



July 11, 2016

Weekly Report

Highlight of Departmental Activities

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Airport

The Airport sold 294 gallons of Jet A to 2 aircraft and 746.1 gallons of 100LL to 29 aircraft last week.

PHOTO: Artistic shot of airplanes at the RC Airport this week by Director Randy Patterson.



JOIN US FOR

A Farmers Market Demonstration!

Taste Samples, Kids Scavenger Hunt, Trivia Contest and enter to win "Christmas in July" Gift Basket!

Saturday, July 16, 2016
8am-12pm
Farmers Market
172 Depot Street, Forest City

For questions, call:
Tracy Davis
Rutherford County Extension Office
828-287-6010



Board of Elections



A Board meeting was held on July 7th and the One-Stop early voting plan was approved to be submitted to the State. We are adding an additional One-Stop site for the November election at the new Sandy Mush Fire Department on Chase High Road (**pictured left**). The additional site was necessary to satisfy the required number of hours for the general election. The Board also approved moving the voting location for the Haynes precinct from Chase High School to the new Sandy Mush Fire Department for all future elections.

Building Inspections

Written 27 new permits over the last week, including:

- 5 mobile homes
- 2 new houses
- 3 pools, 1 for pyrotechnics display

Conducted 181 inspections.

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 County department heads to review performance evaluations including DSS, Library, Human Resources, Senior Center, Transportation Services, Airport, Board of Elections and Governing Body.
- Rutherford County JMHCP Check-In Call
- Airport Authority Meeting
- Board of Commissioners' Meeting
- County Attorney meeting regarding various projects
- Women Roofer's 100th Roof Celebration (**photos posted on page 4**)

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

Photo right: *"Never underestimate the power of the heart,"* expressed Chairman Bryan King, as his daughter, Caroline, comforted her 'best friend' who had to be taken to the vet last week with a leg issue.

Chairman King threw the first pitch at the Owl's game on Friday night, July 1st, **pictured on page 18**.





The Women Roofers' held a brief ceremony on July 8th and 9th to celebrate their

100th roof

at 175 Academy Street, Spindale, Hopeview Estates, a Habitat for Humanity community.

Citizens and officials were able to meet this nationally recognized group and tour a Habitat house.



Economic Development



This week, the Economic Development Department responded to two Industrial RFIs and participated in various meetings and 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 industry allies regarding various grant reports and requests, and updating content on the Rutherford County Economic Development and Gateway West Commerce Park websites.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

The Fire Marshal:

- responded to a search for missing persons on First Broad river whom were safely located in Cleveland County.
- conducted maintenance on response equipment.
- distributed DOT emergency response guidebooks to response agencies.
- worked on communications interoperability project.
- attended various meetings and training.

Finance Department

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

Human Resources

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

The HR Specialist attended the Airport Authority meeting and the Director attended the County Commissioners meeting.

The HR Director along with the Library Director April Young conducted interviews for the Library Assistant position. The Director continues to work with intern, Alan Toney, on special projects.

Positions currently available are Assessment Coordinator at the Revenue Department. Apply at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.

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.



RUTHERFORD REGIONAL
HEALTH SYSTEM

The Mammography Place

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

Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-06-27 00:00:00

To 2016-07-03 23:59:00

Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-06-27	261	214	1418	12	29	7	3037	4978
2016-06-28	82	167	1248	24	16	6	3676	5219
2016-06-29	3000	313	1397	20	22	8	3662	8422
2016-06-30	237	135	1186	9	30	11	3378	4986
2016-07-01	169	144	885	17	13	7	3325	4359
2016-07-02	100	76	887	6	11	4	1015	2099
2016-07-03	0	61	1045	13	10	5	985	2119
Total	3848	1110	7868	101	131	48	19078	32182

Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-06-27	240	0	1	0	0	1210	0	0	224	1681
2016-06-28	81	0	1	0	0	1008	4	0	199	1291
2016-06-29	228	0	1	0	0	1208	3	0	182	1618
2016-06-30	0	0	2	0	0	872	2	0	365	1248
2016-07-01	134	0	1	0	0	807	11	0	253	1208
2016-07-02	258	0	60	0	0	487	0	0	321	1126
2016-07-03	101	0	0	0	0	409	0	0	123	633
Total	1040	0	66	0	0	5997	33	0	1687	8803

Library

Haynes Branch Library STEM MakerCamp

FREE!

July 9
10:30

Presents



A WALK IN THE WOODS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMPANY
FEATURING *HANDS-ON SCIENCE OUTREACH*
PROGRAMS WITH LIVE ANIMALS

World of Snakes

10 foot
Snake Skin!!



Live
Snakes!

- Benefits of snakes & their importance to humans
- Anatomy of snakes
- Diet of snakes
- Feeding techniques
- Identification of different types of snakes
- Camouflage patterns
- Behaviors



Saturday, July 9, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.
Haynes Branch Library, 828-288-4039

Haynes Branch STEM MakerCamp is made possible by funding from Duke Energy.

Book Signing



Bob Covert will visit all three Rutherford County Libraries to read from his newest book, *A Slide on the Bus and 24 Other Short Stories*. Books will be available for purchase and Bob will gladly sign autographs.

June 23, 2016
Haynes Branch Library
1:00 p.m.

June 23, 2016
Rutherford County Library
3:00 p.m.

July 20, 2016
Lake Lure Inn
(Mountains Branch Library)
12:00 p.m.

About the Author

Bob Covert enjoyed a career spanning forty years in Education. He received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University of PA and his Masters of Education from Duquesne University. Bob taught music on every level from Kindergarten through twelfth grade in both instrumental and vocal music. He conducted first place winning high school bands at Johnsonburg and DuBois, PA.

Retired from public education, Bob continued to teach, offering health and fitness classes. He was a working partner in the Punxsutawney Health and Fitness Center.

After moving to North Carolina, he taught English as a Second Language at Charlotte's International House. His short story, "A Room of Her Own" won First Place in the Silver Arts Contest through Rutherford County Senior Center, NC.

Bob has written articles for the Marching Musician, Mountain Breeze and Charlotte Observer and St. Marys Daily Press. He is a voracious reader of fiction, scientific and historical literature. Bob's hobbies are writing, carpentry, hiking, swimming and kayaking.

Public Works and Planning

As we kickoff a new fiscal year, we consistently sustain high tempo operations despite the heat and demands on all facets of our department; Garage, Maintenance, Grounds-keeping, Planning and Project management. All of our guys work very hard and are dedicated to getting the job done and keeping all of the County's vehicles, facilities, parks and projects in good condition. Thanks to all the maintenance and garage staff for their hard work!

Senior Center

The Senior Center was closed on Monday in observance of Independence Day. The Center hosted Bingo twice on Tuesday. We had "Red, White, & Blue" Bingo in celebration of the 4th of July on Tuesday morning and "Christmas in July" Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The Senior Center and satellite sites were closed on July 6-8th for the chiller installation. Pre-packaged meals were delivered to the home-delivered participants on Tuesday.

Upcoming:

Zumba at 6:00 p.m. July 11, 18, 25

Living Healthy with a Chronic Illness Workshop

Every Wednesday morning for 6 weeks

July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, and 24
8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Rutherford County Senior Center

193 Callahan Koon Road, Spindale, NC 28160
(828) 287-6409

Call the Senior Center to sign up or stop by when you visit the center

Pre registration is required

Registration Deadline: **July 18, 2016**

Space Is Limited

The sessions are free and you will receive an accompanying book

This workshop will take place once a week for 6 weeks. Each session is 2 ½ hours long, and all workshops are facilitated by 2 trained leaders who follow a detailed manual, so that each workshop is highly consistent.

This work shop is appropriate for people living or caring for someone with a wide variety of chronic health conditions, such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and other or multiple chronic conditions.

Topics addressed during the workshops

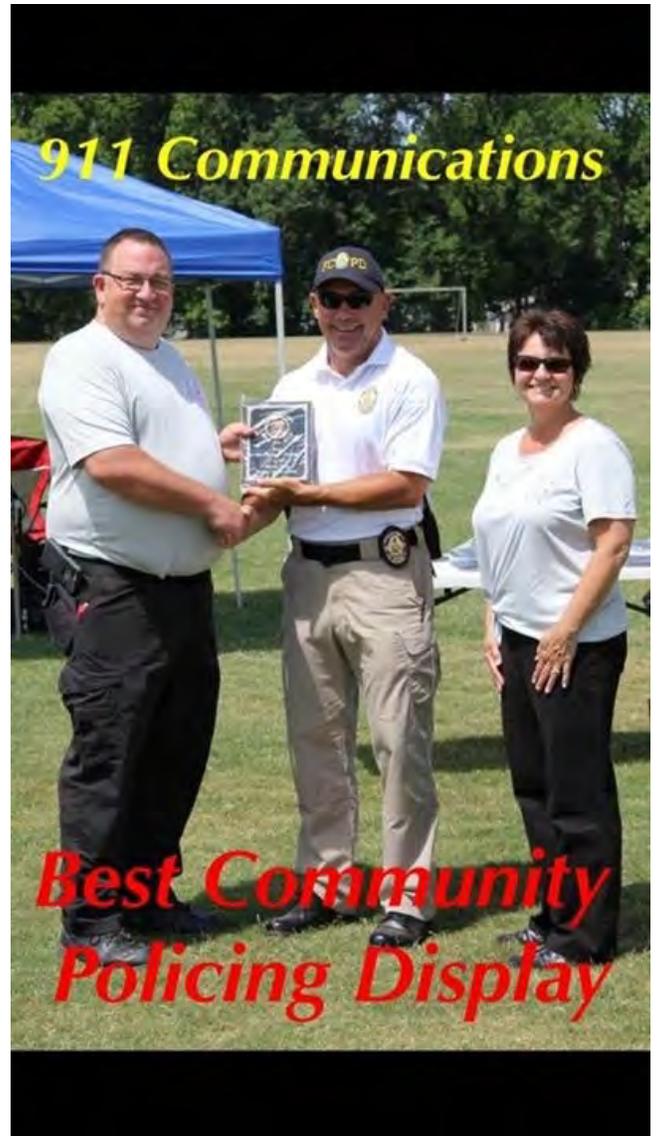
These programs are not designed to help people to learn more about chronic conditions, but rather to learn the skills and tools to better manage chronic conditions. Participants will learn:

- techniques to deal with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation
- appropriate management of medications
- healthy eating guidelines and exercise tips
- how to make informed treatment decisions
- and MUCH MORE



911 Communications

Director Tammy Aldridge expresses her thanks to all who helped make Kids and Cops 2016 a successful event. A great time was had by all.



Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- worked on Farmland Preservation meeting agenda and folders.
- attended the ordinance update meeting.
- worked on updating Farmland Preservation Tract numbers and information.
- worked on information for the Annual Report.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician is on vacation this week.

Solid Waste

Customers served 369

Loads hauled from convenience centers 49

Loads shipped to Lenoir 33

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2

Tire customers 24

The staff at the landfill has had a very busy week playing catch up from the holiday. The director has been busy this week with internal meetings and he continues to work on the budget.

The Solid Waste staff would like to congratulate Eddie Mote on his promotion to the convenience center supervisor. Also, Jeremy Keever the new truck driver started this week.

The transfer station staff has been busy processing all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff has been busy also with the tonnages coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The shop staff has been performing preventative maintenance on the equipment and vehicles while fixing several issues at the convenience centers.

Our staff continues to perform work at the airport consisting of mowing, weed eating and bush hogging. A storm over the holiday weekend damaged the Hollis Convenience Site. Several trees fell onto the fence. The staff is working on receiving quotes to fix the damage and the removal of the trees.

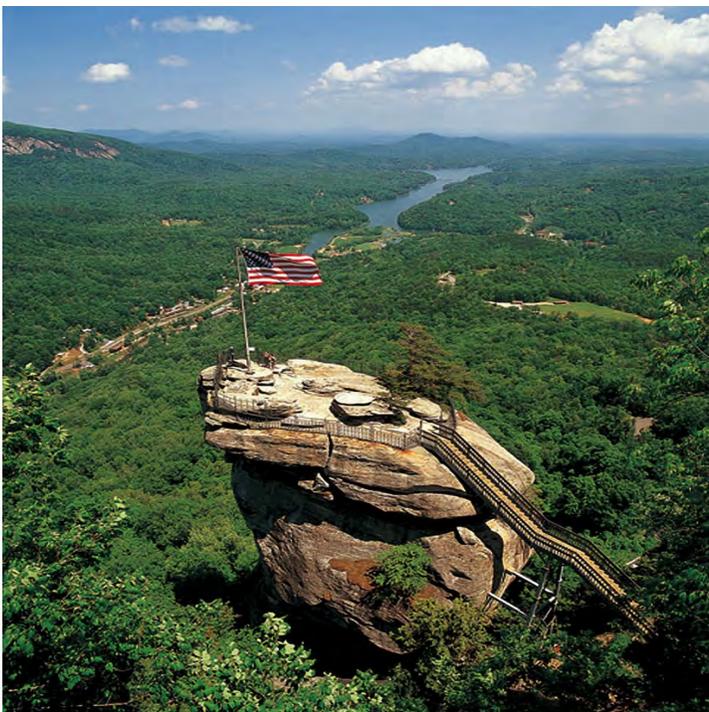
Please continue to recycle!!!



Tourism Development Authority

Upcoming Events:

- **Chimney Rock**
Beats, Burgers & Brews at Old Rock Café- July through October
- **Lake Lure**
Summer Beach Bash at Rumbling Bald Resort - Tuesdays at 5:30
Lake Lure- July 16th
- **Rutherfordton**
Weekly Live Music at Ruff'ton Brewhouse through July 30th
FUNC - July 23rd
Farmers Market- July through September
- **Spindale**
Weekly Live Music at Rocky's Bar and Grill and Barley's Taproom
- **Forest City**
Owls Games - Through August 5th
4th Fridays on Main - Through October 28th
Twisted Pallet Wine & Design- July 11-18



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 about this document please contact Taylor Hardin, Administrative Assistant for the TDA at 828-287-6013 or by email at taylor.hardin@rutherfordcountync.gov

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

Congratulations to Paramedic Samantha Golovner, who was recognized as **2016 Paramedic of the Year** by Supervisor Kaleb Johnson and Operations Manager Terry Baynard at the July Board of Commissioners' meeting.



Staff worked on a grant this week for the RHI Legacy Foundation. If awarded, the grant will be used to enhance the current fitness program at EMS. Staff also worked on sending out new agency contracts for fiscal year 2016-2017. Director generated the monthly OEMS Toolkit report for the County Manager which illustrates response effectiveness.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	175
Convalescent Calls	30

Transit Department:

Transit was closed on July 4th for the holiday. The numbers below reflect only four business days of operation. Staff worked this week on numerous monthly and year-end reports and new agency contracts for the new fiscal year. Staff also worked on submitting a RHI Legacy Grant to provide additional transportation for cancer patients, critically ill passengers and provide additional access to food pantries.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,287	7,123
# of Local Trips	1,062	925
# of Out of County Trips	54	41
# Unduplicated Passengers	233	221
Total Revenue	\$13,636	\$11,115

Veteran Services

Mail In	124
Mail Out	29
Fax	172
Phone Calls In/Out	70
Veteran Contacts	192

Continue to keep precious little Grady Byers in your thoughts and prayers.

He is the four-month old son of T.J. and Melanie Byers, grandson of Susan Hall, (Veteran Services) and grandson of Luann Butler (DSS).

Little Grady is in critical condition with heart failure at the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte.

There is an account open at Carolina Trust Bank to help with medical bills. If you are interested in helping, please contact Susan Hall, Luann Butler, or the bank in Forest City or Lake Lure. Prayers are greatly appreciated.





County News



MAKE YOUR **POOL** SAFE FOR ALL KIDS!

ALL pools with more than 24 inches of water require a permit from Rutherford County Building Inspections. This includes:

- In-ground pools
- Above-ground pools
- On-ground pools
- Spas and Hot Tubs

The pool must be surrounded by a barrier that is at least 4 feet tall and has a locking gate access. The barrier must meet code requirements found at the Building Inspections Department.



Remember:

Children can drown in less than one inch of water.

Barriers are not childproof. They merely provide a layer of protection for a child who strays from supervision.

Children who fall into water unexpectedly may panic and forget any swimming skills they have learned.

Let's do our part and keep the children in our community safe this summer!

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RUTHERFORD COUNTY
building inspections

www.rutherfordcountync.gov/buildinginspections

Please call Rutherford County Building Inspections at (828) 287-6035 for more information



SAVE THE DATE!

Rock Climbing

Zip Lining



Crafts

Water Activities

For Children Ages 6-12 Diagnosed With Asthma

**No Cost
To Attend!**

**Saturday, August 20, 2016
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
South Mountain
Christian Camp**

**All 3 Meals
Included!**

Registration is limited to 25 participants.
To register: call Joyce McCain at 828-286-5441
or Amie Watson at 828-286-5446 before August 5
(leave message with contact information)

Medical supervision is provided throughout the day.

McNair Field made it to the FINAL FOUR of Baseball Digest's Best of the Ballparks Summer Collegiate 2016

McNair Field finished third in the country and first in the Coastal Plain League of the Ball Park Digest's Collegiate Summer League Stadiums. Thanks to all the fans for voting and bringing us that far! Hooty Hoot, Owls Fans!



Chairman Bryan A. King threw the first pitch at the Owl's game last Friday night.





RUTHERFORD REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Duke LifePoint Healthcare

The Heat is On: Staying Safe During the Hot Summer Months

RUTHERFORDTON - The summer season is in full swing, and that means camps, outdoor workouts and athletic practices, trips to parks or local waterways, and dozens of other fun outdoor activities for you and your family. It also means you need to watch out for one of Mother Nature's most dangerous elements: heat.

"Summer is such a fun time of year, but it is also dangerous because people can quickly become overheated," said Jason Carney, RN, director of the Emergency Department at Rutherford Regional Health System. "We really encourage our patients to know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness. If people know what to watch for, they can catch potential problems earlier and start cooling the body down before any serious complications occur."

As noted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), muscle cramping - or heat cramps - is often the first sign of heat-related illness and may lead to a more serious condition, such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Below are other important signs and symptoms, actions to take if you or someone you encounter is experiencing a heat-related illness, and tips to help you beat the heat.



Jason Carney, Emergency
Department Director

Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion occurs when the body loses an excessive amount of water and salt and is unable to cool itself. If left untreated, heat exhaustion could lead to heat stroke, which is why it is important to know the signs and symptoms. They are:

- Headache
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- Weakness
- Irritability
- Thirst
- Heavy sweating
- Elevated body temperatures
- Decreased urine output

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is the most severe heat-related illness, requiring immediate medical attention. Heat stroke occurs when the body has lost excessive water and salt, and has become overwhelmed by the heat. Signs and symptoms include:

- Confusion, altered mental status or slurred speech;
- Loss of consciousness;
- Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating;
- Seizures;
- Very high body temperatures.

Heat stroke can be fatal if treatment is delayed. If you or someone you encounter is experiencing a heat-induced illness, you should:

- Call 9-1-1 immediately;
- Stay with the person until emergency medical services arrive;
- Move the person to a shaded, cool area and remove any heavy or excess clothing;
- Cool the person down quickly with cold water or an ice bath, or by placing cold wet cloths or ice on the head, neck, armpits or groin;
- Circulate the air around the person to speed cooling.

Carney says people can be smart during outdoor activities by drinking plenty of water, seeking shade and taking regular breaks during rigorous exercise. Furthermore, outdoor activities can be limited to mornings and afternoons, when the sun isn't out in full force. He also says knowing the aforementioned signs and symptoms is critical.

"The best way to prevent heat-related illness is to know when to stop," said Carney. "Often people start to feel mild symptoms but think they can just 'push through' the pain. It's important for people to listen to their bodies and always pay attention to those around them, especially coaches, athletic trainers and others who lead group activities."

To learn more about heat-related illness, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/extremeheat>.

NCDOT NEEDS YOUR INPUT ON POTHOLES

Potholes are a major issue for all of the NCDOT 100 NCDOT county maintenance offices. But with 80,000 miles of state-maintained roads, it's a problem the agency is asking the public to help battle.

The NCDOT has just launched a new [pothole web page](#) on its site. It explains what causes potholes, shows the difference between a pothole and other road issues, describes how DOT crews fix potholes, and the steps taken to prevent them from happening in the first place. There is also a link to the "DOT Report" site that launched in January for citizens to report potholes and other maintenance issues on state roads. Citizens can go [online](#) or simply call the customer service number at 1-800-368-4968 to report their concern.

Using the online system, a citizen just fills out a web-based form with specifics about the issue. That information goes into the department's Citizen Action Request System and is routed directly to the appropriate county maintenance that will handle the repair, getting the information faster than with the previous process. A two-day turnaround goal has been set for pothole fixes, 10 business days for other safety-related concerns, and 15 days for problems where there is not a safety concern.





*****Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, July 9th: ROC Group Hike on the **Trombotore Trail in Gerton**. 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 at the top. More information on this trail can be found at <http://rutherfordoutdoor.org/resources/trombotore>.

Saturday, July 23rd: ROC Group Broad River Float. We will be floating sections 2 and 3 (Rock Springs Church Road to River Road). This section is full of rapids and should be a ton of fun. We will meet at River Creek Campground (217 River Creek Drive, Rutherfordton) at 10 am.

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.

ROC Group Hike to Catawba Falls

We had a great turnout for our group hike to Catawba Falls on June 12th. We saw many smaller waterfalls along the way to the 100 foot high lower falls and the scenery was absolutely beautiful (**pictured right**).



ROC Group Float on Broad River

On June 25th, river lovers from all over joined us on our group float on section 5 of the Broad River in Rutherford County. We had a great time paddling, swimming, and playing in the rapids. More information about the Broad River can be found [here](#). (**Photo left**.)



Isothermal Community College (ICC) Trails

Volunteers have completed the new section of the Orange Trail at ICC. The new trail is marked and open to the public. If you have never been on the trails at the college, we highly recommend you check them out. There are over three miles of scenic trails surrounding the campus. These trails are rated as easy and are fun for everyone (**photo right**)!



County Manager

Steve Garrison

County Commissioners

Bryan A. King, *Chairman*

Alan Toney, *Vice Chairman*

Michael Benfield, Eddie Holland, Greg Lovelace

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Hazel Haynes, *Clerk to Board*

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