

2026 Brunswick County Summer Concert Series



**THURSDAYS UNTIL
SEPT. 3, 6–8:00P.M.
FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK
SOUTHPORT**

July 9	The Dust Parade
July 16	Rusty Bones of Southport
July 23	Hodnett Family Band
July 30	Salt Road Electric
Aug 6	Burning Bridges Jazz
Aug 13	Latitude Adjustment
Aug 20	The Doorsmen
Aug 27	Honey & Bones
Sep 3	The Embers ft Craig Woolard



**FRIDAYS UNTIL AUGUST 28, 6:30–8:30P.M.
MIDDLETON PARK COMPLEX
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July 1	(Wed.) BEACH DAY 6–9 P.M. The Extraordinaires
July 10	The Entertainers
July 17	Chocolate Chip & Company Band
July 24	Rivermist
July 31	Crystal & Arla
August 7	I-42 Band
August 14	52nd Street Band
August 21	Hoods Crock
August 28	The Conspiracy



**THURSDAYS UNTIL SEPT. 10, 7–9:00P.M.
MULBERRY PARK AMPHITHEATER
123 MULBERRY STREET • SHALLOTTE**

July 2	Chocolate Chip & Company
July 9	Catalinas
July 16	The Fabulous Fish Heads
July 23	Special Occasion Band
July 30	Band of Oz
August 6	Julio & The Saltines
August 13	Jack Jack 180
August 20	Too Much Sylvia
August 27	Jebb Mac Band





**SUNDAYS UNTIL SEPT. 6, 6:30–8P.M.
BRIDGEVIEW PARK
125 DAVIS ST. • HOLDEN BEACH**

July 5	The Tams
July 12	Band of Oz
July 19	Too Much Sylvia
August 2	The Sand Band
August 9	North Tower
August 16	Continental Divide
August 23	I-42
August 30	The Main Event



**FRIDAYS UNTIL SEPT. 6, 6:30–8P.M.
TOWN CENTER PARK
11 E. 2ND STREET
OCEAN ISLE BEACH**

July 1	Chocolate Chip & Company
July 10	Rivermist
July 17	Blackwater Band
July 24	The Main Event Band
July 31	Jam Biscuit
August 7	Special Occasion Band
August 14	The Embers ft. Craig Woolard
August 21	Uptown Easy
August 28	Julio & the Saltines



**WEDNESDAYS UNTIL SEPT. 2 AT 6P.M.
SUNSET BEACH TOWN PARK
206 SUNSET BLVD. NORTH • SUNSET BEACH**

July 1	Gimme Back My Skynrd
July 3	Rivermist
July 8	Chocolate Chip
July 15	Band On Fire
July 22	Too Much Sylvia
July 29	Unknown Artist Band
August 5	North Tower
August 12	Pushh
August 19	Pink Slips
August 26	Whitewing Dove



**TUESDAYS UNTIL AUG. 4, 6–8:30P.M.
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June 2	Too Much Sylvia
June 16	The Rivermist Band
June 23	Jim Quick & Coastline
June 30	The Extraordinaires
July 7	The Main Event Band
July 21	Embers featuring Craig Woolard
July 28	Brunswick Big Band
Aug 4	Chocolate Chip & Company

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This incredible woman had to make the difficult choice to use her

bike to carry her belongings, sacrificing the ease of riding it, which made her journey longer and tougher on her body. The rope and bungee cords that held her belongings in place were more than just simple tools - they were life-lines. Every item she collected from the share was a vital necessity: hygiene essentials, boots, cozy bedding, and more.

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TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WHERE: 801 Ocean Event Center • 801 Ocean Dr, Oak Island, NC

COST: FREE (pre-registration required)

Engaging stories set to the backdrop of the breathtaking views from the **801 Ocean Event Center** make for the perfect way to spend time together as a family. This free series invites participants ages 12 and under to enjoy coastal themed story reading, followed by Arts & Crafts to take home.

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Brunswick County Real Estate Market Activity Increases During April

Brunswick County’s residential real estate market once again outpaced itself during April, with increases in new listings, sales and prices.

“Our members were definitely busy during April,” said Cynthia Walsh, CEO of the Brunswick County Association of REALTORS®. “40% of sales that occurred in April closed in less than a month, and we saw more sales than we did last year. Prices increased, but that’s likely due to the high number of luxury sales we saw. We also have 29% more pending listings than last April, which is a strong indication that May will be just as busy.”

April 2026 Compared to April 2025

New listings increased 6.0% in April, from 886 to 939. The number of homes sold was up 5.0%, from 559 to 587. Average sale prices increased 10.3%, from \$441,200 to \$486,862 and median sales price increased 11.4%, from \$350,000 to \$390,000. Total sales volume increased 15.9%, from \$246,630,961 to \$285,787,948.

Of the 587 homes sold in April 2026, 207 resales sold in 30 days or less at nearly 99% of their list price. Thirty-three homes sold at or above their listing price and 36 properties sold for \$1 million or more. The three largest sales included sales at \$4.6 million, \$2.2 million, and \$2 million.

Year-to-Date

Year-to-date, new listings increased 8.6% compared to 2025, from 3,117 to 3,384. The number of units sold was

up 4.0%, from 1,819 to 1,892. Average sale prices increased 4.4%, from \$464,254 to \$484,767, and median sale prices rose 5.8%, from \$361,830 to \$382,874. Total sales volume increased 9.3%, from \$837,852,924 to \$916,154,655.

Brunswick County

NEW LISTINGS

April 2026: 939
April 2025: 886
+6.0%

UNITS SOLD

April 2026: 587
April 2025: 559
+5.0%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

April 2026: \$486,862
April 2025: \$441,200
+10.3%

MEDIAN SALES PRICE

April 2026: \$390,000
April 2025: \$350,000
+11.4%

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

April 2026: \$285,787,948
April 2025: \$246,630,961
+15.9%

Bladen County

NEW LISTINGS

April 2026: 16
April 2025: 14
+14.3%

UNITS SOLD

April 2026: 12
April 2025: 11
+9.1%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

April 2026: \$215,208
April 2025: \$245,264
-12.3%

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

April 2026: \$2,582,500
April 2025: \$2,697,900
-4.3%

Columbus County

NEW LISTINGS

April 2026: 52
April 2025: 49
+6.1%

UNITS SOLD

April 2026: 27
April 2025: 26
+3.8%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

April 2026: \$240,344
April 2025: \$240,029
+0.1%

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

April 2026: \$6,489,300
April 2025: \$6,240,745
+4.0%

Robeson County

NEW LISTINGS

April 2026: 8
April 2025: 6
+33.3%

UNITS SOLD

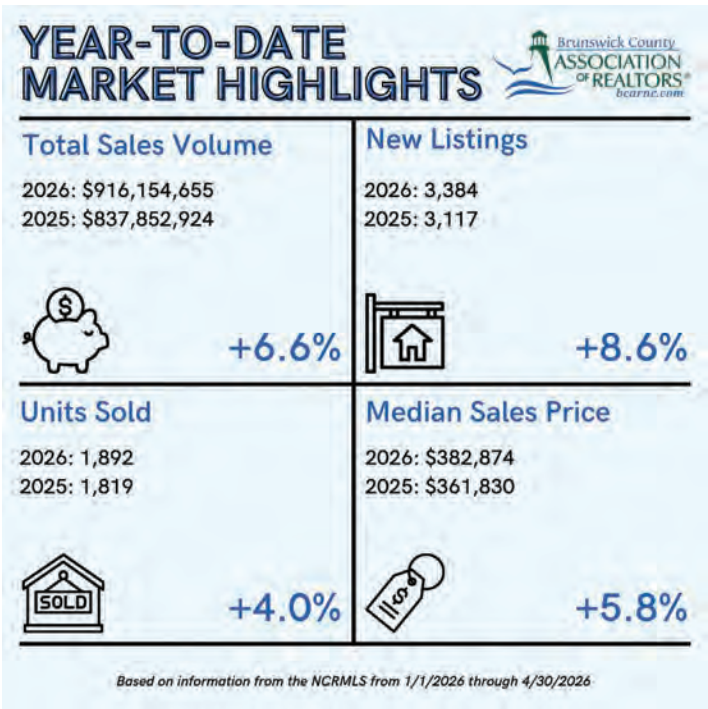
April 2026: 9
April 2025: 6
+50.0%

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

April 2026: \$252,200
April 2025: \$143,583
+75.6%

TOTAL SALES VOLUME

April 2026: \$2,269,800
April 2025: \$861,500+163.5%



N.C. 211 Construction Requires Temporary Closures in Brunswick County



County: Brunswick
Status: Under Construction
STIP Number: R-5021

Estimated Cost: \$217,260,048
Start Date: January 2022
Completion Date: Summer 2027

The N.C. Department of Transportation will close two entrances from N.C. 211 (Southport Supply Road) to the 211 Midway Commons Shopping Center beginning next week.

Starting June 22, the Lowes Food Boulevard entrance and the adjacent Lowes Food gas station entrance from N.C. 211 will close to prepare for an upcoming traffic shift. The entrances will reopen once the traffic shift is in place in mid-July.

Drivers will need to use the entrances on N.C. 906 (Midway Road) to access the shopping center. Motorists should slow down and use caution when traveling near the area.

Additional information will be provided regarding the upcoming traffic shift in the near future. This work is part of the N.C. 211 widening project in Brunswick County. Visit <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/nc-211-widening/Pages/default.aspx> to learn more.

Southern Coast Nannies: Bringing Trusted Childcare Home to Cape Fear Region

When Natalie Glendenning spent more than a decade as a professional nanny, she wasn't just doing a job — she was building relationships that lasted long after children grew up and families moved on. Those connections shaped her. But when she eventually transitioned to the corporate world, something was missing. Years of burnout and unfulfillment made it clear that her path led back to the work that had always mattered most.

A conversation with her longtime mentor Megan Metzger — owner of Preferred Childcare serving the NC Triad and Glendenning's former agency employer — helped crystallize what that looked like. Local families needed reliable, trustworthy childcare. Something that felt less like a transaction and more like an extension of their family. Glendenning knew she could provide exactly that.

That conviction became Southern Coast Nannies.

Launched in late 2024, South-

ern Coast Nannies is a boutique childcare referral agency headquartered in the Wilmington area, serving families across New Hanover and Brunswick Counties and offering full-service nanny placements statewide. The agency was founded on a premise that is straightforward but increasingly rare: that the relationship between a family and their caregiver should be built to last.

"Many families come to us frustrated after spending weeks searching for reliable care — only to be ghosted or left with unqualified candidates," says Glendenning, who holds a degree from UNC Greensboro and applies her decade of hands-on caregiving experience to every placement decision. "I've seen what it looks like when the right match is made, and the way it lifts the weight off a busy parent's shoulders. That's what we're working toward with every family we serve."



Natalie Glendenning



babysitting service offers coverage for date nights, backup care days, and last-minute scheduling changes — without the anxiety of scrolling through strangers on an app.

SCN also provides event childcare, offering supervised care for weddings, private events, and gatherings where families want children well looked after so adults can be fully present.

Across every service, every caregiver meets the same high-level standards: thorough multiple interviews, background checks, verified references, CPR and First Aid certification, and a character evaluation. The majority of candidates who apply do not make it through SCN's full vetting process — and that is entirely by design.

Southern Coast Nannies is currently accepting new nanny and babysitting clients. Families interested in learning more can visit southerncoastnannies.com, email info@southerncoastnannies.com, or call 910.348.8832.

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Brunswick County Reminds Community to Prepare for 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season

June marks the start of the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 through November 30, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts below-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic basin this year. Brunswick County encourages all community members to start preparing now.

For the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, NOAA is forecasting a range of 8 to 14 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 3 to 6 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 1 to 3 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA has a 70% confidence in these ranges. An average season has 14 named storms with seven hurricanes, including three major hurricanes.

The alphabetical list of 2026 Atlantic hurricane names can be found at hurricanes.gov/aboutnames.shtml#atl

Prepare for Hurricane Season with Brunswick County

To be ReadyBrunswick is to be responsible for your personal and household preparedness efforts, and to stay alert for any events that could impact you and your loved ones. During the month of June, Brunswick County will be doing a weekly countdown for hurricane preparedness. Each week will focus on different actions you and your household can take to prepare for any tropical activity that may impact the area.

Week 1 (June 7-13): Make a plan. Create and practice a Family Emergency Communication Plan that includes all members of your household and pets. Discuss your household evacuation plan for every member of the household and pets. Review your insurance policies (in-

cluding flood insurance) to ensure your property is covered for any flooding or natural disasters that could occur.

Week 2 (June 14-20): Build a kit. An emergency kit is vital for your survival in situations where help might not be easily accessible due to power outages and road damage. When preparing an emergency kit, it is recommended to prepare three to seven days' worth of medicine, water, and non-perishable food for each person and pet in your home. Make sure you store important documents physically and digitally in secure locations.

Week 3 (June 21-27): Stay informed. It's important to plan for multiple ways you will receive credible and accurate information before, during, and after a tropical event. To get updates from Brunswick County, sign up for the ReadyBrunswick Emergency Notification System and follow Brunswick County on social media. Know the terms and categories used by weather professionals and public safety officials for tropical cyclones.

Week 4 (June 28-July 4): Practice resilience. Take time to learn how to prepare your home/property before, during, and after a storm. Know who maintains roads and how residents play a part. Practice home safety skills to protect your family and property.

For more hurricane preparedness tips from Brunswick County, visit BrunswickCountyNC.gov/hurricanes.

Find information on emergency planning and hurricane safety online at ReadyNC.gov or Ready.gov.

View updates from the National Hurricane Center, a real-time emergency weather map, and additional online resources at nhc.noaa.gov.



Tide Sit returns to Oak Island July 12



One of Oak Island's most unusual summer traditions will return on Sunday, July 12, when participants once again test their balance, determination and sense of humor during the Fourth Annual Tide Sit.

The event will take place at the Middleton Park beach access on Southeast 46th Street and invites competitors to take a seat right at the water's edge as the incoming tide slowly transforms a relaxing day at the beach into a battle against the waves.

The rules are simple: contestants place their beach chairs along the shoreline and remain seated as the tide rises. As waves begin crashing over participants and the surf grows stronger, chairs may wobble, tip or even wash away. The last participant still sitting upright in their chair is crowned the winner.

Part competition and part beachside entertainment, the Tide Sit has become a popular gathering for both participants and spectators. Crowds often line the beach to cheer on contestants as they endure soaking waves and shifting sand while trying to maintain their position against the advancing tide.

Those wishing to participate should bring their own standard-sized beach or camping chair and are encouraged to make a donation of any amount. Organizers will also be accepting donations to benefit the Oak Island and Caswell Beach sea turtle programs. Donations made be made through Venmo before and during the event.

Whether competing for bragging rights or simply enjoying the spectacle from the sand, visitors can expect an afternoon of laughter, community spirit and plenty of splashing as Oak Island's most entertaining test of staying power returns for another year.

BURN BAN

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STATEWIDE UPDATE

The North Carolina Forest Service has issued a **BAN ON ALL OPEN BURNING**, including land clearing, and has canceled all burning permits statewide **EFFECTIVE 6 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 28** until further notice. The issuance of any new permits has also been suspended until the ban is lifted.

NO OPEN BURNING, INCLUDING LAND CLEARING

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EFFECTIVE 6 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 28 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BRUNSWICK COUNTY LOCAL BURN BAN

100 FEET

All burning within 100 feet of any structure is banned in unincorporated areas of Brunswick County.

LIVE IN A CITY OR TOWN?

Check with your **local municipality** for any additional restrictions.

HELP PREVENT WILDFIRES

Current conditions bring increased wind and fire danger. Please use caution and **avoid outdoor burning.**

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BURN BAN?
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clamoring for the fun to continue.

For that reason, the Yacht Club is pleased to announce an even bigger 2026 season with 8 fantastic bands, including The Catalinas, The Tonez,

Chairmen of the Board, and more (final calendar in work). We hope we can count on your support again this year- see below and attached for ways you can get involved!

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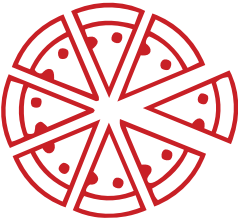
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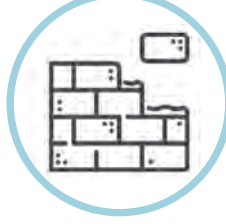
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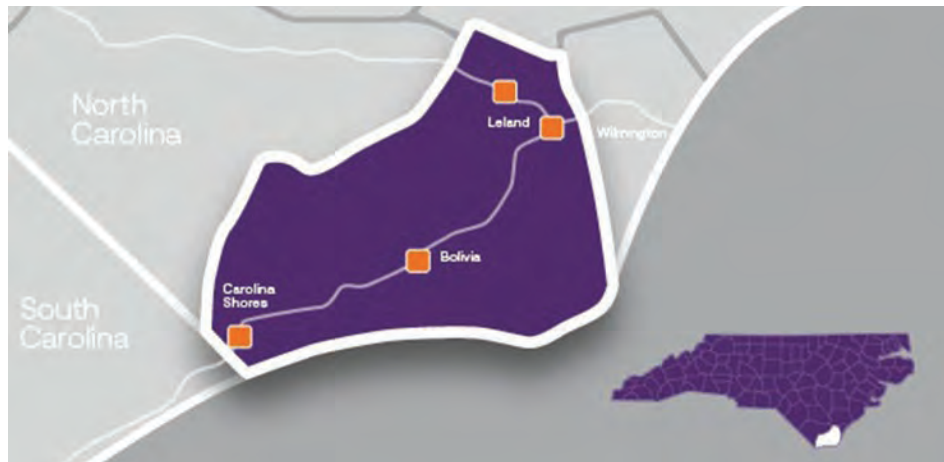

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Novant Approves 20-bed Hospital, Emergency Dept. in Brunswick County



Novant Health is expanding its presence in Brunswick County.

According to a news release on Monday, Novant Health has received state approval to build a 20-bed hospital and a free-standing emergency department in Brunswick County.

The hospital would be the first new hospital in Brunswick County since Novant Health opened the 74-bed Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center in Bolivia in 2011.

"We're pleased to receive the state's support for our vision to advance access to both hospital and emergency department care throughout Brunswick County," said Laurie Whalin, president of acute care operations for the Novant Health Coastal Region, in the press release. "We know residents depend on having trusted care that's also close to home, particularly in an emergency when minutes count."

The 20-bed hospital, to be called the Novant Health Leland Medical Center, will be constructed near the Compass Pointe community near U.S. 74/76 and is expected to cost more than \$251 million, according to the certificate of need application submitted in October.

According to the release, the new

hospital will feature a 24/7 emergency department, imaging services, 10 observation beds and five procedure rooms. According to the application, Novant plans to relocate 20 licensed acute-care beds from Brunswick Medical Center to the new hospital.

The free-standing emergency department will be constructed in Carolina Shores, near U.S. 17, as part of an estimated \$24.2 million project, according to the application. The emergency department will operate under the Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center license.

"As someone who's called Brunswick County home for many years, I'm delighted to mark this milestone as we work to expand our remarkable care to better serve our community," said Kevin Briggs, president of Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center, in the release. "This investment secures needed healthcare infrastructure to support the county's growing population."

Novant is also expanding services at Brunswick Medical Center, adding an expanded MRI space and a cardiac catheterization lab, according to the release. Additionally, Novant's 16,000 square-foot ambulatory surgery center is slated to open in Leland later this year.

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Getting a Second Chance, Literally

With help from Brunswick County Literacy Council, Luke Whittaker earned his GED behind bars and found the confidence to build a successful future.

Luke Whittaker spreads his arms wide as he talks, revealing tattoos that reflect what matters most to him. One references philosopher René Descartes' famous phrase, "I think therefore I am." Another simply reads "ohana," the Hawaiian word for family.

Today, the 30-year-old owns multiple businesses and lives in Myrtle Beach with his fiancée, Alexa Hegedus, and their dog, Hestia. But his path to success began while serving time in the Brunswick County Detention Center.

Whittaker was prosecuted in Brunswick County on felony marijuana charges and spent more than ten months in jail.

"I needed time to think about doing something different," he says. "I

needed to set goals."

From his cell, he noticed other inmates studying for their GEDs. Having dropped out of North Myrtle Beach High School as a junior, he decided to enroll in the program offered through Brunswick County Literacy Council.

That decision changed his life.

"It's a spark that Sue gave me to get the fire going," Whittaker says, referring to Brunswick County Literacy Council Program Coordinator Sue Railing. "At the moment you're a loser, sitting in there. It makes a big impact on your mental health, but Miss Sue gave me a different mindset. Even though you're wearing an orange jumpsuit, you get someone professional who treats you with respect and believes in you."



Railing says that respect is a critical part of the program. "It gives them belief in themselves, that some-

one cares," she says. "We don't care why you are in there. We care that you can learn something from us while you are there."

Whittaker spent nearly eight months completing the five GED exams.

"Luke was always prepared and really wanted this program," Railing says. "He was driven and most of the time made us laugh. He was easy to work with."

After his release, Whittaker moved in with his father, Wade, in Little River, South Carolina.

"My father has the biggest heart," he says. "He taught me good morals

and told me, 'If you say you are going to do something, do it.'"

He also credits his best friend, Brody Labod, and Brody's mother, Mary, for supporting him when many others would not.

Finding work, however, proved difficult. "There are a lot of jobs you cannot get because of charges," he says.

After being turned down for trucking jobs, Whittaker worked towing vehicles but struggled to find enough work. Looking for alternatives, he researched power washing and decided to start a business of his own.

He purchased equipment, a truck, and launched Carolinas Under Pressure Washing, initially finding customers by knocking on doors.

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Whittaker believes earning his GED gave him the confidence to pursue opportunities he once thought were out of reach. "I told myself, 'If I can do that, I can do this and this and this,'" he says. "It's a snowball effect."

He also understands how important that confidence can be for others trying to rebuild their lives. "If I didn't start my own business, I wouldn't be able to make a good living," he says. "That's why a lot of people go back to selling drugs and end up back in jail."

Now his focus is on building a future for the people he loves and encouraging others to make better choices.

"My number one goal is to continue to build something bigger for the people who mean so much to me," he says.

He also hopes to speak at schools and community events to encourage others to persevere and pursue worthwhile goals. And if there's one final message he'd like readers to remember? "Tell them to get their house washed," he says with a laugh

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Nexus was generously donated by MGK II Construction, LLC and the Kennedy family, and purchased from Scent Evidence K9.

Through our ongoing partnership with New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, Honey, Pepper, and Nexus now form a specialized bloodhound team serving both counties, providing critical tracking support when every minute matters.

These highly trained bloodhounds specialize in locating vulnerable individuals, including missing children, elderly adults, and those living with Alzheimer's disease, Dementia, Autism spectrum disorder, or other

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This partnership strengthens

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