

## Carteret General Opens New Imaging Center

Carteret General Hospital opened its new outpatient imaging center at 3402 Arendell Feb. 21. The new imaging center contains almost 8900 square feet compared to only 3400 square feet in the previous downtown location. This nearly tripling of size allows room for expanded service, additional patient waiting areas and additional imaging equipment.

Three years ago the hospital opened an imaging center and through growth and a favorable response from patients plans were made to open the new center and achieve an even higher level of satisfaction. Still a separate facility, the new center is located closer to the hospital. Work began in late May of 2004 and in less than a year the new facility is open. The new center has plenty of room to grow and offer additional services when the need arises.

The new Imaging Center features private registration areas for patient privacy. In addition, with patient privacy a prime consideration, services for women are located on one side and services for males and general service on another. Both feature separate rooms for gowned patients.

The Imaging Center features an in-house board certified radiologist through Coastal Radiology who reads the images on site. Should the need arise for additional consultation, the center has access to additional radiologists who have specific

sub-specialties of certification.

Outpatient diagnostic services to be offered are: Mammography, Computer Aided Detection (CAD) in conjunction with mammography, Ultra-Sound, CT Scans, a new radiographic room and a radiographic & fluoroscopic room. Mammogram machines will be on site, one new and one upgraded. In addition, laboratory procedures will be done on site for patient convenience and EKG services will be added.

Emphasis has been placed on patient care, privacy and convenience. There are 50 parking spaces, the lobby is decorated and furnished with a home-like feel, there are private registration areas and plenty of waiting space.

The staff and leadership of the Imaging Center are excited to have this new state-of-the-art facility open. For more information please call 808-6010. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The center is dedicated in memory of Dr. John Gainey, who graduated from UNC Medical School in Chapel Hill. He was a member of the Carteret County Medical Society, served as Chief of Staff at Carteret General Hospital and was a leading chairperson for the Foundation of Carteret General Hospital. He was honored in 1979 by Gov. James B. Hunt with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. He passed away in 2004.

## Craven County Site Offers Tradition And "Respite" from Daily Grind

Tired of spending leisure time in a noisy, fast-paced environment? There is a peaceful traditional alternative to the usual hustle of daily life and today's holiday celebrations right down the road.

A Day at the Farm is located in Cove City on a N.C. Century Farm. Opened to the public six years ago, the former McCoy Dairy Farm, is now a tour site for families, groups, and anyone who may be looking for a change of pace and the celebration of traditions.

McCoy sisters, Melissa Barnett and Julia Bircher, along with the help of other family members, have turned their family's farm into a successful agri-tourism business which promotes Eastern North Carolina Heritage and provides a unique farm experience for all of its guests. In fact, the once thriving dairy farm that hosted 150 cows, now hosts nearly 7,000 visitors from as many as 20 states throughout the A Day at the Farm touring season.

A Day at the Farm is open 10-months out of

the year and hosts summer day camps, birthday parties, fall activities such as "A Day's Maze," a four-acre corn maze, the Country Christmas Celebration, employee appreciation days, or any other special event during which guests want to experience tradition.

One of the most popular events of the year is just around the corner - a traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Children get to find lots of candy and toy-filled eggs during the hunt. They and their families also enjoy hands-on activities, viewing and petting baby animals, hay rides, a walking trail, face painting, hay play, and the ice cream and gift shop. Time at the farm will be unforgettable whether you are young or young-at-heart.

This year, the egg hunt will kick off the spring season on Saturday, March 19 and will repeat all of the fun on March 26 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Please visit their web site at [www.adayatthefarm.com](http://www.adayatthefarm.com) or call for specific event information or to make your reservations today - 252-514-9494.

## Friends to Hold Spring Book Sale

The long wait is over for book lovers and bargain hunters! The Friends of Bogue Banks Library will hold their next semi-annual Used Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Shepherd of Sea Lutheran Church, 201 East Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach (just east of the main intersection). Our low prices and great selection are unparalleled.

The sale is open to the public and offers an excellent opportunity to buy recent best-sellers and other desirable books covering all subjects at amazing bargain prices. Books are sorted by subject to make browsing easy. The Friends solicit book donations all year. Used books may be left with a Bogue Banks librarian and are greatly appreciated.

All full and part-time residents as well as visitors who value their use of the library are urged to join the Friends.

Membership dues are used along with book sale proceeds and donations to fund a variety of worthwhile projects. One special benefit of being a member is access to the "Members Only" book sale held at 7 p.m. on the Friday evening preceding the public sale. A family membership is \$15 per year, and an individual membership in \$10 per year, less than the cost of one new book. You may purchase memberships at the "Members Only" sale or at the library.

Volunteers, especially those with pick-up trucks, are needed to set up the sales space, move books, and arrange books on the sales tables. Set-up begins at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 31. Clean-up starts after the sale on Saturday and takes about two hours. For further information or to volunteer to help with the sale please call Bill Johnston, president, at 240-1531.

## "A Taste of New Bern"

*Submitted by Nancy Stewart, Publicity Chair*

The Neuse River Foundation will hold its second annual Taste of New Bern program Tuesday, March 29, at the Sudan Temple in New Bern. The event, which will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., will bring together chefs from New Bern restaurants who will prepare dishes from soup to desserts for guests to sample.

At this time we have the following restaurants and eateries returning from our successful inaugural "Taste of New Bern" in 2004: A Catered Affair; Bear City Fudge; Bear Town French Bakery & Bistro; Captain Ratty's Seafood & Piano Bar; Chelsea Restaurant; Fred & Claire's Restaurant; Kitchen on Trent; Latitude 35; Nikola's of New Bern; The Flame Restaurant & Pub and the Gallery Café.

New participants this year to date include Baker's Square, Kelly's Café Bakery & Catering and Theo's. You will be afforded an opportunity to sample their cuisine ranging from soup to desserts. Musical entertainment will be provided, a door prize and raffle will

offer gift baskets and gift certificates and much more.

Tickets are \$15 each and must be obtained in advance. A cash bar with wine, beer and sodas will be available. Free parking provided. You may either call the Neuse River Foundation at (252) 637-7972 or stop by their office at 220 South Front Street Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Master Card and Visa are accepted. Don't miss out on an opportunity to support this worthwhile organization by attending one of the finest events in New Bern.

The NRF will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation's River Protection Program. In 1980 five citizens concerned about pollution in the Neuse River established the NRF. This grassroots organization now has over 2800 members and an active volunteer force of over 300. They sponsor two full-time riverkeepers licensed by the National Waterkeeper Alliance.

## New Paintings At Town Hall

*Submitted by Floranne Passino*

The Town Hall art exhibit has been updated. Two additional artists have joined our ranks. Cookie Griffin and Pat Warnke each have two lovely oil paintings on display. Also currently exhibiting are Walter Bone, Janet Birkel, Josie Humphries, Virgil Lindgren, Annah Logan, Jacque Lynn, Patty Norris, Janie Prete, Margaret Pennybacker, Floranne Passino and Julia Woolard. We are also privileged to have an oil landscape given to us by Dot and Bruce Belding before they left PKS. It was painted by Bruce's mother.