



August 22, 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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### Agriculture/Cooperative Extension

Reporting.... Jeff Bradley, Tracy Davis, Cynthia Robbins, Hannah Bundy

- Raleigh training for new agent training on writing extension programs for the year
- Master Gardener visit to Ridgecrest
- Farm client visits
- McDowell county's farm to table dinner Saturday night
- Certified Plant Professionals class at the Asheville Arboretum
- Taught Living Healthy with Chronic Disease class.
- Met with Extension & Community Association members.
- Taught Cook Smart class.
- Attended webinars on various topics.

### Airport



## Board of Elections

This has been a very busy week for our office with a significant increase in our registrations, absentee ballot requests and questions from the public. A special board meeting has been scheduled for August 19, 2016 at noon for the Board to establish the locations and hours for early voting for the November election. Initial ballot preparations have begun and we are amending all of our election forms and manuals to remove information about Voter ID.

## 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 Finance.
- ARC Grant meeting
- DSS Board meeting
- EDC Structure Ad Hoc Committee meeting
- County and RCS Capital meeting
- Project and Planning Updates
- Old Cone Mills Dump Site discussion
- Mayor and Manager Quarterly Meeting

Other activities, meetings, and events that took place this week were Forest City, Spindale, and Chimney Rock Town Council meetings, 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 hosted an industrial site visit and held the initial meeting of the EDC Structure Ad Hoc Committee formed to further investigate creating a public-private partnership. Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, and attending various meetings with county departments and industry allies. This week's schedule also included participating in the monthly EDC Board Meeting, and providing marketing materials to the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce to assist in the promotion of Rutherford County and the Economic Development product.

## Finance Department

The Finance Office processed accounts payable. Director Paula Roach and Assistant Director Apryl Tesener attended several interdepartmental meetings.

## Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

The Fire Marshal:

- began week by working on NC Emergency Management Association committee projects in advance of annual fall conference.
- conducted one origin and cause fire investigation.
- traveled to Caldwell County to pick up equipment.
- assisted fire departments with relief fund reports.
- made new identification cards for EMS employees.

## Human Resources

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

This week was spent moving offices. Human Resources is now located on the back hallway of the County Office Building. Thank you to the Maintenance Staff for all their hard work.

The next two months will be filled with open enrollment periods. Colonial open enrollment is the week of September 19, and the State Health Plan is the month of October.

HR staff has been working closely with Rutherford Regional to offer extra programs for County employees.

September 22 is Mammogram Day. **Ad on page 5.**

September 8 will be a Wellness Fair. **See flyer on page 4 for Employee Health Fair.**

**See flyer for *Live Free, Smoke Free Program* on page 6.** Please be watching for email blasts!

Positions available are Tax Collection Tech ,Appraisal I, and EMS Billing and Compliance. Apply at [www.rutherfordcountync.gov](http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov).

# EMPLOYEE HEALTH FAIR

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Rutherford Hospital and Rutherford County are partnering once again to sponsor an Employee Health Fair.

Date: September 8, 2016

Location #1 Rutherford County Annex from 10:00 am –noon @289 North Main St., Rutherfordton NC

Location #2 Rutherford County Library from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm @255 Callahan Koon Rd, Spindale NC

## Services/Screenings Offered:

Smoking Cessations & Tobacco Education with Spirometry Testing

Glucose Screening

Screening Consulting

Body fat Analysis and Exercise Information

Nutritional Information

Blood Pressure Check

Wellness and Prevention Information

We hope employees will take advantage of the health fair.

# 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*

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## **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*

## Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-08-08 00:00:00

To 2016-08-14 23:59:00

### Inbound Traffic

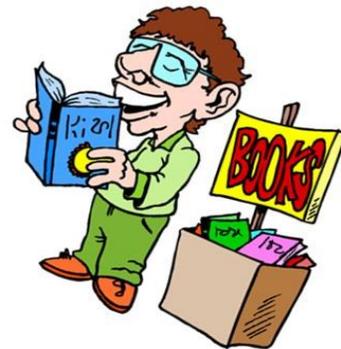
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2016-08-08	131	184	507	15	44	7	3525	4413
2016-08-09	223	150	569	40	30	6	3699	4717
2016-08-10	225	141	544	18	21	2	3480	4431
2016-08-11	30	207	449	23	21	48	3937	4715
2016-08-12	1044	173	445	33	29	11	3437	5172
2016-08-13	332	73	327	13	15	0	1230	1990
2016-08-14	5377	45	219	4	12	3	825	6485
Total	7362	973	3060	145	172	77	20133	31923

### Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-08-08	143	0	2	0	0	1072	11	0	440	1668
2016-08-09	111	0	4	0	0	1123	7	0	782	2027
2016-08-10	19	0	0	0	0	942	5	0	885	1851
2016-08-11	73	0	2	0	0	805	9	0	530	1419
2016-08-12	215	0	0	0	0	1219	9	0	165	1608
2016-08-13	47	0	2	0	0	462	0	0	409	920
2016-08-14	40	0	30	0	0	422	0	0	423	915
Total	648	0	40	0	0	6045	41	0	3634	10408

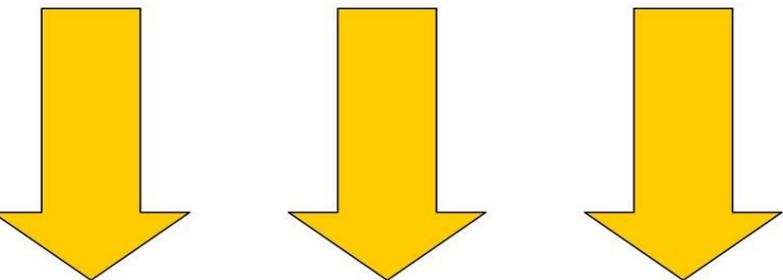
# Rutherford County Library

**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 Sale ....September 8 - 10, 2016 @ Rutherford County Library, 255 Callahan Koon Road, Spindale, NC.

\*\*\*\*Please note the new hours for the Book sale\*\*\*\*

## Revenue Department

- The Revenue Director, Appraisal Coordinator, and the Appraisal Technician traveled to Durham for a joint meeting with Farragut (our software company) this week. Farragut will be introducing new updates for the next software release.
- The Revenue Director will begin interviews next week to fill two open positions in the Revenue Department.
- You have two more weeks to take advantage of the tax discount. Last day for the discount will be Wednesday the 31st of August.

<b>Customer Service</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Phone Calls	465
Info/Data Requests	8
<b>County Growth Indicators</b>	
Building Permits Reviewed	84
Deeds Recorded	162
<b>Collections Progress</b>	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	15
Total Taxes Collected	\$1,606,387.91

## Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- attended NRCS local work group meeting.
- worked on Education Contests and Conservation Field Day Plans.
- worked on information for CET Training

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- attended NRCS local work group meeting.
- writing conservation plans.
- prepared for CET next week.

## Social Services

The Director and Staff attended several regular meetings over the past two weeks which included the NC FAST conference calls and internal unit meetings. The Director also attended the Youth Empowerment Board Meeting, as well as, community meetings and the statewide DSS Director's meeting in Raleigh.

The Director and the Income Maintenance Administrator met with Lance Goller, Director of Outreach and Patient Navigation with Blue Ridge Community Health Service, and Stephanie Hill Practice Manager at Rutherford Health Center, concerning an out stationed worker to take Medicaid applications four hours per week. It is a federal requirement that DSS accept reports at federally recognized health centers. This is also great collaboration with a community partner and a way to make services more accessible.

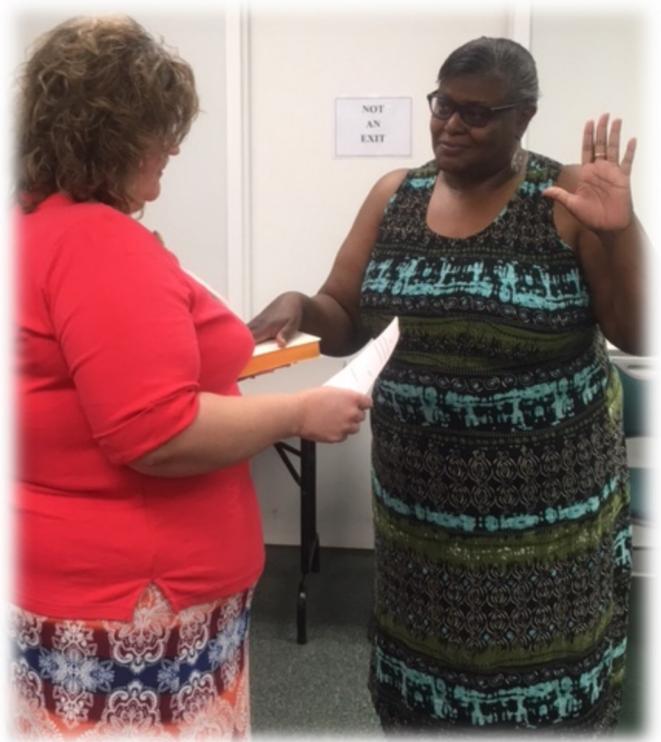
Darrell Renfro, Local Support Manager, with the NC Division of Social Services, visited the office on Monday and met with the Director and Program Managers. His job is to be "the eyes and ears of the State Director", listen to, and take back any concerns and issues that are identified.

The DSS Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday of this week with all

Board Members present. In addition to the regular agenda items, they were presented the results of the recent Employee Satisfaction Survey, heard updates on the CPS Prevention Grant, and the DSS/Community College initiative to train potential and newly hired Income Maintenance staff. Jackie Hampton, recently appointed to a second term on the Board by the NC Social Service Commission, was administered the Oath of Office. **(Pictured above right.)**

Gail Logan, a Child Support Agent, was recently named Employee of the Quarter for the Third Quarter of 2016. Gail has been employed with the agency for 14 years. **(Pictured below left.)**

Welcome new employees: Kimber Dover-Jackson, Social Worker-CPS; Hannah Gardner, Processing Assistant-Income Maintenance; and Chrissy Mayse, IM Caseworker-Family & Children's Medicaid.



## Solid Waste

Customers served 383  
Loads hauled from convenience centers 63  
MSW loads shipped to Lenoir 34  
Recycling loads shipped to Conover 3  
Tire customers 27

The director attended several meetings this week including a meeting at the old Cone Mills dump site with the state, meeting at the airport with Randy Patterson, meeting with the County Manager and several meetings with vendors. Also the director has been working on updating the vehicle/equipment replacement plan and the capital facilities plan. The office staff has been busy waiting on customers while working on reports. Steve Nanney the recycling coordinator attended a recycling event in Hendersonville. The transfer station staff continues to process all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff is processing the C&D tonnages coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The shop staff has been busy repairing equipment while performing preventative maintenance and standard oil changes. We want to welcome Johnny Garland to our staff as he will be working in the shop. The airport crew continues to perform all the landscaping tasks at the airport.

Please continue to recycle!!!!



## Tourism Development Authority

Visit our website for a full list of events and times at: [Timeofyourlifenc.com](http://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](mailto:taylor.hardin@rutherfordcountync.gov)

## Transportation Services

### Emergency Medical Services:

Management held several job interviews and conducted background checks on possible candidates. All employees received a new ID badge that for safety reasons removed their last name off the front of the card and now includes Paramedic under their badge for quicker identification (attached is Paramedic Marc Horne). Employees also participated in In-Service Training on Wednesday which included R.A.C.E. criteria as part of the stroke protocol; as well as, information on handling refusals in the field. EMS was able to print new rack cards advertising our Community Paramedic Program, which includes Amanda Shires, the paramedic heading up this new effort. (See rack card on page 13. )



TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	182
Non-Emergency Calls	32

### Transit Services:

Transit Department held their monthly safety meeting this week. Training was on Illegal Drug Use. This was the first training session that we used the NCDOT Training Toolkit as the resource. We watched a 60 minute documentary that used real people and their personal stories to detail the effects that the particular drugs had on their lives and their families lives. This documentary can be found on YouTube by searching “Drug Free World”. There are 13 video segments in the playlist for each type drug and a introduction and final thought segment that can be watched. We highly recommend that you check this out and watch it with your children (no matter their age) and possibly even your parents (video segments dealing with prescription drugs) to educate them on effects of illegal drugs and the overuse of prescription drugs. We are also very excited to announce that we reached our goal of 125,000 miles without **ANY** type of incident/

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,231	9,325
# of Local Trips	1,157	1,120
# of Out of County Trips	54	56
# Unduplicated Passengers	242	228
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,420</b>	<b>\$16,824</b>

accident. We congratulate all our employees for this accomplishment and celebrated this by providing pizza and dessert pizza to our employees. We now continue our journey to our next goal of 250,000 miles. Transit staff has been preparing for a Drug and Alcohol Testing Compliance Check to be conducted this week. Staff also received updates on our CTS scheduling software.

# See How Our COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM Can Help You

Rutherford County EMS is excited to offer our citizens a unique service to better their overall health.

Our Community Paramedic focuses on citizens with chronic illness or those who need assistance connecting resources so they can get the health care they need. Our Community Paramedic makes scheduled, house calls to check up on patients, explains discharge instructions if they've had a recent hospital stay, makes sure all medications are filled, locates resources such as transportation, and performs blood pressure or glucose checks if needed.

  
**RUTHERFORD COUNTY**  
Emergency Medical Services



## How Do You Access This Resource?



It's easy to set up an appointment with our Community Paramedic. You, or a family member, may contact:

**Captain Amanda Shires, NREMT-P**  
**828.287.6076 or at**  
**[amanda.shires@rutherfordcountync.gov](mailto:amanda.shires@rutherfordcountync.gov)**

Feel free to leave a message if you are unable to reach her directly. She will return your call and set up a time to visit, at your convenience within 48 hours.



### Key Focus Areas:

- COPD
- Diabetes
- Pneumonia
- High Risk Falls
- Lack of Family Support
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Immediate Social/Medical Need
- High Risk of Hospital Admission

  
**RUTHERFORD COUNTY**  
Emergency Medical Services

 Funded in part through  
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## Veteran Services

<b>Mail In</b>	118
<b>Mail Out</b>	36
<b>Fax</b>	173
<b>Phone Calls In/Out</b>	71
<b>Veteran Contacts</b>	182



*Beginning Thursday September 15th, every third Thursday in the month, from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m., we will be having a coffee social for veterans. There will be coffee, treats, conversation and a good time!!! Occasionally we will have special guests to cover topics of interest. If there is a topic or a guest that you are interested in, contact Beverly at 828-287-6185.*

The event will be held at the  
Rutherford County Veteran Service Office  
303 Fairground Road, Spindale, NC 28160



## County News

**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](http://www.rcvag.com).

**September 2**

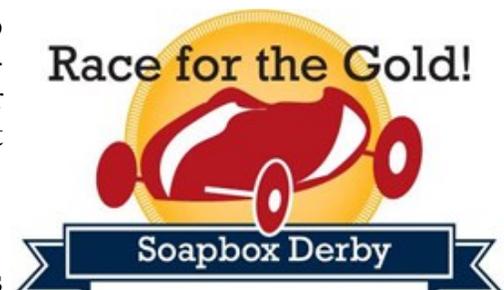
**2016 #FUNC Music Series!** These great family friendly events feature local music, kids games, food, drinks & much more. This year's series promises to be even better. All nights begin at 7pm! If you are in interested musician, food truck operator, vendor or just want to help with the planning committee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

### **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 promotional 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>



# 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*



Allstate  
RANDY KOONKEY AGENCY



RUTHERFORD REGIONAL  
HEALTH SYSTEM

Hardin's Drug



**704.214.9799**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BE AN EXHIBITOR

**!! Don't Miss This Event !!**  
*4<sup>TH</sup> 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**



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](mailto: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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Bryan A. King, *Chairman*      Alan Toney, *Vice Chairman*  
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