026 (Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Graders)

Each day, students will rotate through a different CTE program area:

- STEM/ENGINEERING
- FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES (FOODS/ HOSPITALITY)
- FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES (APPAREL)
- HEALTH SCIENCE
- READY, SET, TEACH

THURSDAY: INDUSTRY EXPLORATION DAY

On Thursday, students will participate in field trips and/or industry tours connected to one of the program areas explored earlier in the week.

## VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS BACK TO SCHOOL Bash

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)

## Volleyball

Fee: **\$40**

For more info, contact Jaylen Rose (252) 438-2519 // jaylenrose@henderson.nc.gov

Ask about our fee waiver!

Ages 7-10 League | Ages 11-13 League | Ages 14-17 League

Season runs June - August

Registration Deadline: **Sunday, May 31, 2026**

## TEEN HOOP HAVEN

FREE CLEAR BAGS ONLY

AGES 14-18 ONLY

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

1PM-5PM

For more info, contact: Darius Pitt // [dariuspitt@henderson.nc.gov](mailto:dariuspitt@henderson.nc.gov)

YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
500 N BECKFORD DR, SUITE A  
HENDERSON NC 27536  
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 - Friday, August 7, 2026

## Summer Cooking & Entrepreneurship Club From Kitchen to Market!

"Cook It. Brand It. Sell It."

Cooperative Extension 305 Young Street, Henderson, NC

- 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM Each Day Chef Netta from Southern Roots Catering will be in attendance. (June 30<sup>th</sup> & July 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Classes (July 21<sup>st</sup> & July 28<sup>th</sup>)

VA Regional Farmers Market  
210 Southpark Drive, Henderson, NC

- Students utilize their entrepreneurial skills (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & July 28<sup>th</sup>)

Register at <https://forms.gle/pvuzhKPE1213JMS7> or scan the provide QR Code

For more information about this event, please contact Micah Sharpe at [msharpe@ncsu.edu](mailto:msharpe@ncsu.edu) or 252-438-8138

## Nature Hike at Lake Devin

Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 a.m.

In celebration of the American Hiking Society's "National Trails Day," enjoy a **FREE** guided nature hike, led by Oxford Parks and Recreation Staff.

(We will hike from the Lake Devin Shelter to the Red Barn and back)  
Registration required | All ages invited\*

OXFORD PARKS & RECREATION

\*Register online at [oxfordnc.reccdesk.com](http://oxfordnc.reccdesk.com) or call the Parks and Recreation Office at 919-603-1135 for more details!

## Youth TENNIS LESSONS

FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
AGES 5 - 18  
Limited to 15 Participants

July 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: 127 Willow Creek Run, Henderson, NC 27537

**\$5 Per Child**  
Cash Only - Due Before Camp

REGISTER AT THIS LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE PROVIDED: <https://forms.gle/GdTWbkaENLY5An3A>

## 55 & Wise 12:45pm - 1:45PM Senior BINGO

Thursday, May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
Thursday, June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
Thursday, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Location & contact: Aycock Recreation Center  
307 Carey Chapel Rd  
Henderson, NC 27537  
(252) 492-9400

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Newsletter Editor  
252-436-2040 ext. 2009  
[azuniga@kerrtarcom.org](mailto:azuniga@kerrtarcom.org)

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

# HAVE YOU RECEIVED A CLOSEOUT NOTICE FROM TREASURY?



“Closeout Notices” are being emailed by the US Treasury to some local governments for ARPA SLFRF Funds. The email notice lets you know you have the option to close out your ARPA funds. If you are ready to close out:

- First, log in to your Treasury portal using your existing ID and login credentials.
- Then follow the straightforward steps to complete your close out certification. It does not take long.
- Keep a copy of your work for your ARPA records.

The only local governments receiving these notices will be those that indicated in their last year’s (April 2025) Treasury Report that they have fully expended their ARPA funds and are ready to close out.

According to the email from Treasury: **“Treasury encourages your community to utilize the resources below to successfully close out the SLFRF award as soon as possible. Recipients who initiate the award closeout in the portal are no longer required to submit Project & Expenditure (P&E) Reports. Note: Recipients who do not initiate program closeout are required to continue to submit required reports”**

If you have received a Closeout Notice, and would like assistance with logging in to the Treasury portal and/or closing out your funds, feel free to reach out to

**KATIE CONNER AT**  
**[KCONNER@KERRTARCOG.ORG](mailto:KCONNER@KERRTARCOG.ORG)**

## BLOCK BOUNDARY SUGGESTION PROJECT

County governments recently received an invitation from the General Assembly and Governor’s Office to participate in the Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP). The BBSP is part of the federal nonpartisan Redistricting Data Program that will generate the information used to draw political boundaries after Census 2030.

The BBSP allows county governments to preview the census blocks the US Census Bureau envisions using and to suggest changes. Census blocks are the smallest geographies for which data is tabulated and are combined to form larger areas like voting precincts and electoral districts. Local governments also can use the census blocks for non-electoral purposes like transportation planning.

County participation is highly recommended. Participation will improve the accuracy of the 2030 Census, which will help counties secure their fair shares of political and financial resources.

Counties can participate in 2026 and 2027. The Census Bureau will provide the data and the online GIS tool used to review the information and suggest changes. Technical training will be provided.

Counties should reply to the invitation sent to their Board of Elections. Direct any questions to the state’s Nonpartisan Redistricting Liaisons, Paul Coble ([paul@ncleg.gov](mailto:paul@ncleg.gov)) and John Quintero ([john.quintero@osbm.nc.gov](mailto:john.quintero@osbm.nc.gov)).

## EDA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE AI UPSKILL ACCELERATOR PILOT PROGRAM

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) has announced the AI Upskill Accelerator Pilot Program, making \$25 million available nationally to support industry-led workforce training programs focused on artificial intelligence (AI) skills. The program will fund approximately 5–8 non-construction awards, ranging from \$1 million to \$8 million, for system development, program design, and implementation. Projects are expected to last 24–36 months, with training beginning no later than one year after the award date.

Eligible projects must demonstrate a regional need for AI workforce training, employer partnerships, and alignment with industries where AI is important to future competitiveness and economic growth. Applications are due by 4:59 p.m. Eastern Time on July 10, 2026. For more information, visit the AI Upskill Accelerator Pilot Program page on the U.S. Economic Development Administration website.

In addition, EDA is currently accepting applications on a rolling basis for its Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PW/EAA) programs. These programs support economic development projects that encourage private investment, job creation, critical infrastructure, workforce development, and assistance for coal-impacted communities. More information is available through the EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance and Public Works program pages.

**APPLY TO THE OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROGRAM TODAY!**



The North Carolina Department of Commerce is inviting local governments, economic development professionals, and the public to provide feedback on candidate areas that could be certified as North Carolina's new Opportunity Zones. This federal program is designed to attract investment, support housing and economic development, encourage business growth, and create jobs in low-income census tracts across the state.

North Carolina has 807 eligible low-income census tracts and may nominate 202 tracts for Opportunity Zone designation. Local leaders are encouraged to consider areas with strong potential for business development, job creation, community revitalization, industrial site redevelopment, and expanded housing supply in high-need areas.

The public comment period opened April 29, 2026, and feedback forms will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, 2026. More information, including the eligible tract map and feedback form, is available at [commerce.nc.gov/oz](https://commerce.nc.gov/oz). New zones are expected to take effect on January 1, 2027, after certification by the U.S. Treasury.



NC  
**MedAssist**  
 MOBILE FREE PHARMACY

**OTC MEDICINE GIVEAWAY  
 & COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Friday, June 26, 2026  
 9AM — 2PM**

**Warren County Armory Civic Center  
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# 2026 REGION K ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

## Conference & Walk

Friday, June 12, 2026

10:00 am-2:00 pm



If you don't take a stand, who will?



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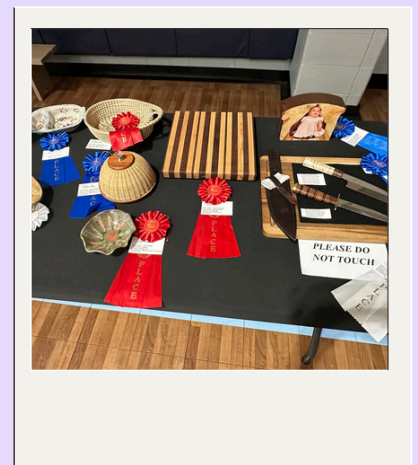
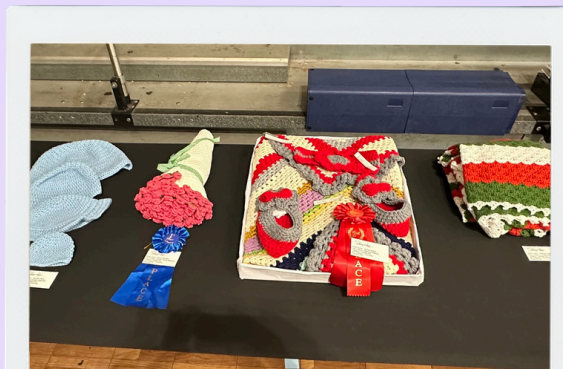
# 2026 SILVER ARTS EVENT: CELEBRATE CREATIVITY, TALENT, AND ACTIVE AGING!

The 2026 Kerr-Tar Senior Games & SilverArts brought together 276 registered participants, ages 50 and better, from across the five-county region, including Franklin, Granville, Person, Warren, and Vance counties. As a health promotion program, Senior Games encourages older adults to stay active, connected, and engaged through friendly competition, physical activity, socialization, and creative expression.

This year's Opening Ceremonies and Fun Walk were held in Franklin County, while the SilverArts competition was hosted in Vance County. Participants competed in a variety of sporting events and showcased their talents in SilverArts categories such as Literary Arts, Visual Arts, Heritage Arts, Performing Arts, and the Cheerleading Showcase. From poetry, paintings, photography, quilting, woodworking, music, dance, theater, and spirited cheerleading performances, the event highlighted the creativity, dedication, and pride of seniors throughout Region K.

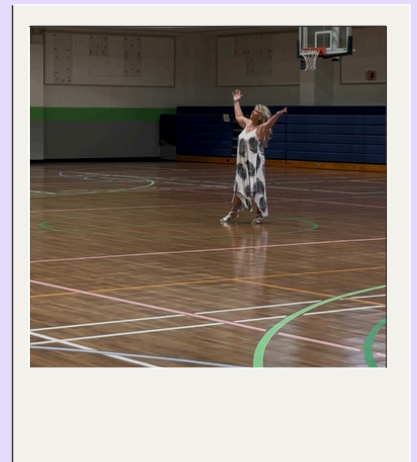
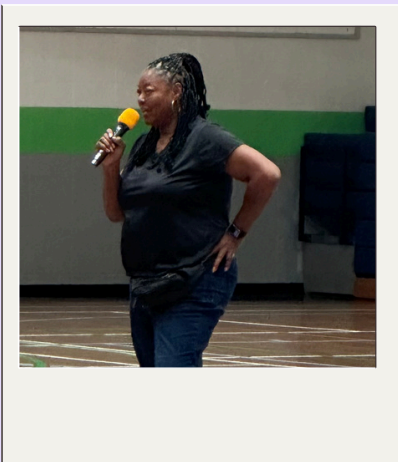
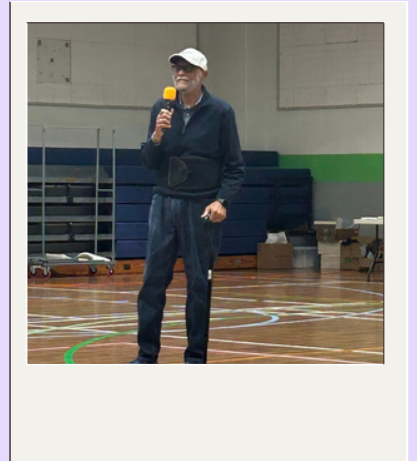
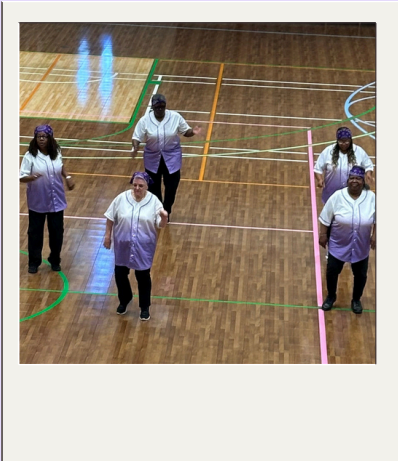
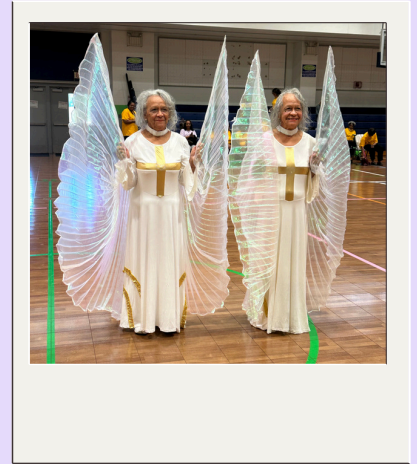
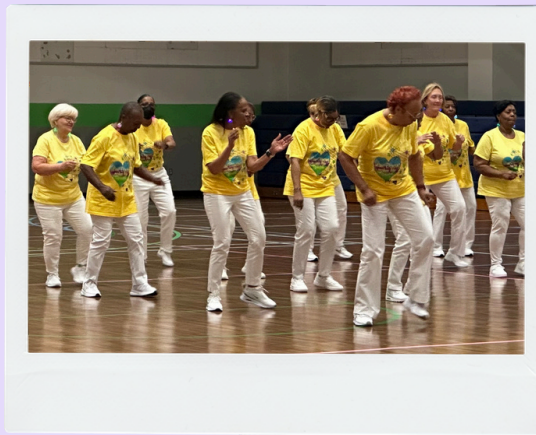
SilverArts, known as "a celebration of the creative expression of seniors in North Carolina," continues to be an important part of the North Carolina Senior Games tradition. With gallery-style displays, live stage performances, and plenty of friendly competition, this year's program truly showed that Region K knows how to put on a show!

For more information or to volunteer with Senior Games in the future, please contact Crystal Allen at 252-436-2040 ext. 2036 or Michael Patterson at 252-436-2040 ext. 6072.



# 2026 SENIOR SILVER ARTS EVENT PHOTOS

DANCING, SINGING, CHEERLEADING,  
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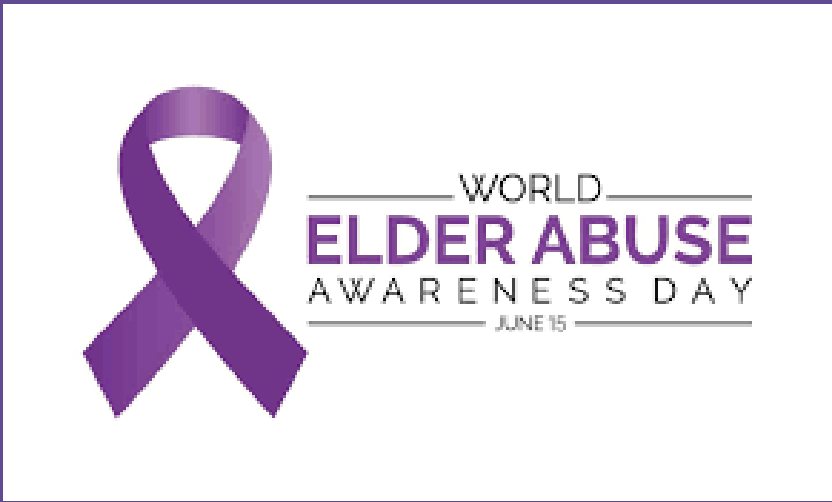


# MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Vance County celebrated Mother's Day with a special Mother's Day Tea honoring mothers and mother figures in the community. The event provided a warm and welcoming space for participants to come together, enjoy fellowship, and recognize the important role that mothers play in families and communities.

During the event, participants learned about different types of teas, tea party traditions, and customs associated with hosting and enjoying afternoon tea. Guests also embraced the occasion by wearing stylish hats, adding a fun and festive touch to the celebration.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments, conversation, and a meaningful opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day in a thoughtful and memorable way. The event was a wonderful reminder of the appreciation, love, and gratitude shared for mothers and mother figures throughout Vance County.



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## JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

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**June is the month that we celebrate dads. What better time is there for men to get their health screenings scheduled?**

Even healthy men need to get health screenings for preventive care.

If you are a man with Medicare coverage, now is the time to talk with your doctor about getting screened for prostate cancer, colorectal cancer and cardiovascular disease.

Medicare covers prostate screenings once every 12 months for men over 50 and the colorectal screening tests every 120 months, unless at high risk.

Cardiovascular screenings can detect conditions that could lead to heart attack or stroke and are covered by Medicare once every five years.

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.



## UPCOMING SESSION DATES

<b>Bunn Public Library</b>	<b>JUNE 17 &amp; JUNE 18</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Louisburg DT Community Station</b>	<b>JUNE 23 &amp; JUNE 24</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Youngsville Public Library</b>	<b>JULY 14 &amp; JULY 15</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Franklinton Public Library</b>	<b>JULY 22 &amp; JULY 23</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>

# LOOK OUT FOR POTHOLES!

A pothole usually forms in a road surface as a result of water seeping into pavement cracks and freezing during winter months. Because water expands when it freezes, the cracks become wider and deeper. Over time the larger cracks, combined with the weight of traffic, cause the pavement to break up. While potholes are more prevalent in early spring, they can occur year-round.

Repairing potholes is important because they can lead to more expensive road repairs, cause wear and tear on vehicles, make for bumpy rides, and pose safety risks.

**Other Roadway Defects** Not all defects in the road are potholes. For various reasons, the top layer of pavement can break and form a shallow divot known as a delamination. NC Department of Transportation crews work proactively to maintain and repair about 80,000 miles of state-maintained roads. Because of the vast number of roads, NCDOT typically only patches delaminations if they are severe. There simply is not enough funding to patch every roadway imperfection.

## Report a Pothole

NCDOT is committed to repairing potholes on state-maintained roads within two business days when they are reported using the [online pothole reporting system](#). To report potholes on other roads, contact the local public works department.

For other issues or concerns about state maintained roads, contact [NCDOT](#) or call 1-877-DOT-4YOU (1-877-368-4968).



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# SAVE THE DATE!



## Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Summit

# Thursday, October 8, 2026

McGregor Hall Performing Arts Center  
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# REGIONAL PARTNERS BEGIN PLANNING FOR 2027 CHILDCARE SUMMIT

On May 13, 2026, regional partners gathered at Turning Point CDC to discuss one of the most pressing challenges facing families and employers across the Kerr-Tar Region: access to affordable, high-quality childcare. Representatives from Positive Childhood Alliance NC provided an informative presentation highlighting the many barriers families face when seeking childcare and the far-reaching impacts these challenges have on our communities.

Attendees included staff from Franklin-Granville-Vance Smart Start, Vance-Granville Community College, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce, and Turning Point CDC.. Discussions focused on how childcare shortages affect family well-being, mental health, workforce participation, and the development of our future workforce. These issues ultimately have significant implications for economic development throughout the region.

This meeting marks the beginning of a broader regional effort to better understand childcare challenges from multiple perspectives. Additional meetings will be held with parents, childcare providers, employers, educators, community organizations, and other stakeholders to gather input and identify potential solutions.

Information gathered through these discussions will help shape the Kerr-Tar Regional Childcare Summit, scheduled for April 8, 2027. The summit will bring together regional leaders and stakeholders to explore innovative, achievable strategies for strengthening the childcare system and supporting families, businesses, and communities across the region.

For more information about this initiative or the upcoming summit, contact Desiree Brooks at [dbrooks@kerrtarcog.org](mailto:dbrooks@kerrtarcog.org).



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# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL: NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

**National Safety Month** is a great reminder of the importance of creating safer environments for everyone, including students traveling to and from school. Through the Safe Routes to School initiative, communities can support safer walking and biking options, encourage healthy habits, and work together to reduce risks around schools, neighborhoods, and roadways.

In recognition of National Safety Month, recently appointed Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Ashley Zuniga, hosted a Safe Routes to School table at the 3rd Annual Fun Charity Ride & Kids Fun Fest, held by Community Health Is Wealth, on Saturday, May 16, at Back to Eden in Henderson, NC.

This community event provided a great opportunity to share information about the Safe Routes to School initiative, bike and pedestrian safety, and the importance of creating safer routes for children and families traveling to school and throughout their neighborhoods.

Thank you to Community Health Is Wealth for hosting such a meaningful event and for creating space for local organizations and community partners to connect with families in Vance County.



**3RD ANNUAL CHARITY FUN RIDE**  
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026  
RAIN DATE: TBD  
COMMUNITY HEALTH IS WEALTH, 501 (C)3 NON PROFIT

**FUNDRAISER**  
Start Point  
**BACK TO EDEN**  
105 SPELLMAN LOOP  
495 SATTERWHITE POINT  
HENDERSON, NC 27537  
9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION  
11:00 A.M. RIDE

Antique vehicles welcome

**COMMUNITY KIDS' FUN FEST**  
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1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
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REFRESHMENTS, GAMES AND PRIZES

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# MARS RAPID RESPONSE EFFORTS AND JOB FAIR - A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Mars Rapid Response efforts were a tremendous success, bringing together workforce partners, employers, educational partners, and community organizations to support employees affected by the facility closure.

The week before the Mars Job Fair, three employee information sessions were held in partnership with Vance-Granville Community College. These sessions provided information on workforce services, educational and training opportunities, unemployment resources, resume assistance, and career planning support. Employees were highly engaged, asked thoughtful questions, and actively participated.

The Mars Rapid Response Job Fair built on those efforts by connecting associates directly with regional employers and career opportunities. Employers conducted private interviews, shared current and upcoming job openings, and several employees received multiple offers that day. The NCWorks Mobile Unit was also on-site and heavily utilized for job search assistance, resume support, and career guidance.

This event highlighted the strength of collaboration among workforce development organizations, educational partners, employers, and community leaders. Thank you to all participating employers, staff, partners, and volunteers who made these efforts meaningful and successful. We remain committed to supporting Mars associates as they transition into new employment, training, education, retirement, and other career pathways.



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Katie Conner

Finance Director

June 10th



Happy  
Anniversary!

Diane Cox

Executive Director

19 Years - June 4th

# Kerr-Tar

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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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