



July 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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**DID YOU KNOW?** National Ice Cream Day is celebrated each year on the **3rd Sunday in July** and is a part of National Ice Cream Month. This day is a fun celebration enjoyed with a bowl, cup or cone filled with your favorite flavor of ice cream.

### HISTORY

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month and established National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday in the month of July.

Thousands of years ago, people in the Persian Empire would put snow in a bowl, pour grape-juice concentrate over it and ate it as a treat. They did this when the weather was hot and used the snow saved in the cool-keeping underground chambers known as “yakhchal” or taken from the snowfall that still remained at the top of mountains.

It is believed that ice cream was first introduced into the United States by Quaker colonists who brought their ice cream recipes with them. Their ice cream was sold at shops in New York and other cities during the colonial era.

- Ben Franklin, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were known to have been regular eaters of ice cream.
- First Lady Dolley Madison served ice cream at the Inaugural Ball in 1813.
- 1832 – African American confectioner, Augustus Jackson created multiple ice cream recipes as well as a superior technique to manufacture ice cream.
- 1843 – Philadelphian, Nancy Johnson, was issued the first U.S. patent for a small-scale hand-cranked ice cream freezer.

It is said that today there are over 1,000 ice cream flavors.

### CELEBRATE

Enjoy National Ice Cream Day by sharing some with your family and friends! Post on social media using #NationalIceCreamDay and encourage others to do the same!

....AND SINCE I'M SO SWEET, I'll share my secret homemade recipe with you!  
**See page 2.**

### Chocolate Chip Ice Cream

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 box Ice cream mix (4oz box) Vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 can condensed milk
- 1 can Evaporated milk
- 3 eggs
- 3 Tbsp. vanilla
- 1 large Hershey bar grated.

Mix sugar, ice cream mix, cream and milks. Add eggs beaten and then vanilla. Add grated chocolate bar and mix. Put into freezer and if needed, add milk to reach fill line. Churn and enjoy!

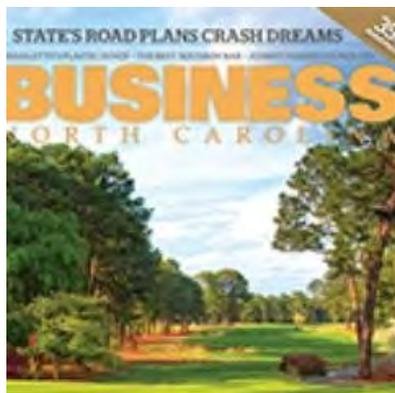
*Recipe by Kim Aldridge*

### Airport

The Airport sold 612.0 gallons of Jet A to 2 aircraft and 1,125.2 gallons of 100LL to 24 aircraft last week.

PHOTO:

A 2010 Robinson R-44 based in CHESAPEAKE, VA on the ramp at Rutherford County Airport.



Page 9 of **Business North Carolina**, *Snapshot: 'Explore World-Class Cuisine and Recreation'*, lists Rutherford County Airport (KFQD) as a transportation asset to Western North Carolina.

[http://businessnc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Western-NC\\_lr.pdf](http://businessnc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Western-NC_lr.pdf)

### Board of Elections

Second Quarter reports were submitted by the candidates this week and are posted on our website at <http://rutherfordcountync.gov/boardofelections/campaignfinancialreports>.

A petition has been started to add a write-in candidate to the ballot in November.

The Director met with the County Manager and continued to participate in bi-weekly meetings with the State on the new software development.

## 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:

- Review performance evaluations with Fire Marshal, IT, Planning and Projects, Revenue and Finance.
- Meetings with several County department heads including Planning and Projects, EDC and Senior Center.
- NCDOT call with Tim Anderson
- Wayfinding Discussion
- Rails to Trails Committee meeting
- Visit to Old Dunbar Elementary School Property
- TAC/TCC Meeting
- Meeting with Cherokee County SC officials
- Airport Agenda Review meeting
- County Attorney meeting regarding various projects
- Senior Center Advisory Board meeting
- GoToWebinar—NCACC Manager's Weekly Legislative Update
- Broadband meeting
- Airport - meeting with world fuel representative



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.



**Photo above:** Vice Chairman Alan Toney and family enjoying the beauty at Yellowstone National Park.

Rutherford County took a hard hit with the storm last Friday evening. Thousands of homes were without power for several hours, traffic lights were malfunctioning and many down trees in neighborhoods.

**Pictured are photos from Forest Hills subdivision.** Thankfully, no serious injuries were sustained.



## Economic Development



This week the Economic Development Department held a follow-up industrial site visit and participated in various meetings and calls with county departments and industry allies. Staff continues to follow up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, reaching out to existing industries to assemble proper documentation needed for grant agency reports, and working to increase our social media presence. This week's agenda also included attending an AccessNC Training class in Rocky Mount.

## Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

The Fire Marshal:

- began the week by meeting with County Manager in reference to the Emergency Services Training Facility.
- participated in NC Emergency Management Association program committee conference call.
- completed training on the new CodeRED app and prepared press release on this new service.
- completed additional Emergency Management Performance Grant activities.
- conducted one origin and cause fire investigation.
- participated in law enforcement training.

See Press Release regarding CodeRed on pages 22 and 23.

## Finance Department

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

## Human Resources

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

The HR Specialist conducted the new hire orientation. The HR Director along with the Revenue Director conducted interviews for the Assessment/Appraisal Coordinator position.

Job opportunities are Utility Worker at the Solid Waste Department. Apply at [www.rutherfordcountync.gov](http://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 2016-07-04 00:00:00

To 2016-07-10 23:59:00

### Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-07-04	142	66	994	26	11	7	1123	2369
2016-07-05	22	251	1120	5	19	15	3025	4457
2016-07-06	1004	118	1151	17	29	71	2963	5353
2016-07-07	5545	263	1050	3	32	15	3389	10297
2016-07-08	65	281	877	9	25	5	3424	4687
2016-07-09	286	59	414	10	10	2	835	1616
2016-07-10	50	204	354	7	15	5	901	1527
Total	7114	1242	5960	77	133	120	15660	30306

### Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-07-04	104	0	30	0	0	437	1	0	396	967
2016-07-05	197	0	0	0	0	1247	1	0	241	1691
2016-07-06	76	0	31	0	0	954	1	0	144	1207
2016-07-07	74	0	0	0	0	939	1	0	920	1936
2016-07-08	155	0	25	0	0	1324	1	0	154	1670
2016-07-09	216	0	23	0	0	489	0	0	236	964
2016-07-10	65	0	30	0	0	268	0	0	177	540
Total	887	0	139	0	0	5653	13	0	2276	8975

## Library

**Mountains Branch Library** enjoyed a well-attended program by Rutherford County Historian, Chivous Bradley on the Battle of Kings Mountain and the Overmountain Men. Thanks to our Genealogy Club for hosting the presentation.

Joy Sharp wrote her monthly summer column for the Lake Lure Breeze. She also worked on promoting upcoming library programs for July, August and September.

Joy continued to promote Mountains Branch's "Explore Outdoors!" circulating backpack program. These backpacks were made possible by a grant from Hickory Nut Gorge Foundation and contain everything you need for a day of hiking and exploring. Available for a two week check out.

Angie Turner assisted several patrons with computer issues, including job applications. She ordered lots of new Large Print and Audio books with a grant from the Lake Lure Lions Club.

**County Library** – New hours have been recently approved by County Commissioners to begin September 6, 2016. We feel the new hours will better serve our patrons and the residents of Rutherford County. We are excited to begin this new phase at the Library.

	<b>Haynes Branch</b>	<b>County Library</b>	<b>Mountains Branch</b>
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:30	9:00 to 5:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:30	12:00 to 8:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 to 2:00	9:30 to 5:30	9:00 to 2:00
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 to 5:00	11:30 to 8:00	9:00 to 5:00
<b>Friday</b>	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:30	9:00 to 5:00
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 to 3:00	10:00 to 3:00	10:00 to 3:00

**Nicole Morse** – Casey Laugh and Learn was this week's entertainment for the Summer Reading Program. We had approximately 250 in attendance at the three libraries. Combining storytelling and science is a GREAT idea!!

Didgeridoo Down Under is the entertainer for July 19. This will be a high-energy Australian themed show combining music, culture, science, puppetry, and comedy.

**Kenneth Odom** – July 11, 2016 was the first MakerCamp of this year. We had seven this week. Campers constructed their own kites out of wooden dowels and plastic grocery bags (**pictured right**). Campers also made magnetic slime and had a GREAT time playing with that!



Kenneth has also been busy putting out technology fires and getting new computers ready for all three libraries.

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**April Young** – April filled the full-time position at Haynes Branch. Susan Laney has transferred there full-time and Crystal Shires has moved to County. We will miss Susan, but look forward to working with Crystal. Good luck to both in their new positions! April processed approximately 150 new books that are already on the shelf and ready for you to read. April also attended two community meetings. Library staff was shadowed by a Library Science student completing her internship. We enjoyed working with Betsy Clay. April also processed paperwork for a grant that Maria received to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries in Fargo, ND in October. Great job Maria!

**Maria Davis** – Maria processed approximately 150 books and transferred them to April for her to complete the cataloguing process and get them on the shelves. Rutherford County Library strives to accommodate as many patron requests as possible.

The Adult Summer Reading Program is moving right along. We had 96 patrons to register for the program. Six patrons have already completed their Challenge Cards and are waiting for the Grand Prize drawing on August 16, 2016 (**photos right and below**).

We had approximately 10 attend the Adult Coloring Session on July 11, 2016.



Our next adult program is Chef Paul. He will be at all three branches for a Compressed Pickled Watermelon Salad demonstration and tasting. See flyer on page 9 for times and dates.





# Demonstration and Tasting



## Compressed Pickled Watermelon Salad

**Wednesday, July 27**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Haynes Branch Library**  
**828-288-4039**

**Thursday, July 28**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Mountains Branch Library**  
**828-287-6392**

**Friday, July 29**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**County Library**  
**828-287-6118**



Chef Paul is a graduate of the Art Institute of Charlotte and is experienced in small and large restaurant atmospheres.

Paul owns "Paul Andrew's Personal Chef Services" and is available for catering, special occasions, and in-home chef services in and around Rutherford County.

**Attendance at this program  
qualifies as completion of  
"Adult Program @  
The Library"  
for the  
Adult Summer Reading  
Challenge**

## Revenue Department

2016 tax bills are available. You can locate your bill at [www.rutherfordcountync.gov](http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov), or if you have questions, call 828-287-6000. A discount of 0.5% is offered if payment is made before August 31, 2016. Tax payers should have bills in hand the last week of July. If you are looking for a bill, and do not receive by the first few weeks of August, give us a call so we can check your mailing address. **(See Press Release on page 11.)**

Our Revenue Director has been busy looking at applications and also interviewing for the new Coordinator position. The office also has several positions open and will be taking applications in the next few weeks.

Our collections rate for 2015 ended the year at 96.79%. That is a great accomplishment for our staff.

<b>Customer Service</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Phone Calls	481
Info/Data Requests	3
Website Hits	4,004
<b>County Growth Indicators</b>	
Building Permits Reviewed	54
Deeds Recorded	113
<b>Collections Progress</b>	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	51
Total Taxes Collected	\$97,945.90



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Contact:  
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Public Information Coordinator  
Rutherford County, North Carolina  
828-287-6060  
[kim.aldrige@rutherfordcountync.gov](mailto:kim.aldrige@rutherfordcountync.gov)

For Immediate Release

### COUNTY TAX BILLS ARE READY FOR PAYMENT

The Rutherford County Revenue Department has 2016 tax bills ready for payment. Tax bills are expected to be mailed by Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, and begin arriving in mailboxes thereafter. Residents wishing to pay before they receive a bill in the mail may do so in person at the Revenue Department located at 229 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton, NC or via the county website at <http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov/taxsearch>. Remember to use "2016" for tax year in your search.

The discount payment option is available again this year through Wednesday, August 31, 2016, and the 2016 tax bills are payable without interest if paid before January 5, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact the Revenue Department at 828-287-6000.

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*County Commissioners*

**Bryan A. King**, *Chairman*  
**Alan Toney**, *Vice Chairman*

**Eddie Holland**  
**Greg Lovelace**  
**Michael Benfield**

**Steven W. Garrison**, *County Manager*  
**Hazel S. Haynes**, *Clerk to the Board*  
**Richard Williams**, *County Attorney*

## Senior Center

The Senior Center hosted the monthly blood pressure clinic on Monday. Representatives from White Oak of Rutherfordton conducted the Senior Center's monthly blood pressure checks. Twenty-five clients took advantage of this service.

On Tuesday, we sponsored a fun activity called **"Ice Cream Taste Test"**. Seniors enjoyed sampling different ice cream flavors to determine their favorite choice. We had an intergenerational activity of bowling with the grandkids at Autumn Lanes on Tuesday afternoon.

Jane Armstrong, former owner of De-Clutter for Real Life, continued with her program on Wednesday by sharing what you can start getting rid of to de-clutter.

Brookdale Senior Living presented the B-Fit program on Thursday morning. This program encompasses the latest research and guidelines for seniors to provide a fun, holistic and stimulating exercise experience. On Thursday afternoon, we had another intergenerational activity and provided the board games and refreshments for the seniors and their grandchildren. The Senior Center Advisory Board also met on Thursday for our quarterly meeting.

Lastly, on Friday the Center provided a trip to Strawberry Hill for lunch, produce shopping and ice cream.

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

**Living with Chronic Illness** – 6 week series of classes. Starts on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-11:15 a.m. The sessions are free and include an accompanying book. **(See flyer on page 13.)**

## Senior Center Calendar of Events

9:00 Aerobics <span style="float: right;">18</span> 9:00 SilverStriders 9:00 - 2:30 Art Group 9-11 Silver Threads & Needles <b>10:30 "BATTER, SPLATTERS, &amp; PLATTERS" – RECIPE CLUB</b> <b>6:00 ZUMBA</b>	8:45 RED HOT CHILI STEPPERS <span style="float: right;">19</span> <b>WALKING CLUB</b> 9-11 Silver Threads & Needles 10:00 Yoga <b>10:30 "STRANGE LAWS IN EVERY STATE"</b> 1:00 Table Tennis <b>1:00 TRIP TO HAMRICK'S &amp; ICECREAM</b>	8:30 Wednesday Walk <span style="float: right;">20</span> <b>8:45-11:15 LIVING HEALTH w/CHRONIC ILLNESS (week 1)</b> 9:00 Aerobics 9-11 Silver Threads & Needles <b>9:30 TEA PARTY</b> 10:00 Line Dancing <b>10:45 TRIP TO SHELBY: FOR PIZZA, SHOPPING &amp; ICE CREAM</b> 12:30 Oil Art Group	9-11 Silver Threads & Needles <span style="float: right;">21</span> <b>10:30 LEMONADE &amp; LAUGHS</b> <b>11:15 CHAIR EXERCISE</b> 12:00 – 4:00 Bridge 12:30 Just Dance 12:30 – 2 Computer Assistance/J.Cole <b>1:00 BOWLING W/GRANDKIDS AT AUTUMN LANES</b>	9:00 Aerobics <span style="float: right;">22</span> 9:00 SilverStriders 9-11 Silver Threads & Needles 10:00 Fellowship & Singing 1:00 Table Tennis
9:00 Aerobics <span style="float: right;">25</span> 9:00 SilverStriders 9:00 - 2:30 Art Group 9-11 Silver Threads & Needles <b>11:15 CHAIR EXERCISE</b> <b>6:00 ZUMBA</b>	8:45 RED HOT CHILI STEPPERS <span style="float: right;">26</span> <b>WALKING CLUB</b> <b>9:30 TRIP TO FARMER'S MARKET IN FOREST CITY</b> 9-11 Silver Threads & Needles 10:00 Yoga <b>10:15 CRAFTING WICRYSTAL – MAKING A WOOD WIND CHIME</b> 1:00 Table Tennis <b>1:00 ICE CREAM SHOP</b>	8:30 Wednesday Walk <span style="float: right;">27</span> <b>8:45-11:15 LIVING HEALTH w/CHRONIC ILLNESS (week 2)</b> 9:00 Aerobics 9-11 Silver Threads & Needles 10:00 Line Dancing <b>10:30 MEDICARE FRAUD &amp; SCAMS - WITH DIANE TRAINOR</b> 12:30 Oil Art Group	9-11 Silver Threads & Needles <span style="float: right;">28</span> <b>10:30 TRIVIA FUN - WITH MARIA DAVIS</b> <b>11:00 TRIP TO FLAT ROCK PLAY-HOUSE TO SEE "DOLLY PARTON'S 9 TO 5"</b> 12:00 – 4:00 Bridge 12:30 Just Dance 12:30 – 2 Computer Assistance/J.Cole	9:00 Aerobics <span style="float: right;">29</span> 9:00 SilverStriders 9-11 Silver Threads & Needles <b>9:30 TRIP TO FARMER'S MARKET IN FOREST CITY</b> 10:00 Fellowship & Singing <b>11:30 BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION</b> 1:00 Table Tennis <b>1:00-2:00 COLORING WITH THE GRANDKIDS</b>

## 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

To the Communications' Staff:

It was an EXTREMELY BUSY MONTH in June, and it looks as though July will be even busier! (See call numbers below)

We want to say we appreciate each and every one of you and how hard you have worked! Hopefully, we will be able to provide you some relief soon! Just know that all of YOU are the unseen HEROES! (Hero: A person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.)

Friday night was a SUPER busy night! In only 6 hours, we had over 60 reports of trees down!!! (Report was ran from 18:00-Midnight)

KUDOS to Sgt. Chasity Toney's shift for handling this so well! Thanks to all of you who worked the storm, and to those who worked over and came in to help!

	<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>911 Calls Processed</b>	<b>Admin Calls</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>3,852</b>	<b>10,252</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>9,052</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>10,704</b>
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> @16:30</b>	<b>3,362</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>4,243</b>
<b>Friday Night (6 hrs ONLY)</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>			
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>269</b>

Congratulations to the Top Call Takers. If your name is listed on page 15, you may dress down on the next Monday or Tuesday that you work.

*Thanks for all you do.*

*Lt. Tammy C. Aldridge*  
Director of 911 Communications  
Rutherford County Sheriff's Office  
Office-828-287-6050  
Cell-828-287-6639

# Top Call Takers

June 2016

9am-9pm Shift: Candie Lancaster – 906

3pm-3am Shift: Andrew Owens 445 Calls

Day Shift 6am-6pm: Cpl. Susan Lawter – 679 Calls

Night Shift 6pm-6am: Sgt. Chasity Toney – 808 Calls

Top Call Taker 12pm-9pm: Jennifer Valdez 358 Calls

## Sheriff's Department

<b>Sheriff's June 2016 Report</b>	
Calls for Service	4,957
Warrants Served/Total Arrest	151/120
Domestic Calls	244
Involuntary Commitments/Hours	48/107.1 Man Hrs.
Civil Papers Served	326
Ex parte Served	19
Evictions	23
Animals Pickup/Surrender	170
Animals Returned to Owners or Rescued	100
Animal Control Calls for Service	432
New Cases Assigned to Detectives/Road Patrol	220/22
Pill Drop Collections	9,954 Doses Units/1,466.5 ml Liquids
Average Daily Inmate Confinement	179
Gun Purchase Permits Issued	70
Carry Concealed Permits Issued	32
Project Lifesaver Clients/Contact Hours	2/2.0 Man Hrs.
Registered Sex Offenders/Contact Hours	184/10.0 Man Hrs.
Litter Control Calls/Cases Assigned/Closed	12/10/7

## Social Services

The Director and staff have attended several regular meetings over the past two weeks, including NC FAST conference calls and the Statewide DSS Director's Conference Call. The Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team met at DSS on Tuesday of this week.

On June 29, the Director, IM Administrator, and NC FAST Support Staff, along with HRD Staff from Isothermal Community College, attended a regional meeting at Mitchell Community College regarding a partnership between the community college system and DSS to develop training for DSS Income Maintenance Caseworkers. The primary focus of the training will be around NC FAST. Participants will receive HRD certificates in two courses. The first designed to provide employability skills training and career exploration for the role of an IMC, and the second to cover skills associated with the IMC role, with specific focus on utilization of NC FAST. Current DSS staff will serve as adjunct instructors at the college to teach the courses, which will be utilized to train newly hired staff, and also offered to other interested students. This will allow potential employees to develop skills for the job and help them, as well as, help the agency determine if they have the skills necessary to do the job.

Interviews continue for vacant positions. Congratulations to the following employees for internal promotions - Tabitha Montgomery to Social Work Supervisor in Child Protective Services; Linda Waters to Social Work Training Supervisor; and Rebecca Kennedy to Income Maintenance Supervisor for Child Care Subsidy and Work First. All of these ladies come with many years of dedication and experience at the local DSS level.

Welcome new employees:

- Nikki Smolzer, IM Caseworker
- Melissa Beheler, IM Caseworker
- Scott Moore, Custodian.

## Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- worked on updating Farmland Preservation Ordinance.
- worked on information for the Annual Report.
- worked on updating Contest information and education lessons.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- met with landowners to provide technical assistance for BMP's.
- met with representative from ICC for intern review.
- modify watershed EAP's for final state review.

## Solid Waste

Customers served 421  
Loads hauled from convenience centers 70  
Loads shipped to Lenoir 37  
Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2  
Tire customers 27

The director's week consisted of internal meetings with staff, budget, reports and training. The office staff has been busy helping customers, assisting with reports and performing their everyday job duties. The transfer station staff continues to process all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff has been busy processing the tonnages coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The shop staff worked on repairs at the convenience centers while installing a new compressor on the dump truck. The airport crew have stayed busy mowing, weed eating and bush hogging at the airport while fixing the track on the skid steer loader.

Also, Eddie Mote, the new convenience center supervisor, has been busy visiting sites and working on



schedules while cutting grass and helping perform repairs at the centers. (pictured above).

Jeremy the new truck driver has been training with the other drivers and attended new employee orientation. Please continue to recycle!

**Photo left:** Eddie Mote and Brandon Campbell working on compactor at Greenhill Convenience Center.



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**Photos:**

Nathaniel White and John Bland putting a track on the skid steer loader at airport.

Zac Crowder pulling a full trailer of MSW out from the transfer station and workers helping to unhook trailer and tarp the load.



## 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

### **Transit Department:**

Transit staff continues to work on year-end reports for submission to NCDOT. Transit has received the order forms and instructions for the next three lift vans to be ordered this year and will place this order as soon as the contract from NCDOT is finalized. Staff completed and submitted the application for an RHI Legacy Grant. North Carolina Public Transportation received welcome news from Raleigh on the wrap up of the 2016 State Legislative Session. After several attempts in the past few years to change our Non Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) service delivery model, no attempt was made to change this model this year. This is excellent news as it will allow North Carolina Public Transportation providers to continue to offer our passengers unparalleled service for their Non Emergency Medical Transportation needs. Also in this session an additional \$2,000,000 has been approved for distribution to rural transit systems according to the ROAP distribution formula. We look forward to what this additional funding will be for Rutherford County.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>WEEKLY AVG</b>
Total Miles	9,271	9,282
# of Local Trips	1,036	1,053
# of Out of County Trips	58	55
# Unduplicated Passengers	205	224
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,397</b>	<b>\$14,557</b>

## Veteran Services

<b>Mail In</b>	117
<b>Mail Out</b>	40
<b>Fax</b>	172
<b>Phone Calls In/Out</b>	72
<b>Veteran Contacts</b>	173



## County News

### July 15

**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](mailto:dbarrick@rutherfordton.net)



### July 22

#### **4TH FRIDAYS ON MAIN 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

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

### August 5

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### August 12-14

#### **Lake Lure Olympiad**

Three days of competitive sports races and family fun in Lake Lure and Chimney Rock. Register your events before July 27 and snag a free t-shirt. For more information, call The Welcome Center at 800-849-5998 or visit our website - [www.LakeLureOlympiad.com](http://www.LakeLureOlympiad.com)

### 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](http://www.DirtyDancingFestival.com).

### August 20

#### **Hot Nights, Cool Rides Auto Show - 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 pm.**

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.



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For Immediate Release

### **Rutherford County and Town of Rutherfordton to Use CodeRED Mobile Alert App for Emergency Notification**

Rutherford County and the Town of Rutherfordton, through an existing contract with Emergency Communications Network, will begin providing public safety alerts through the company's public safety app, CodeRED Mobile Alert.

The app, which is a free download on the App Store and Google Play, will allow residents and visitors to receive free emergency, missing person and community alerts via push notifications to their iPhone and Android devices. Roger Hollifield, Director of Emergency Management for Rutherford County, said the new platform will serve as an additional tool to help inform the community and visitors about important information that may impact their safety. "The app works similarly to our current CodeRED system. If you have the app downloaded and are in the affected area of the alert, a notification will be sent through the app to alert you of the issue," Hollifield said.

The app is designed to keep users safe and informed while on the go. "The app is unique because, for example, if we have a local resident who is traveling to another state that also uses the CodeRED system, they will receive any community or emergency alerts from that specific area as well. It's just one extra way to stay safe when you're away from home," stated Hollifield. This additional outlet for communicating time-sensitive messages to residents and visitors is at no additional cost to the current contract with Emergency Communications Network. Learn more about how the CodeRED Mobile app works.

Emergency, community and missing children alerts are always free to app users. The app also provides subscribers a free, 30-day trial of CodeRED Weather Warning, which alerts users if they are in the direct path of a severe thunderstorm, tornado or flash flood. Users have the ability to select the types of weather notifications they want and to customize the app based on their unique preferences. "With the weather component, you don't have to be worried about not hearing a tornado siren or missing a weather report. The app will alert you immediately after the National Weather Service issues a severe weather warning regardless the time of day," Hollifield explained. Learn how the automated CodeRED Weather Warning system works.

Residents are encouraged to download the app to begin receiving notifications. The app is available for a free download on the App Store and Google Play.

For more information or to download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app, visit <http://ecnetwork.com/codered-mobile-alert-app/>.

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**Saturday 7/16:**

- Beats, Burgers, and Brews: 6 pm to 8 pm at Old Rock Cafe in Chimney Rock . Enjoy some bluegrass, Americana, folk, blues, or other genres while relaxing on the riverside deck.
- Naturalist Niche Series: Big Basswood Hike: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Chimney Rock State Park. This is a moderately strenuous hike. Cost: Includes Park admission: \$22 Adult, \$7 Annual Pass holder, \$12 Youth (ages 5-15), \$5 Grady's Kids Club Member. Advance registration required.
- Animals of the South Mountains: 11 am at *South Mountains State Park*
- Wilderness Survival 101: 1 pm at *South Mountains State Park*
- The 10 Essentials: 2 pm at *South Mountains State Park*

**Sunday 7/17:**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**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](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.

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