



April 18, 2016

Weekly Report

Highlight of Departmental Activities

The Weekly Report showcases the activities and accomplishments of the many Departments within Rutherford County Government. Click on the directory lists, headings and text in blue to be linked to more information.

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Airport

The Airport sold 1,631.0 gallons of Jet A to 9 aircraft and 535.4 gallons of 100LL to 18 aircraft last week.

PHOTO: A McDonald Douglas 500E departing the airport after receiving fuel.



Board of Elections

Ballots for the June 7th Primary have been approved and ordered. The results for the March Primary by voting tabulation district have been completed and reported to the state. Staff is busy packing up everything from the March election to be stored for 22 months and starting the process of preparing for the June election.

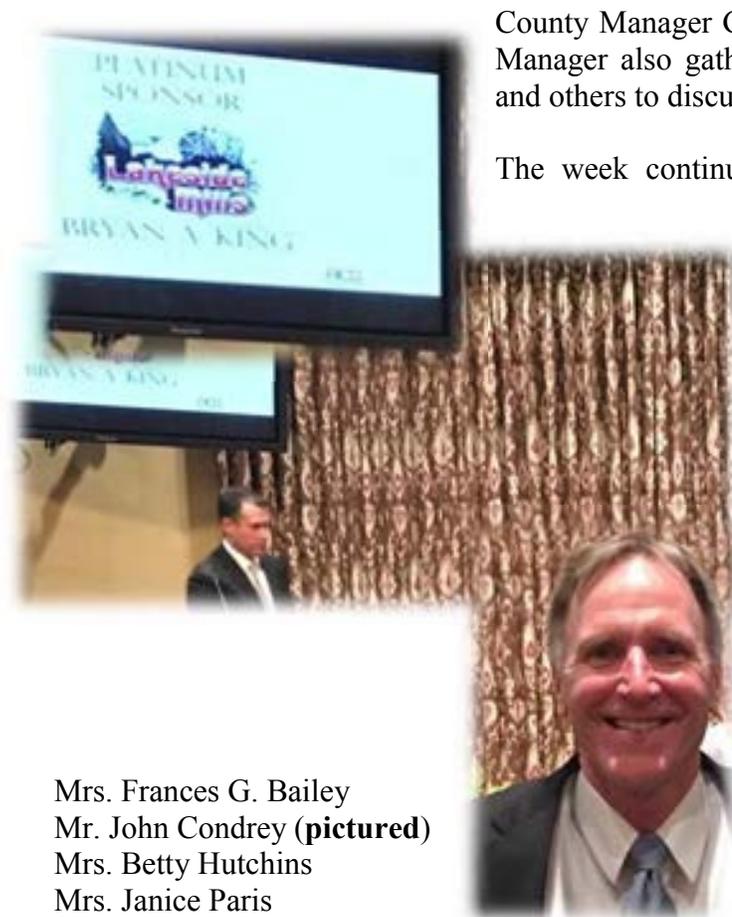
County Manager and Commissioners

The following are several activities in which the County Manager, Commissioners and staff were involved this week:

- ORA Funding and Fireman Training
- Meetings with several department heads, including Planning and Projects, Economic Development, and Finance.
- Budget Review Meetings
- Rails to Trail Board Meeting
- EDC Board Meeting
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan Meeting
- County Attorney meeting regarding various projects
- IPDC Executive Committee Meeting

Commissioner Bryan King attended the RCS Education Foundation Hall of Fame Gala, and was recognized as a Platinum Sponsor, along with several other sponsors (**pictured on screen below**).

Vice Chairman Toney was involved with the Troop 120 Eagle Scout Court of Honor. His son, Alex, and three other young men received honors. Congratulations to Alex Toney for his accomplishments! Also, special recognition to parents, Vice Chairman and Mrs. Alan Toney, for their influence and training while their son was achieving the Eagle Scout rank.



County Manager Garrison met with Town Manager Doug Barrick. The Manager also gathered with Health Department director, Terry Hines, and others to discuss Health and Wellness opportunities.

The week continued with additional duties, consisting of numerous calls, interoffice meetings, conference calls, public relations, advising, preparation for various responsibilities and meeting with citizens.

Congratulations to five special people who were into the 2016 RCS Hall of Fame by the Rutherford County Schools Education Foundation. The following individuals were honored at the 4th Annual Rutherford County Schools Hall of Fame Gala on Saturday, April 9, 2016:

Mrs. Frances G. Bailey
Mr. John Condrey (**pictured**)
Mrs. Betty Hutchins
Mrs. Janice Paris
Mr. Ron Paris



Economic Development

This week, the Economic Development Department responded to an industrial RFI and prepared for an upcoming industrial site visit. Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects and communicating with the Department of Commerce regarding various grant requests and reports. This week's agenda also included participating in the monthly Rutherford County Economic Development Commission Board Meeting and attending numerous meetings and conference calls with county departments and industry allies.

Finance Department

The Finance Office processed accounts payable and payroll. The Director attended several interdepartmental budget meetings. The Director and Assistant Director attended GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) training in Morganton.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- attended law enforcement in service training.
- assisted Spindale Fire Department with a origin and cause investigation of a structure fire.
- worked with fire departments in preparing budget requests.
- continued to work on emergency management projects.
- attended various meetings.

Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. The HR Specialist conducted the monthly new hire orientation. The Director met with Charles Eaton of NCACC, toured the Speedway to Health Exhibit, and attended the NC Department of Labor Safety Awards Banquet. Congratulations to the Revenue Department and the Human Resources Department on their recognition this year. **(See photos on page 4.)**

NCACC representative Craig Sappenfield will be conducting training for department heads/supervisors on April 21 on the topic "Identifying Substance Abuse."

Director Debra Conner, Paula Roach (Finance) and Jai Doherty (IT) attended the Gardner Webb Career Fair. **(Pictures on page 5.)**

The annual blood drive is scheduled for May 11th. We are doing great and are on a steady path to meeting our goal with the blood drive. We currently have 35 people enrolled to donate with a goal of 45 pints. This means we need at least 50 people to sign up. We have several open slots. If you would like to sign up, or know someone that would, please contact HR to schedule a time. **FLYER on page 6.**

Our Relay Book Sale has grown. We have many, many books from well known authors. Drop by the County office building and check out (pardon the pun) our inventory. All books are donation only. Thank you to our many contributors!



Cherie Berry
Commissioner of Labor

Safety Awards Banquet

The NC Department of Labor Safety Awards Program recognizes private and public firms throughout the state that achieve and maintain good safety records. The program is designed to stimulate interest in accident prevention and to promote safety in the workplace by providing an incentive to employers and employees to maintain a safe and healthful workplace.

Again, congratulations to the Revenue Department and the Human Resources Department on their recognition this year.



Career Fair at Gardner Webb



HR Director Debra Conner, Paula Roach (Finance) and Jai Doherty (IT) set up a booth exhibit representing Rutherford County at the Gardner Webb Career Fair.





BLOOD DRIVE

Rutherford County Government

Wednesday, May 11th

11:00 am – 3:30 pm

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD!

Please contact Debra Conner at
287-6145 to schedule your appointment today!

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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As we move into the summer seasons, please keep in mind that NCACC has training tools available to refresh safety tips with employees. Please see the Month of May's safety observances below.

Debra Conner, HR Director
828-287-6145

NCACC Risk Control has a number of resources available to help you promote May's national and statewide safety observances. If you would like to preview any of these materials, you may request them by reply email, by email to RMP@ncacc.org or by calling 919.719.1117.

National Clean Air Month

Mold and Fungi (handout)
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Respiratory Protection Program (handout)
Carbon Monoxide – The Facts (handout)

National Electrical Safety Month

Extension Cord Safety (handout)
Electrical Safety (handout)

National Occupational Safety & Health Week May (3-9)

Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP) (handout)
Back Safety (handout)
PPE: Protective Eyewear Policy (handout)
PPE: Protective Footwear Policy (handout)
PPE: Protective Headgear Policy (handout)
PPE: Elements of a Respiratory Protection Program (handout)
Sheriff's Office and Operations (handout)
Hot Work Safety (handout)
Ladder Safety (handout)
Machine Safety (handout)
Work Zone Safety (handout)
Back Safety videos (see attached)
Bloodborne Pathogens videos (see attached)
Ergonomics videos (see attached)

National Heat Safety Awareness Day (May 27):

Avoiding Heat Related Injuries (handout)
Heat Stress for Public Employees: Seeing Red (video)

North Carolina Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 15-21)

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist (handout)
Hurricanes – Before, During and After (handout)
Checklist of Emergency Supplies (handout)
Disaster Safety: Aftermath and Cleanup (video)
Emergency Action Plan: Crisis under Control (video)
Emergency Action Plan: The Team Approach (video)
Emergency Evacuation: Getting Out Alive (video)



NCACC Risk Control Services
North Carolina Association of County Commissioners
Phone (919) 719-1117 | Fax (919) 719-1101
www.ncacc.org/rmp.htm

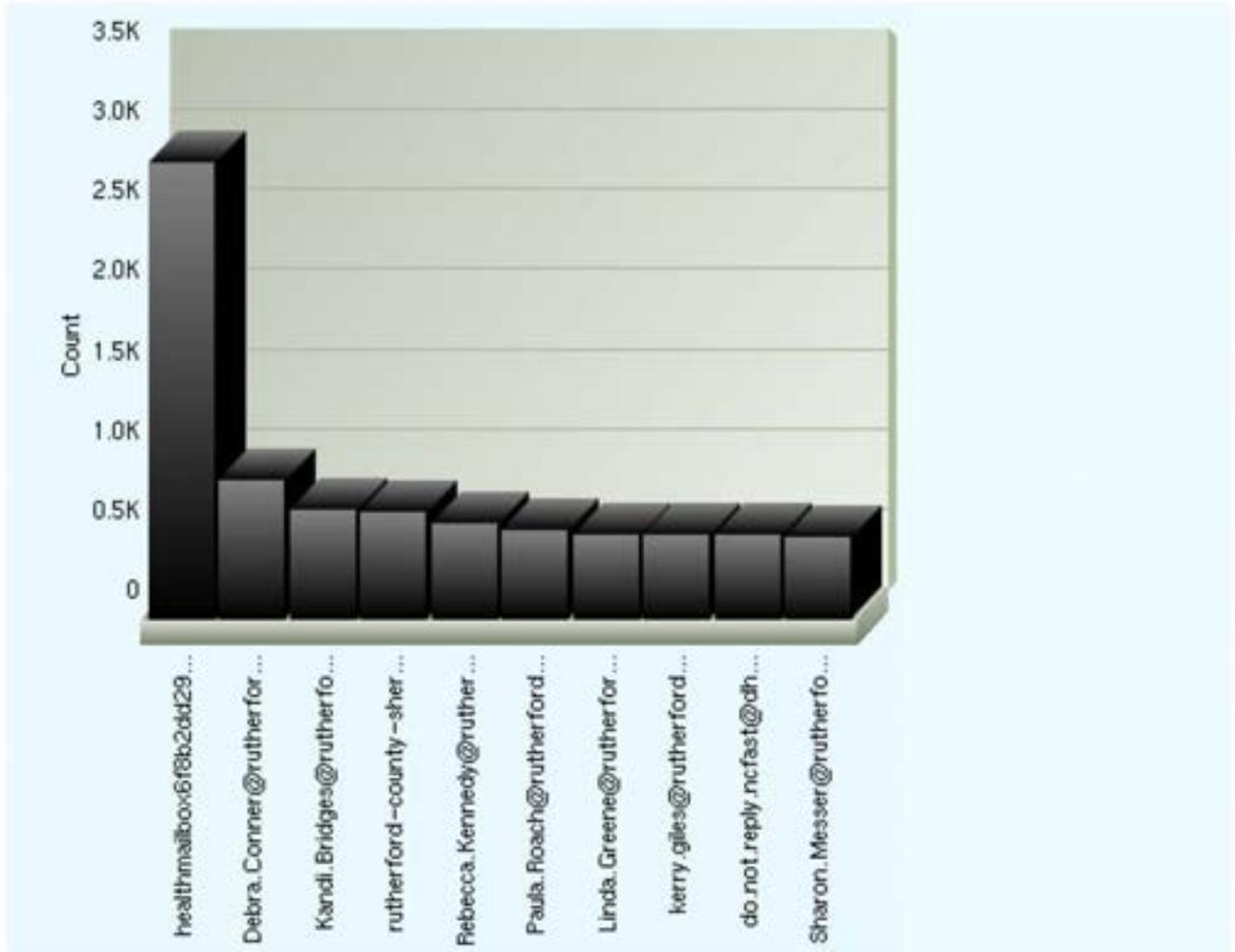
Information Technology

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2. Debra.Conner@rutherfordcountync.gov	864
3. Kandi.Bridges@rutherfordcountync.gov	690
4. rutherford-county-sheriffs-office@emails.nixle.com	670
5. Rebecca.Kennedy@rutherfordcountync.gov	600
6. Paula.Roach@rutherfordcountync.gov	554
7. Linda.Greene@rutherfordcountync.gov	530
8. kerry.giles@rutherfordcountync.gov	527
9. do.not.reply.ncfast@dhhs.nc.gov	520
10. Sharon.Messer@rutherfordcountync.gov	517
Total	8,330

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov
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From 2016-04-10 10:52:00

To 2016-04-15 10:52:00

Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-04-10	990	34	310	0	5	2	472	1813
2016-04-11	1198	204	637	0	34	6	3389	5468
2016-04-12	50	118	415	0	56	3	3706	4348
2016-04-13	737	134	448	17	49	5	3462	4852
2016-04-14	0	140	597	4	40	3	3767	4551
2016-04-15	60	61	322	0	9	2	1504	1958
Total	3035	691	2729	21	193	21	16300	22990

Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-04-10	0	0	1	0	0	56	0	0	86	143
2016-04-11	130	0	5	0	0	1505	14	0	161	1815
2016-04-12	108	0	19	0	0	1456	8	0	136	1727
2016-04-13	169	0	34	0	0	1148	11	0	280	1642
2016-04-14	540	0	27	0	0	1563	22	0	138	2290
2016-04-15	301	0	5	0	0	705	3	0	156	1170
Total	1248	0	91	0	0	6433	58	0	957	8787

Library

Maria Davis – Continues to research and plan new programs for the Library. We will have Adult Coloring on April 21, 2015 3:30 – 5:00. All supplies will be provided.

Kaylee Hunt came in to the Library and asked to see the oldest book we had. **Pictured right** is Kaylee Hunt browsing through *The Schoolmate – An Illustrated Monthly for Boys & Girls* written by Joseph H. Allen and published in October 1870. That's 146 YEARS OLD!!!

April Young - Library Director compiled usage statistics for the quarterly Library Board of Trustees meeting, placed orders for new books, audio books, eBooks, and movies, and



talked with individual staff members about quarterly performance. In addition, the Director attended a Community Education Foundation board meeting and judged a science fair contest for a local school.

The Library held Tie Dye Extravaganza on March 31st and it was a HUGE success!! We had approximately 125 patrons show up to tie dye their own shirts. **Pictured left** is the last patron to tie dye. She was smart to wait!



Nicole Morse - This week at story time children learned all about gardening. We learned which tools you need to grow a strong and healthy garden and which animals are helpful and which animals cause trouble in our gardens. After story time children decorated flower pots by painting their favorite flowers on them and then planted spring flowers (**pictured right**).



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Kenneth Odom - The DBU Makerspace was busy in March with over 130 visitors spending 18 hours working on projects with the 3D printer, electronics kits, and the media conversion equipment. One of the VHS tapes that a patron converted to DVD was a home movie of a birthday party of a father who had passed away recently. Multiple copies of the DVD were made to give to various family members. Our March Middle School Makers club had a great time making ninja balls (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyfxIryiD8A>) and in April they built bridges and catapults using Strawbees (<http://strawbees.com/>).

Stephanie Long - Many new romance books have recently been added to the Large Print collection at the Rutherford County Library. Many new movies have been added to the DVD collection, including several children's titles, such as The Peanuts Movie and Alvin & the Chipmunks: Road Chip.

Joy Sharp - Mountains Branch Library celebrated **National Library Week** with special activities each day. **Monday** was “Bring Your Child to the Library Day”, with a Library Scavenger Hunt and prizes for all kids (**pictured right**).

Tuesday was “National Library Workers’ Day” with coffee and donuts from Davis Donut House. Yum! (**Pictured below.**)



Wednesday was “Be Creative! @ Your Library” day with crafts for kids and adults.



Thursday was “Teen Day” with a free pair of ear buds for teens who signed up for a library card.

Friday was “Libraries are Community Partners” day with a visit from Chimney Rock State Park and a “Rockin’ Reptiles & Epic Amphibians” program (**pictured right**).



Revenue Department

Collections Department is working on the 2015 delinquencies tax year taxes. Payments are due by April 29th before they are advertised in June. If you have questions please contact Collections at 287-6000. GIS has been working on new software for the website, and you should start seeing results as soon as next week. Keep an eye out for the new improved site. We are happy to have Debbie Hill back at work. We are thankful that everything went well and she is on the road to recovery. The first meeting of the Board of E & R will be April 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the County Office Building.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	531
Info/Data Requests	4
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	3
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	101
Total Taxes Collected	\$134,185.70
Collected Prepayments	\$2,391.77

Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health Department

The Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health District celebrated National Public Health Week on April 4 – 10, 2016. Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play.

Those of us working in public health try to prevent people from getting sick or injured in the first place and we also promote wellness by encouraging healthy behaviors. Public health saves money, improves our quality of life, helps children thrive and reduces human suffering. The goal of public health is to build a nation of healthy communities. We drive change to create the healthiest nation through strengthening public health education, infrastructure and capacity.

As an agency, we recognized National Public Health Week by engaging in several internal activities throughout the week. For example, on “Make it, Don’t Fake it” Monday, everyone is encouraged to pack their own lunch and not purchase or eat fast foods or processed foods. Other activities for the week are seen below:



LEFT: On “Take a Break” Tuesday, our employees received an extra 30-minute break that could be taken at any time during the day that was to be used to walk our trail outside.



RIGHT: On “Trade Off” Thursday, we asked each employee to swap an unhealthy beverage for a bottle of water that was provided by the Health Department.

In the following photos you'll see that we concluded our celebration of National Public Health Week with Friday "Healthy Lunch Social" and we had a healthy pot-luck. We asked that employees bring their favorite healthy dish to share with everyone. In addition, we also did Dress Down Friday and had the employees wear jeans and the "Public Health" T-shirts purchased for them by the District. The T-shirts make a reference to "Generation Public Health".



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

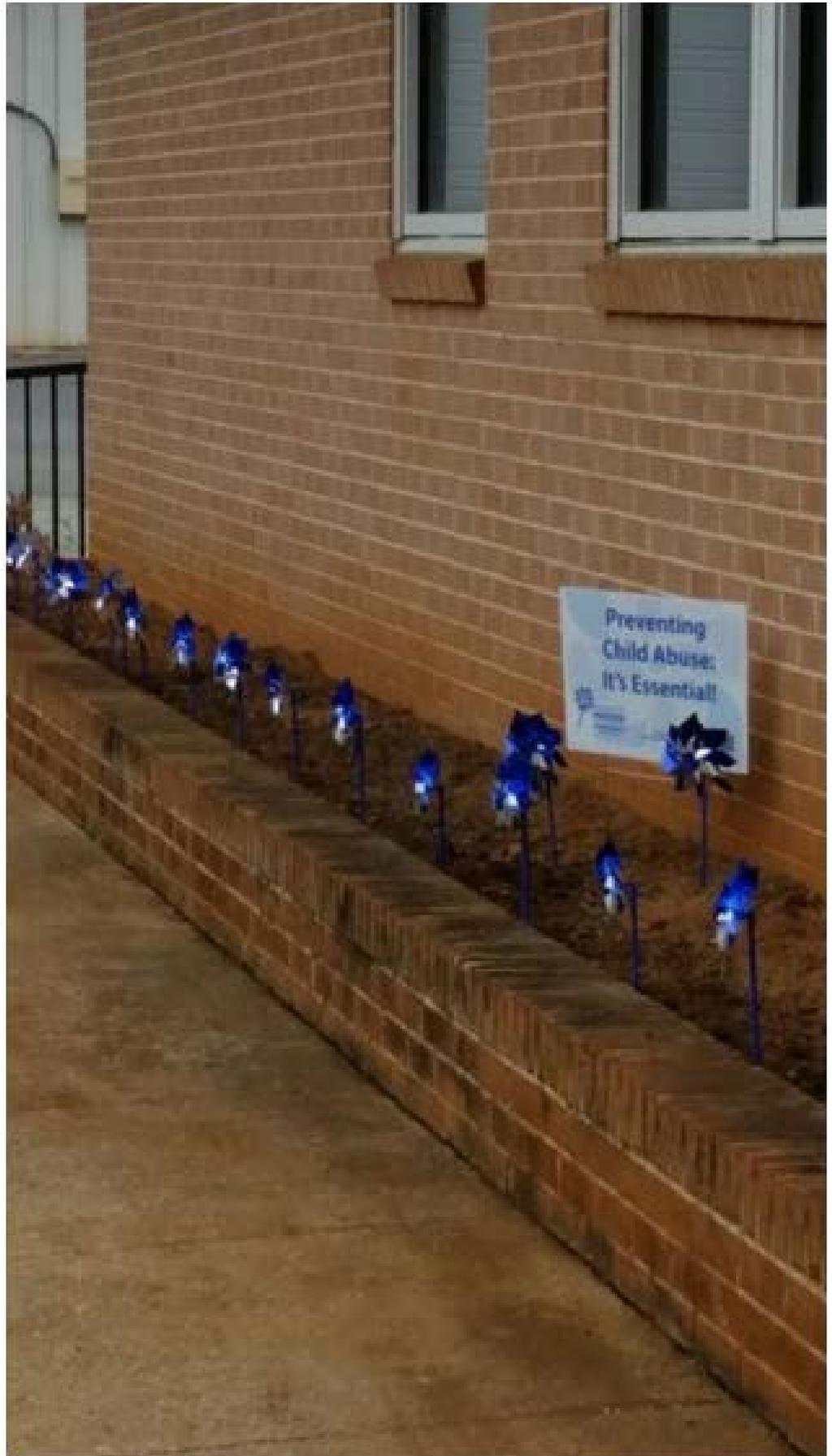
This month and throughout the year, the Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health District encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our Counties a better place for children and families.

People can take simple actions every day that make a difference in the lives of children. These impactful, yet ordinary actions can be anything from organizing neighborhood activities to offering to babysit for a neighbor.

When children have positive relationships and experiences with their parents and other adults in their community, it builds healthy brain architecture, forming a sturdy foundation for future success.

In Polk County, various county departments set up “gardens” of blue pinwheels to help raise awareness.

Pictured is our “garden” at the Polk County Health Department.



Senior Center

The Senior Center hosted the monthly blood pressure clinic on Monday. Representatives from Carolina Home Care conducted the Senior Center's monthly blood pressure checks. Thirty-one clients took advantage of this service. On Wednesday our Pen Pals group met to write to their Spindale Elementary Pen Pal and our Square Dance class continues to meet on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. We have had several sporting events this week for the Senior Games **(photos below)**. The sporting events will continue through April 25. The Closing Gala/Athletic Awards will be on Friday, May 6th, to celebrate and recognize the seniors who participated in Senior Games for their dedication and commitment to a healthy active lifestyle.

Upcoming:

Zumba at 6:00 p.m. on April 18 & 25



Fun Walk



Up, Up and Away



Corn Hole Men



Corn Hole Women



Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's March 2016 Report	
Calls for Service	5,017
Warrants Served/Total Arrest	160/153
Domestic Calls	181
Involuntary Commitments/Hours	24/13.8 Man Hrs.
Civil Papers Served	306
Ex parte Served	28
Evictions	15
Animals Pickup/Surrender	124
Animals Returned to Owners or Rescued	99
Animal Control Calls for Service	424
New Cases Assigned to Detectives/Road Patrol	187/8
Pill Drop Collections	6,480 Doses Units/278.5 ml Liquids
Average Daily Inmate Confinement	166
Gun Purchase Permits Issued	135
Carry Concealed Permits Issued	52
Project Lifesaver Clients/Contact Hours	2/2.0 Man Hrs.
Registered Sex Offenders/Contact Hours	182/8.0 Man Hrs.
Litter Control Calls/Cases Assigned/Closed	16/10/0

Personnel Actions	
New Full-Time	
Effective 03/14/16	
John Greenway	Deputy/Road Patrol R-420
Effective 04/11/16	
Perry Shelton	Deputy/Civil R-443
New Part-Time	
Effective 03/14/16	
Steven Holland	Off/Detention (TBA)
Effective 04/11/16	
Teresa Baynard	Detention Administrative Assistant (n/a)
Laterals	
Effective 04/11/16	
Dep. Wilmer Chavez-Perez	Road Patrol Deb./Interdiction H-104
Dep. Mike Snyder	Road Patrol Dep./Interdiction (K-9) H-103

Elliott receives Advanced Professional Certificate

On 4-14-2016, Sheriff Chris Francis congratulated Daniel Elliott for receiving the Advanced Professional Certificate.

The North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission awarded Elliott with the Advanced Professional Certification.

The Advanced Professional Certificate is the highest level of professional certification issued by the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission to deputy sheriffs.

The Advanced Professional Certificate is awarded to deputies who have completed the required years of service, professional training and continuing education.

In Elliott's letter recognizing his accomplishment, Attorney General Roy Cooper, wrote, "I extend my most sincere congratulations to you on award of this Advanced Professional Certificate and the honor which it bestows upon you. As a recipient of this prestigious award, you have placed yourself among the "ELITE" of law enforcement officers in the state of North Carolina."

Sheriff Francis commented on Elliott's accomplishment, "It is an honor to present Elliott with the Advanced Professional Certificate.

Elliott continues to demonstrate dedication to his chosen profession". Elliott has over 11 years experience in law enforcement and is currently the Assistant Fire Marshal for Rutherford County.



911 Communications

A special thank you to Director Tammy Aldridge and staff (911 dispatchers) as they perform tasks that most of us could not endure emotionally! They are an exceptional group of professionals with very *uncommon* sense and abilities who are extremely hard to replace. They could use a bit of our thanks and encouragement to *keep on keeping on!* So why not send their staff a note of appreciation at:

*911 Communications Center, 240 N. Washington Street,
Rutherfordton, NC 28139.*

You might just make someone's day!

911 Dispatchers
DIAL 911
The Real First Responders

Happy Telecommunicator Week



**Rutherford County 911 Staff,
YOU ARE APPRECIATED!
Thanks for the great jobs you do!**



Social Services

Rutherford County Department of Social Services
and
Partnership for Children of the Foothills

Cordially invite you to join us in
Planting Pinwheels
for
Child Abuse Prevention Awareness
on
Friday, April 15, 2016
at
4:00 PM
on the lawn of the Rutherford County Courthouse

Speakers include:

The Honorable Laura A. Powell - District Court Judge
Mr. Ted Bell - District Attorney
Mr. Chris Francis - Rutherford County Sheriff
Ms. Sherry Bright - Director of Family Resources of Rutherford County

Light Refreshments will be served

Children are welcome at this family friendly event!

Face Painting
Bubble Fun by Kid Senses
and much more!

Door Prizes Include-
Family Pass to Chimney Rock State Park
Golden Tickets to Kid Senses
Passes to Autumn Lanes
Passes to Skates + Stuff

Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- participated in an Agriculture Education & Environmental panel for the Leadership Rutherford group.
- worked on plans for an education station at Chimney Rock State Park Earth Day Celebration and a Farmland Preservation display for Chase Farm Day.
- worked on updating the Farmland Preservation Ordinance and sending the Cost Share Technical Assistance Reimbursement.

The Ag Cost Share Technician:

- processed one request for payment.
- inspected a watershed dam with the Beaver Management Assistance Program
- completed a site visit for installation of best management practice
- participated in an Ag Cost Share Teleconference.

Solid Waste

Customers served 393

Loads hauled from convenience centers 56

Loads shipped to Lenoir 39

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2

Tire customers 2

The director continued to work on the budget, participated in a webinar and attended the ICC Expo day that all county sixth graders attended. The webinar topic was “What’s Ahead For Solid Waste”. We discussed recycling with the sixth graders that visited us at ICC (**pictures on page 21**).

The office staff has been busy running reports and waiting on customers. We have finished and submitted the second grant to the state and we are waiting on reimbursement for both grants.

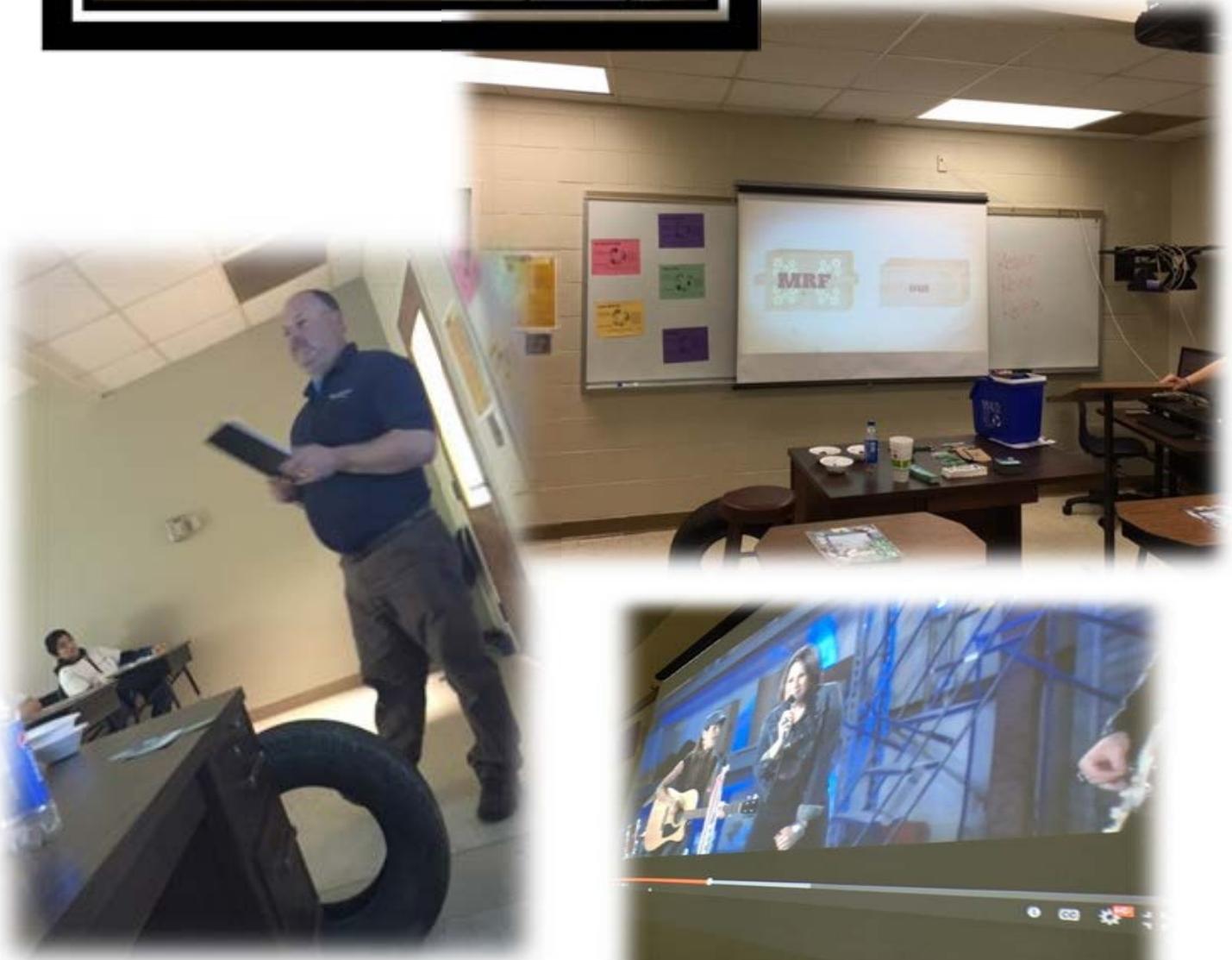
The transfer station staff processed all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff has been busy handling the C&D tonnages that are coming in while continuing to haul dirt.

The shop staff continues working on equipment while also performing preventative maintenance. The shop staff also has performed work at a couple of centers this week with hydraulic hose issues.

The recycling coordinator attended a meeting with the Ellenboro Town Council to discuss recycling and the possible grant cycle. Also, the recycling coordinator made a short presentation to Leadership Rutherford at Duke Power to describe the functions of the landfill.

The airport staff continues to mow grass at the airport and keep up with the bush hogging. Also, we have started the mowing process of the centers during the last two weeks.

Please continue to recycle!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

Director presented the new Medical ID public awareness campaign to both the Forest City Kiwanis Club and the Rutherford County Pilot Club this week. The quarterly Toolkit report is being generated for the County Manager and Commissioners. Also, the monthly administrative team meeting was held with topics including preparation for EMS Appreciation Week in May, updating of all Standard Operating Procedures, update on employees' annual fitness goals and progress, and discussion on a new mental health & wellness program for paramedics.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Emergency Calls	142	168
Convalescent Calls	30	59

Transit Department:

Transit contracted the services of Cherry Consulting on Thursday and Friday to conduct training with all our employees in two areas: Emergency Evacuations and Defensive Driving. We also received training from the Fire Marshall's office in the proper type and use of fire extinguishers. This included extinguishing a controlled fire burn. Training in these areas is required annually to help meet the minimum training standards established by NCDOT-PTD Division. Evacuation training included dragging a 150 lb. dummy using different techniques and items to simulate a non-ambulatory person. We also practiced evacuating a vehicle using the escape hatch and escape windows. For defensive driving, a driving course with 5 specific maneuvers was laid out in the parking lot using traffic cones on loan from the Board of Elections. Each driver was judged (on cones hit) and timed while maneuvering through the course. A van was also used to judge drivers on the thoroughness of conducting required pre-trip inspection on vans. The van was deliberately staged with 6 defects/infractions to further develop the drivers recognition skills on pre-trip inspections. This training concluded with each driver correctly loading and securing a wheelchair in a vehicle. After finishing the hands-on training employees were brought back into meeting room to evaluate and discuss the training. All the drivers were exhausted but were confident the training had strengthened their skills. We were able to provide this extended hands-on training for all employees and continue operating our normal transportation schedules. Our new 25' LTV is ready to be put into service. We want to thank the Fire Marshall's office and the Board of Elections for their contribution and help during this training. **Photos on page 23.**

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,193	9,566
# of Local Trips	1,131	881
# of Out of County Trips	49	66
# Unduplicated Passengers	228	238
Total Revenue	\$14,313	\$14,549



Veteran Services

Mail In	99
Mail Out	28
Fax	140
Phone Calls In/Out	73
Veteran Contacts	142



County News



2016 Relay Rutherford County Employees Team

- **Thursday, April 21st:** Paint it Up (Spaces still available/Ad on page 26.)
- **Monday, April 11th:** Zaxby's fundraiser, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 28th:** Annual Spring Plant Sale (**Info below.**)
- **Thursday, April 28th:** Survivors' Dinner (**Ad on page 25.**)
- **Friday, May 13th:** Sweet Frog fundraiser from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Friday, May 20th:** Relay for Life Event; we will need lots of help with this event, so please consider helping with campsite, food or ideas.
- **Monday, May 23rd:** Zaxby's fundraiser from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **RADA ORDER** – Robin Ensley (Tax/Revenue Dept) will be getting another Rada order together. Please let her know if you are interested as she has limited books available.

Short sleeve tee shirts are here! If you have already paid, your shirt will be in your department mailbox. If you have not paid, please send to Finance (cash or check to ACS) and your shirt will be placed in your mailbox. We have a few extra shirts in Large and XL (both pink and blue), so let Jeanette Bosgra at 288-6211 know if you are interested. Thanks again!

Back by Popular Demand: Relay is hosting a **Book Fair**. Anyone with extra books, who would like to donate to Relay, can bring the books to the County Office Building. This is a great fundraiser, so stop by and see if you are interested in any of the books offered. We have several children's books, as well as numerous hard back books with various topics.



RELAY FOR LIFE PLANT SALE: <http://rutherfordcountync.gov/fileUploads/files/2016%20Spring%20Relay%20Plant%20Sale%20Order%20Form.pdf>

***"THANK YOU** to all who helped or participated in our Shooting Tournament Saturday! We had a great turnout despite the cold and wind. We raised over \$1,100 so far with this fundraiser. Thank you again!" (Pictures on page 27.)*

County Employees Relay for Life Team



*The American Cancer Society and
the Relay For Life of Rutherford County
Planning Committee
would like to invite you and one (1) guest to the*

*2016 Relay for Life of
Rutherford County
Survivors Dinner*

*Thursday, April 28th at
Florence Baptist Church
6:00 p.m.*

*All survivors should reserve your place for the dinner by
calling toll free 1-866-227-7798 option 3 then 0 by
April 23rd 2016.*

*Please indicate when calling if you are bringing one guest to
the dinner and be prepared to give your
Survivor tee shirt size.*

*We do hope you will be able to attend,
and we look forward to seeing you there!*

Paint it Up – back by popular demand!

Relay for Life Fundraiser

Date/Time: Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: County Office Building Kitchen Auditorium
289 N. Main St., Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Cost: \$30 per person

Includes all materials plus snacks and drinks.



Reserve your spot now! Email or send name and payment to
Jeanette Bosgra, Finance
Jeanette.bosgra@rutherfordcountync.gov

Any questions contact Alma 287-6125 or Jeanette 287-6211





Relay for Life: ***SHOOTING FOR A CURE***

Rutherford County Sheriff's Office, along with Butler's Jewelry & Loan, The Old Hickory Rifle & Pistol Club, Pepsi Company, and Glock, sponsored the Relay for Life Event: ***SHOOTING FOR A CURE***. The purpose was to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The event was held this past Saturday, April 9th at the Old Hickory Rifle & Pistol Club in Bostic. Approximately \$1,100 was raised which will go to Relay For Life American Cancer Society. Participants competed in handgun and shotgun competition.

Top Shot Shotgun: Mike Cudd

Top Shot Pistol: Justin Moore

Top Shot Pistol Runner-Up: Brian Bennett

Top Shot Pistol Youth: Hunter Bennett



Upcoming Events:

• **Saturday, April 16th: ROC Race Series: Miles for Messiah 5K in Forest City. Register online at <http://rutherfordoutdoor.org/outdoor-activities/raceseries/miles-for-messiah>.**

• **Saturday, April 16th:** Rail Trail Clean-up from 11 am to 2 pm. Meet at the side parking lot of the McDonald's in Spindale at 11 am. ROC will provide trash bags and a few sets of grabbers.

• **Saturday, April 30th:** ROC group hike to Buffalo Creek Park in Lake Lure. Meet at the County Annex (289 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton) at 9:30 am to carpool or at the public trailhead at 10 am. If you have never been on this beautiful trail, this is a great opportunity. Come join us!!

• **Saturday, May 14th:** ROC Broad River Spring Sweep. We will meet at 9 am and plan to get started by 10 am. These clean-ups are always a ton of fun and you will be helping to ensure that our river stays beautiful!

Email us at trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org or call (828) 625-9983 ext. 505 if you would like to sign up for any of the ROC workdays or group hikes.



Click here [Hike Photos](#) for photos from the ROC Group Hike to Rumbling Bald on March 19th. The landscape was beautiful.

More Ways to Participate in ROC:

We need people like you to become trail bosses and river stewards for our local trails and river system.

o **Trail Bosses** walk their section of trail at least once a month, report any issues they see, and help keep their section clean.

o **River Stewards** float their river section once a month and report downed trees and other obstacles that need to be addressed. There is a River Stewards meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of each month to discuss river improvements and plan future clean-ups.



If you are interested in learning more about becoming a trail boss or river steward, contact Dana Bradley at trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org or call (828) 625-9983 ext. 505.

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