



August 15, 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



National Aviation Day commemorates the development of aviation while seeking to promote and support the industry. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed that National Aviation Day would be observed annually on **August 19**, the birthday of Orville Wright. In addition to National Aviation Day, in 1959, President Eisenhower declared December 17th as Wright Brothers' Day to serve

as a memorial of the first flight of the Wright Brothers in a mechanically-propelled plane.

As our county grows, so does the airport traffic. The County appreciates Director Randy Patterson for his administration and leadership. The airport exists to serve our community and the goal is to continue to build a better airport for our region.

The Airport sold 1040.0 gallons of Jet A to 7 aircraft and 569.5 gallons of 100LL to 20 aircraft last week.



PHOTOS:

Pictured below are two

Industrial helicopters Bell 206 Jet Rangers on the ramp for fuel at the airport.



Pictured above is a close up view of the aerial sprayer on the Jet Ranger.

Board of Elections

Board Members and Staff attended statutory training by the State Board of Elections this week in Concord, NC to prepare all the counties for the November election. In addition, we have been busy this week with a petition for a write-in candidate and numerous registrations, voter changes and requests for information.

County Manager and Commissioners

The following are several events and activities in which the County Manager, Commissioners and staff were involved over the last few days:

- Meetings with several departments including, Planning and Projects, EDC, Solid Waste, and EMS.
- 2016 Local Government Legislative Review Webinar
- Broad River Water Authority meeting
- Solid Waste County Ordinance review with Director James Kilgo and Steve Nanney
- Luncheon - opening of the Dutch Broad Restaurant
- Rails to Trails Committee meeting
- Old Cone Mills Dump Site discussion

Other activities, meetings, and events that took place this week were Lake Lure Town Council meeting, meetings with citizens, numerous calls, interoffice meetings, conference calls, public relations, advising, and preparation for various responsibilities.

Economic Development



This week, the Economic Development Department held various meetings and conference calls with county departments and industry allies.

Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, communicating with the Department of Commerce and new and existing industry representatives regarding various grant reports and requests, and working to increase our social media presence.

This week's schedule also included preparing for the upcoming EDC Board meeting, as well as researching information to aid in the advertising of Rutherford County and Gateway West Commerce Park.

Finance Department

The Finance Office processed accounts payable. Assistant Director Apryl Tessener attended the ESFRLP 16 Grant Implementation Workshop in Raleigh on Tuesday.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

The Fire Marshal:

- conducted two cause and origin fire investigations.
- updated information for NC Highway Patrol on our inventory of 800 MHz radios.
- attended the NC Association of Firefighters/Fire Chiefs annual conference in Charlotte.

Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements.

Welcome aboard new employees Jennifer Valdez (911), Thomas Short (911), Christina Mayse (DSS), Hannah Gardner (DSS), Kimber Jackson (DSS), Jon Cory (Solid Waste), and Johnny Garland (Solid Waste). Employees who have left the service of Rutherford County are Paul Robbins (Detention).

The HR Director attended several meetings this week with various department heads. HR staff is working closely with Rutherford Regional to plan a Health Fair for county employees. Job opportunities are Tax Collection Tech and Appraisal I. Apply at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.

We wish HR Specialist Brooke Watson a very happy birthday this week (**pictured below**).

Andrew Owens (Sheriff's Office) and wife Shannon welcomed a new baby boy on August 3. Congratulations on the birth of Bradley Reid Owens.



Who is celebrating a birthday?
HR Specialist,
Brooke Watson!

Happy Birthday, Brooke!



Rutherford County Government Employees Mammogram Day

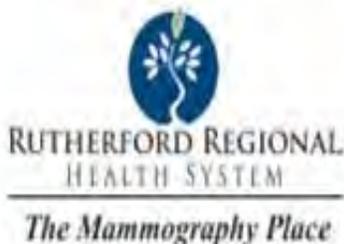
at The Mammography Place



Thursday, September 22

Call **286-5380** to schedule your appointment.

Remind the scheduler when you call that you work with Rutherford County Government and you would like to schedule your appointment on September 22.



Have your insurance information ready.

Brunch will be served during appointments from 8:30am until 1pm
Snacks will be served during appointments from 1pm until 4pm

The Mammography Place ● 175 Tryon Road ● Rutherfordton, NC

LIVE FREE, SMOKE-FREE

6-week Smoking Cessation program

*Class meets three times a week for 6 weeks
on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays*

Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab Department at Rutherford Regional Medical Center

The course incorporates a multi-disciplinary approach addressing the most difficult challenges for those who have decided to quit smoking. Participants will develop new healthy habits to assist them in transitioning to a smoke-free life.

The course is taught by a Smoking Cessation Facilitator certified through the American Lung Association and who is also a Registered Respiratory Therapist and Respiratory Care Practitioner.

Participants will meet weekly with a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist, and exercise will be incorporated into each session.

Physician referrals are **not** required to participate in this program.

Program cost is \$40 for the entire 6-week course.

Patients will be required to sign a waiver before beginning the program.

To register or for more information:

Cardiac Rehab

(828) 286-5053



RUTHERFORD REGIONAL
HEALTH SYSTEM

Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab

Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health Department

August 1 – 7, 2016, is National WIC Breastfeeding Week. Our WIC Department joins professional health organizations and breastfeeding advocates worldwide in celebrating this week to collaboratively raise awareness of the numerous benefits of breastfeeding; to strengthen individual, family, and community support for breastfeeding; to further strategies that protect optimal breastfeeding practices; and to encourage increased breastfeeding rates. WIC recognizes the importance of breastfeeding and its many health benefits. Human milk provides the ideal balance of nutrients for an infant's growth and development; reduces the risk of infectious and chronic disease; and protects mothers' and infants' health among so many other benefits.



Caption: The RPM WIC Department celebrates National WIC Breastfeeding Week, August 1 – 7, 2016, by raising awareness with this display at the Rutherford County Health Department. The bulletin board informs the public of the many health benefits associated with breastfeeding.

The RPM Health District launched “United for a Cause” Casual Friday occurring on the First Friday of **EVERY MONTH!!** This event will provide employees an opportunity to dress casual and wear their Generation Public Health t-shirts. The purpose is to continue to collect non-perishable food items and other donations to support local organizations that help those in need. In order to participate, employees must give a monetary donation or bring an item or items that can be donated to local food pantries, ministries or other non-profit organizations.

Most recently, the RPM team collected and donated several boxes of food to Sisters in Christ Restoration & Recovery Ministry in Spindale. Goods collected throughout the district in the month of July were donated to an organization in McDowell County and a donation to Thermal Belt Ministries in Polk County will follow during this month of August. The rotation will return to Rutherford County in the subsequent month. Our goal is to come together and make a **DIFFERENCE** in our community!! Public Health, it’s what we do!



Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-08-01 00:00:00

To 2016-08-07 23:59:00

Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-08-01	147	198	663	10	35	9	3870	5132
2016-08-02	0	212	754	4	37	6	5091	6106
2016-08-03	15440	121	516	1	33	4	3662	19777
2016-08-04	120	140	657	14	25	2	4173	5132
2016-08-05	563	152	491	16	14	16	3470	4724
2016-08-06	2371	92	230	11	15	54	1040	3623
2016-08-07	129	203	182	22	9	10	1052	1607
Total	18770	1118	3693	78	169	115	22358	45301

Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-08-01	80	0	4	0	0	1170	13	0	186	1458
2016-08-02	54	0	54	0	0	1186	4	0	78	1376
2016-08-03	124	0	31	0	0	1227	5	0	333	1720
2016-08-04	136	0	31	0	0	1115	13	0	241	1532
2016-08-05	135	0	2	0	0	1135	5	0	405	1684
2016-08-06	77	0	0	0	0	461	3	0	227	765
2016-08-07	33	0	1	0	0	424	3	0	419	877
Total	638	0	123	0	0	6718	44	0	1689	9412

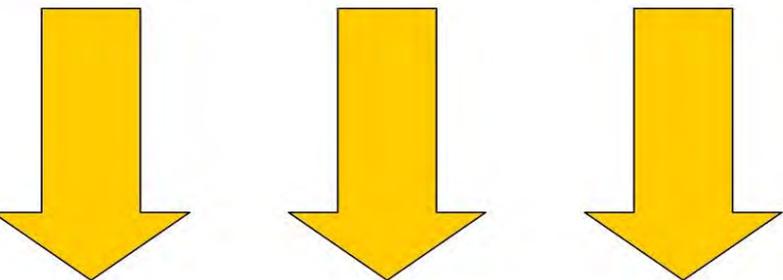
Rutherford County Library

**Summer
Book
Sale**



- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Christian Fiction
- Science Fiction
- Romance/Mystery/
Thriller
- Children's Books
- And much more!!!

255 Callahan Koon Road
Spindale, NC 28160
(828) 287-6115



September 8, 2016 11:30-7:30
September 9, 2016 9:30-5:30
September 10, 2016 10:00-2:00

Take NOTE of New Booksale Hours

It's that time again! Summer Book SaleSeptember 8 - 10, 2016 @ Rutherford County Library, 255 Callahan Koon Road, Spindale, NC.

****Please note the new hours for the Booksale****

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Do you know someone who is suffering from Dementia? Would you like a better way to effectively communicate with your loved one?

Please consider joining us on August 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rutherford County Library for a very informative session held by Judy Early from Smoky Mountain LME/MCO. Judy has over 30 years experience in social work and will be able to give us many helpful hints on communication with Dementia patients.

Call Maria at 828-287-6118 for more information or questions on this FREE seminar.

Beyond Words:

Effective Communication Strategies in Dementia

Is a loved one showing signs of Dementia? Or been diagnosed with Dementia?

Join us **August 18, 2016** at **Rutherford County Library** at **6:00 p.m.** to learn how to communicate at the various stages of dementia.



When: August 18, 2016

Where: Rutherford County Library (255 Callahan Koon Rd., Spindale)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Judy Early from Smoky Mountain LME/MCO will be teaching this seminar on how to effectively communicate with loved ones who have been diagnosed with Dementia. Judy has a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work and has over 30 years experience. She has worked in nursing homes, children's homes, mental health agencies, and is currently serving as a qualified mental health profession at Smoky Mountain.

Please call Maria Davis at 828-287-6118 for more information on this **FREE** seminar.

Revenue Department

Happy birthday to Robin Ensley, Motor Vehicle Specialist (8.12.16).

Everyone in the Revenue Department did a great job this week with the high increase of phone calls and office traffic due to the 2016 tax bills going out.

Anyone with questions, please call 828.287.6000.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	1,113
Info/Data Requests	727
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	61
Deeds Recorded	86
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	33
Total Taxes Collected	\$2,301,258.94

911 Communications

“Thanks for stopping by Rutherford County 911 to visit with us today, Nathan Lee and Ryan. It is always great to see you both. Thanks for what you do for all PSAPS with the Denise Amber Lee Foundation.”

Director Tammy Aldridge

Click here www.deniseamberlee.com to learn more about the Denise Amber Lee Foundation.



Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's July 2016 Report	
Calls for Service	4956
Warrants Served/Total Arrest	177/142
Domestic Calls	245
Involuntary Commitments/Hours	36/108.0 Man Hrs.
Civil Papers Served	301
Ex parte Served	28
Evictions	11
Animals Pickup/Surrender	208
Animals Returned to Owners or Rescued	142
Animal Control Calls for Service	403
New Cases Assigned to Detectives/Road Patrol	189/16
Pill Drop Collections	6,289 Doses Units/280.94 ML
Average Daily Inmate Confinement	183
Gun Purchase Permits Issued	79
Carry Concealed Permits Issued	174
Project Lifesaver Clients/Contact Hours	2/2.0 Man Hrs.
Registered Sex Offenders/Contact Hours	188/20.0 Man Hrs.
Litter Control Calls/Cases Assigned/Closed	15/11/0

RUTHERFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Special Order/Personnel Action

1. Sergeant Rachel Rodriguez, Shift Supervisor, 911 Communications Center, resigned from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office effective 06-30-2016, and her resignation is hereby made a matter of record.
2. Telecommunicator Stacy Kempster, assigned to 911 Communications Center, was promoted to Corporal/Assistant Shift Supervisor effective 07-04-2016.
3. Mr. Jeffry Murphy was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a part-time Call Taker and assigned to 911 Communications Center effective 07-04-2016.
4. Ms. Yecenia Ponce was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a part-time Call Taker and assigned to 911 Communications Center effective 07-04-2016.
5. Sergeant Dwayne Wright, Shift Supervisor, 911 Communications Center, resigned from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office effective 07-05-2016, and his resignation is hereby made a matter of record.
6. Ms. Victoria Walker, part-time Call Taker, was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office full-time as a Telecommunicator and assigned to 911 Communications Center effective 07-05-2016.
7. Corporal Laurel Messer, assigned to 911 Communications Center, was promoted to Sergeant/ Shift Supervisor effective 07-05-2016.
8. Telecommunicator Marie Rhymer, assigned to 911 Communications Center, was promoted to Corporal/Assistant Shift Supervisor effective 07-05-2016.
9. Corporal Chasity Toney, assigned to 911 Communications Center, was promoted to Sergeant/ Shift Supervisor effective 07-05-2016.
10. Mr. Chuck Watson was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a part-time Deputy Sheriff and assigned to the Support Division. He was assigned radio call number *R-483* effective 07-07-2016.
11. Mr. Ron Simpson was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a part-time Detention/Transport Officer and assigned to the Detention Center effective 07-08-2016.
12. Telecommunicator Sonya Grace, part-time 911 Communications Center, resigned from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office effective 07-09-2016, and her resignation is hereby made a matter of record.
13. Ms. Jessica Alexander was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a part-time Call Taker and assigned to 911 Communications Center effective 07-11-2016.
14. Ms. Jennifer Valdez was transferred from part-time Call Taker to part-time Telecommunicator and remains assigned to 911 Communications Center effective 07-13-2016.

Solid Waste

Customers served 360
Loads hauled from convenience centers 56
Loads shipped to Lenoir 33
Recycling loads shipped 2
Tire customers 26

The director had a busy week that consisted of a review of county ordinances with the county manager, a conference call with the vendor preparing the ordinances, a meeting at the old Cone Mills Dump site and a departmental meeting with employees. Also, the director visited the airport to review other projects that might need to be completed outside of our yearly contract.

The office staff continues to help customers while working on state reports. The transfer station staff is processing all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff continues to process the tonnages coming in while hauling dirt and keeping the entry roads drivable due to the rain. Work continues to be performed at the airport and the south landfill when the weather allows.

The Solid Waste Department has hired a new employee and he will start on August 29th.

Please continue to recycle!!!!



Tourism Development Authority

Visit our website for a full list of events and times at: Timeofyourlifenc.com or call our Welcome Center at 828-287-6113.

If you have questions, please contact Taylor Hardin, Administrative Assistant for the TDA at 828-287-6013 or by email at taylor.hardin@rutherfordcountync.gov

Pictured: Skiers at Lake Lure



Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

Employees participated this past weekend in the 5k Color Run in Asheville (**pictured below**). It was a great event that we hope to make an annual EMS event as we grow our fitness program. Employees also participated in an internal survey this week to address possible uniform changes as it relates to paramedic's safety in the field. The monthly random drug and alcohol test was conducted and the monthly staff meeting was also held. Operations Manager interviewed several candidates for both full-time and part-time positions.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	201
Non-Emergency Calls	24



Transit Department

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Transit Drivers and our staff for reaching our current Safety Goal of 125,000 miles with no accidents or incidents of any kind. This also includes any passenger injuries on board vehicles. We have driven over 127,000 miles in three months transporting over 16,000 passengers to and from their destinations safely and timely. Most of these miles are driven in our county and on lots of narrow curvy roads and in the tri-city areas. When you see a Transit driver please congratulate them on this accomplishment and encourage them onto our next goal of 250,000 miles. Staff completed and submitted required Bi-annual VUD (Vehicle Utilization) report to NCDOT.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,041	9,338
# of Local Trips	1,178	1,115
# of Out of County Trips	49	56
# Unduplicated Passengers	241	225
Total Revenue	\$17,987	\$16,596

Veteran Services

Mail In	115
Mail Out	27
Fax	173
Phone Calls In/Out	66
Veteran Contacts	136



County News

August 19-20

Dirty Dancing Festival

Lake Lure, NC: A tribute to the classic movie filmed in and around Lake Lure, the 7th annual Dirty Dancing Festival features a weekend of live bands, dance performances by the Asheville Ballet, lessons and even a "lake lift" competition. Enjoy local food vendors, watermelon carrying games, merchandise and more. Funds are also raised to benefit pancreatic cancer research in honor of the film's late star, Patrick Swayze. For more information call The Welcome Center at 800-849-5998 or visit www.DirtyDancingFestival.com.

August 20, 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hot Nights, Cool Rides Auto Show

Admire and compare this incredible collection of more than 400 vehicles lining Main Street in Forest City. Roam historic downtown while dining on local eats from food vendors, jamming to live bands and stargazing classic rides.

August 26, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

4TH FRIDAYS ON MAIN

Street vendors, live music, artists. Fun for the whole family. Downtown Forest City, NC

August 23 - September 23

Celebration of the Arts

Dale McEntire will judge the show, including paintings, photography, sculpture, pottery, wood, textiles, glass, metal and jewelry.

The Visual Arts Center, 160 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton

Entry fee - Guild members or enrolled art students: \$25 Non-members: \$35

Applications are available at The Visual Arts Guild or www.rcvag.com.

September 2

2016 #FUNC Music Series! These great family friendly events feature local music, kids games, food, drinks & much more. This year's series promises to be even better. All nights begin at 7pm! If you are interested musician, food truck operator, vendor or just want to help with the planning committee please contact Doug Barrick at dbarrick@rutherfordton.net

September 10

"Forget Me Not" 5K Run/Walk To End Alzheimer's Disease

Brookdale Forest City is holding a race "Forget Me Not 5K", September 10th. They are looking for sponsors to help make this successful! All proceeds will go to ALZ-NC so that it will stay here at "home". We all have been affected in some way by Alzheimer's Disease and our goal is to do our part to help end it. [CLICK HERE](#) for a sponsorship form and what is in it for you, also a registration form for free runners. For more information: MELANIE YOE, 828.288.1171 or myoe@brookdale.com

Kudos to Rutherford County Manufacturer!

SPARTANBURG, CO., SC (WSPA) – Inman Mills produced the 100% combed cotton greige goods (raw unfinished fabric) being used in the bottoms the athletes wore during the opening ceremony and will wear during closing ceremonies. They made the material used in the white pants in the opening and white shorts in the closing ceremonies. The blazer and long pants were worn in the Opening ceremony. The polo shirt and shorts will be used for the closing ceremony.

They say the fabric was woven in their Ramey facility located in Enoree, SC. The yarn was produced domestically by Parkdale Mills (they are headquartered in NC.)

The goods were finished for Polo at **Ultimate Textiles in Rutherfordton, NC.**



http://wspa.com/2016/08/03/fabric-for-us-olympic-team-outfits-woven-in-spartanburg-co/?cid=facebook_WSPA-TV_News_Channel_7

Why Should Kids Have ALL the Fun?

Our adult only soapbox derby is the only one of its kind in the region and is a fabulous way to show your community spirit. Have you ever dreamed of owning your own NASCAR team? This is your big chance as companies, churches, schools and other organizations build their own cars to compete or sponsor independent teams. What a unique and high impact promotion-opportunity!! Local sportsmen can build their own cars, too (refer to the rules page document for all the particulars).

Race organizers carefully pick two equally matched cars to compete in side by side, do or die heats until a winner is declared. Don't be surprised if you see a water gun or two or other crazy antics as teams do whatever they can to make it to the end of the race course and to the top of the winner's podium.

As much fun for the fans as it is for the participants, this events appeals to both young and old and will produce a ton of smiles!

Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m.

Downtown Rutherfordton

For more information visit :

<http://www.rutherfordtown.com/derbyrules--registration-forms.html>

PARTICIPATION HAS ITS ADVANTAGES!



!! Don't Miss This Event !!
4TH Annual Caroleen-Henrietta-Avondale Day
(For Vendor Info-Call 828-447-5029)

CAROLEEN AMERICAN LEGION POST
Saturday – September 17, 2016 – 10am to 4pm

Caroleen

Bluegrass
& Gospel
Music

OL'
BLUES
BBQ

Henrietta

FREE
FISHING

Free
Hayrides

Avondale

Home
Made
Ice Cream

Mill Hill
Memory
Room

Day



PRIME OF LIFE

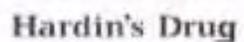
a senior lifestyle event

THURSDAY
SEPT. 15

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Foundation at ICC
Spindale, NC

*Exhibits • Give-Aways
Health Screenings & Much More*



704.214.9799

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BE AN EXHIBITOR



Saturday 8/13

The 10 Essentials: 2 pm at *South Mountains State Park*

Sunday 8/14

ROC Race Series: Olympiad Race to the Rock 5K in Chimney Rock. Registration information can be found online at <http://rutherfordoutdoor.org/outdoor-activities/raceseries/races>.

Sunday, August 21st

ROC Group Hike on the Trombatore Trail in Gerton: Meet at the annex (289 N. Main St., Rutherfordton) at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. This is a 5-mile round trip, moderately strenuous hike to an amazing view of the surrounding mountains. Bring a lunch, some water, and your camera. We will have lunch while we take in the stunning views at the top. More information on this trail can be found at <http://rutherfordoutdoor.org/resources/trombotore>.

Saturday, August 27th

ROC Group Broad River Float.: We will be floating section 4 (River Road to Grays Road in Rutherfordton). We hope you all can join us on this beautiful section of the river. We will meet at the bridge at the intersection of River Road and Thompson Lake Road in Rutherfordton at 9:30 a.m.

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, clean-ups, or group hikes/river floats.

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Steve Garrison

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