

Highlight of Departmental Activities

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It's summer....and memories are just waiting to happen!



Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year which was this past Monday, June 20th! The amount of daylight only goes

down from here for the next six months. Summer Solstice is the meteorological start of summer. It's time to enjoy vacations, great weather, pools, baseball, gardening, and everything else that goes along with the favorite season of kids and most adults. Grab your favorite beverage and enjoy the season, because for many of us it is all too short. Happy Summer!



Did you know? The sun did not set at the North Pole on June 20th. There were 24 hours of sunlight.

Airport



The Airport sold 2,074.0 gallons of Jet A to 5 aircraft and 1,375.7 gallons of 100LL to 32 aircraft last week.

PHOTO:

A UH-60 Blackhawk on the ramp at Rutherford County for fuel. This retired Army vet is taking on a new career in the civilian world with Ace Aeronautics in Huntsville, Alabama.

Agriculture/Cooperative Extension



Board of Elections

Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor filing will continue through July 1st at Noon in our office. To date we have had one candidate file for this nonpartisan office.

An assessment was made this week for a new one-stop early voting location for the November election.

Building Inspections



Great article, *More Than Just A Principal*, in the June 19, 2016 edition of the Daily Courier featuring our own Director Steve Hill's son, Brandon Hill (Principal at Spindale Elementary).

Brandon states "...the most impact I can have is after I've had that interaction with students and to see them be successful...." (Photo left - Brandon Hill family)

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 departments, including Planning and Projects, Economic Development, and Finance.
- County Attorney meeting regarding various projects
- Pangaea Board meeting
- Cliffside Mill Dump Remedial Action Meeting
- Economic Development meeting with Director
- TDA Coffee Talks meeting
- Webinar - NCACC Manager's Weekly Legislative Update

Other activities, meetings, and events that took place this week: Forest City Town Council, Spindale Town Council, and Chimney Rock Town Council meetings.

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

Economic Development

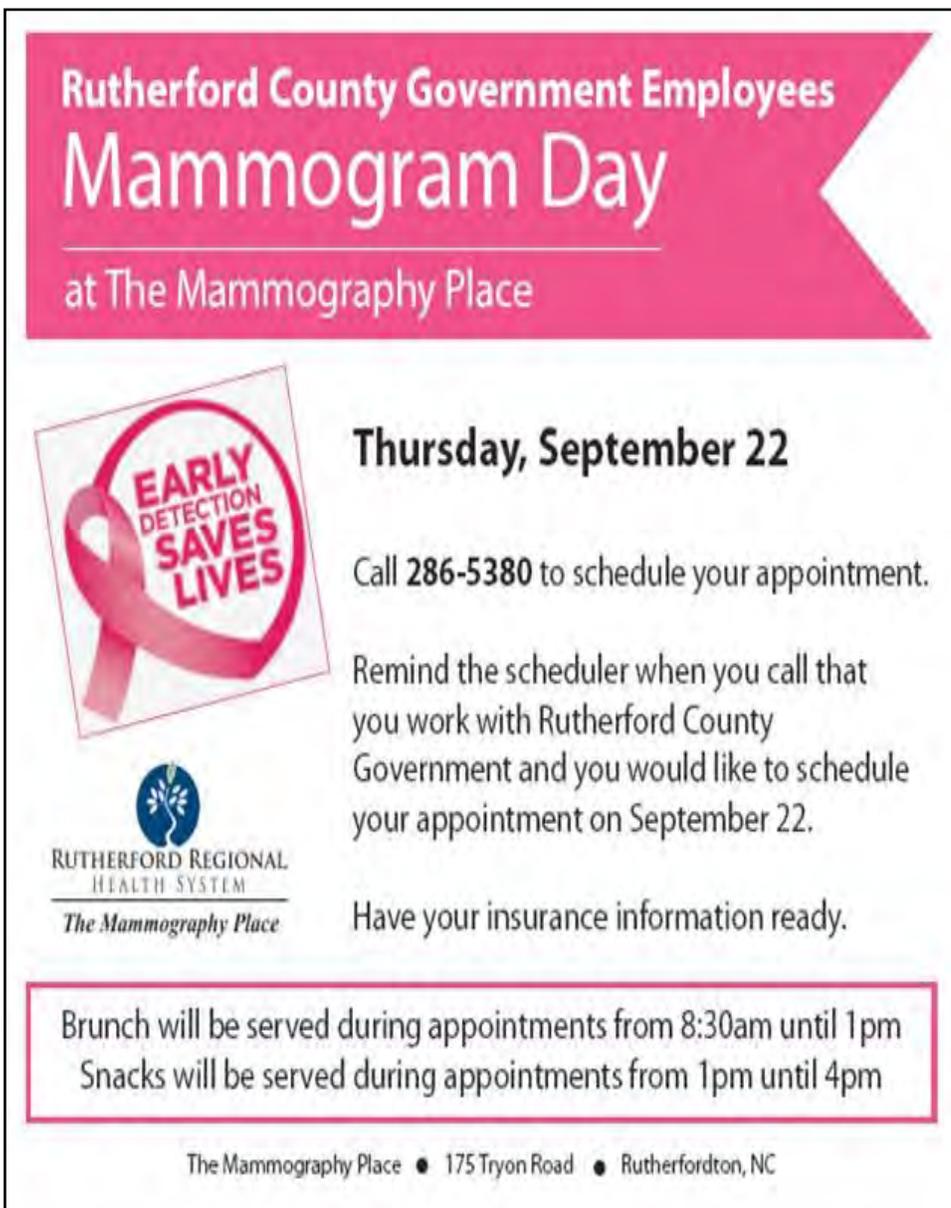
This week, the Economic Development Department met with representatives regarding the Duke Site Readiness Program and held various meetings with county departments and industry allies. Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, communicating with the Department of Commerce and industry allies regarding various grant reports and requests, and working to increase our social media presence. This week's agenda also included attending the ARC Grants Workshop in Asheville, NC.

Finance Department

The Finance Office processed accounts payable. Director Paula Roach attended interdepartmental meetings.

Human Resources

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



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

RUTHERFORD REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM
The Mammography Place

Welcome aboard:

Malikka Hutchins (911)

Edward Hamrick
(Fire Marshal Office)

Whitney Hardin (DSS)

Aniger Ross (DSS)

Ronnie Martin (Inspections)

Employees who have left the service of Rutherford County are William Doggett (Detention), Dane Heffner (SW), An'Quinette Hodges (DSS), Dustin Segers (Sheriff), Josh Kosmeh (EMS), and Racheal Rodriguez (911).

Also, please extend congratulations to Terry James (Solid Waste) upon his retirement effective July 1, 2016. We appreciate his service to Rutherford County.

Employment opportunities are DSS Custodian. Apply at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.

Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-06-13 00:00:00

To 2016-06-19 23:59:00

Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-06-13	92	99	764	14	23	2	2753	3747
2016-06-14	5	92	897	25	50	2	3373	4444
2016-06-15	126	96	664	20	31	1	3604	4542
2016-06-16	0	87	842	14	17	9	3856	4825
2016-06-17	429	90	807	7	19	4	2761	4117
2016-06-18	0	57	788	5	16	1	1231	2098
2016-06-19	114	40	702	3	9	3	1228	2099
Total	766	561	5464	88	165	22	18806	25872

Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-06-13	362	0	5	0	0	1290	2	0	1042	2701
2016-06-14	88	0	17	0	0	1097	7	0	865	2074
2016-06-15	80	0	4	0	0	1052	7	0	760	1903
2016-06-16	57	0	6	0	0	939	3	0	627	1632
2016-06-17	138	0	2	0	0	1031	3	0	899	2073
2016-06-18	68	0	2	0	0	446	0	0	856	1372
2016-06-19	50	0	1	0	0	487	0	0	729	1267
Total	843	0	37	0	0	6342	22	0	5778	13022

Library

Rutherford County Library – All staff were involved this week in the Summer Reading Program Field Day.

We had approximately 250-300 people in attendance for this first ever event.

Thank you goes out to the Town of Rutherfordton, Norris Library, Spindale Library, Mooneyham Library, Mountains Branch, Rutherfordton Fire and Rescue, Visual Arts Guild of Rutherford County, and Moose Vending for the much needed donation of bottled water! We couldn't have done it without everyone's help! **(Photos right and below.)**



Ninety-four children registered for Summer Reading at Field Day specifically. We think it was a definite success!

Skip Watts from College Foundation will be here June 28, 2016 at 6:00 to talk to ADULTS who are thinking of going to college. He will give us financial aid and applying tips. Please call Maria at 287-6118 for more information. **(See flyer on page 8.)**

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

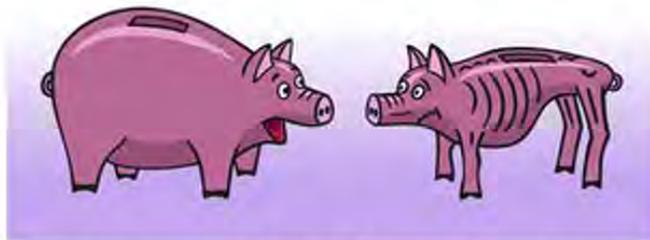
Bob Covert enjoyed a career spanning forty years in Education. He received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University of PA and his Masters of Education from Duquesne University. Bob taught music on every level from Kindergarten through twelfth grade in both instrumental and vocal music. He conducted 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.

Does your college fund piggy bank look like this?



ADULTS—Are **you** thinking about going to college for the first time?

Or maybe finishing what **you started** earlier in life?
Then this is the seminar for **YOU!!**

Skip Watts from College Foundation will be coming to Rutherford County Library to talk with **ADULTS** on Financial Aid and College Selection.

Skip will give us pointers on how to research college and universities across the state and access each school's application for admission.

Skip will also have discussion about how to pay for **ADULTS** going to college by discussing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA), and the opportunities that can arise as a result. He will enlighten us on Pell Grants, Education Lottery Scholarships, and Stafford Loans.

When: June 28, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Where: Rutherford County Library
255 Callahan Koon Rd.
Spindale, NC
828-287-6118

Who: **ADULTS** who are interested
in going to college



Revenue Department

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	476
Info/Data Requests	1
Website Hits	675
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	73
Deeds Recorded	50
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	36
Total Taxes Collected	\$85,708.41
Collected Prepayments	\$1,696.35

Senior Center

In recognition of Father's Day, the Senior Center invited all men participants to join us for "Doughnuts for Dads" on Monday morning.

The Recipe Club also met on Monday to discuss their favorite picnic recipes. On Tuesday, the seniors participated in a summer magazine scavenger hunt and then a "Use It or Lose It" activity on Wednesday. The "RLS Dream Team" from Rutherford Life Services performed their hip-hop program on Thursday.

Lastly, on Friday the Royal Quartet held a gospel music concert at the Senior Center.

Upcoming:

Zumba at 6:00 p.m. June 27 and July 11, 18, 25

Social Services

The Director and staff have attended several regular meetings over the past two weeks including the Youth Empowerment Board Meeting, Charity Tracker meeting at United Way, NC FAST conference calls, and the Statewide DSS Director's Conference Call. The Director and Fiscal Officer met with the IT Director and Assistant Director to discuss the IT budget for the upcoming year.

State auditors conducting an audit of the NC FAST system in North Carolina and its implementation at county departments of social services were at the agency on Friday to conduct an entrance conference. This audit is in addition to the audit of the administration of the Medicaid Program. Rutherford County is one of ten counties participating in these audits.

Management staff have been busy conducting interviews for several vacant positions in Economic Services and Social Work Services. Preparations are being made for the Medicaid Transportation Program and the Child Care Subsidy Program to be housed under the umbrella of Economic Services. A new unit will be formed consisting of Child Care and Work First and will be located in Building C.

The agency has been awarded a \$30,000 three year grant to develop a Community Response Program. This will fill a gap in the provision of Child Protective Services by providing prevention services to families who have been reported, but whose cases have been screened out at intake, closed with a decision of services recommended, closed with a decision of no services needed, or closed with an unsubstantiated finding after an assessment. The funds will be used to hire a case manager and to provide some assistance to families involved in the program.

The DSS Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday the 15th, with all Board members in attendance. The Board honored outgoing Board member, Amy Jenkins, with a plaque in appreciation for her years of service. The agency greatly appreciates the time and commitment that Mrs. Jenkins has given to help as we strive to provide excellent service to Rutherford County. Newly appointed Board member, Bryan King, will be sworn in at the July meeting.

Rutherford County Elder Abuse Awareness Day was held at the Senior Center on Wednesday. The keynote speakers were Sheriff Chris Francis and Ms. Becky Brodar, RN, Community Outreach Coordinator with St. Luke's Hospital. Those in attendance were made aware of the latest scams, especially those targeting senior adults; and about the signs of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Several staff members from DSS and the Senior Center worked hard to make this first annual event a huge success. There were also vendors to provide information, including United Way, St. Luke's Hospital, Rutherford County EMS and Transit, Gentiva Home Health, and Rutherford County 911. Participants were also given Elder Abuse Awareness tee shirts. **Pictures on page 12** featuring Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

For the past two Fridays, staff have been provided Active Shooter training conducted by Philip Bailey and Chad Nazelrod of the Sheriff's Department. The training consisted of a exercise providing staff the opportunity to practice making themselves safe in their own office.

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The following employees attended training on Tuesday, hosted by the Buncombe County Department of Health and Human Services:

- Adult Services Supervisor, Vic Martin
- Adult Services Social Worker, Ann Padgett
- Adult Services Social Worker, Adena Widener

(See photo below.)

The training entitled, “*The Role of the Forensic Accountant in Financial Exploitation Cases*”, was conducted by Jason Olson, MBA, CPA/CFP, CFE, CFI, a partner with the Minnesota firm of Eide Bailly LLP. This firm works very closely with Adult Protective Services and law enforcement agencies in Minnesota specializing in exploitation and other financial crimes against adults.

This training coincides with continuing observation of “World Elder Abuse Awareness” for the month of June.





Elder Abuse Awareness Day



Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- attended Soils Trailer Training in Waynesville.
- completed and sent District and Farmland Meeting notices.
- worked on Farmland Ordinance and education lessons.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- construction supervision for 1 land owner.
- met land owner to discuss application.
- met with contractor for BMP install.

Student intern, Amy Williams, started with Soil & Water this week.

Solid Waste

Customers served 406

Loads hauled from convenience centers 55

Loads shipped to Lenoir 36

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 3

Tire customers 25

The director has been busy this week with purchasing and overseeing truck repairs. Also the director attended a meeting with state representatives and the county manager dealing with the Cliffside Mill Dump. Work continues to be performed at the Colfax and Gilkey convenience sites to install new metal and concrete to fix the worn concrete where the containers are pulled in and out. Avondale and Shiloh have been completed. The transfer station staff continues to process all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff has been busy with the tonnages coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The shop staff has been busy working on air conditioners in the equipment while performing preventative maintenance and normal greasing of equipment. Work continues to be performed at the airport with grass cutting, weed eating and bush hogging. Also Camp Electric has installed four new LED lights in the transfer station. Please continue to recycle.



Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	182
Convalescent Calls	22

Transit Department:

Transit staff attended a webinar addressing upcoming changes to our scheduling software that will streamline several operations in the program and make it more user friendly and easier to make certain changes.

Operations Manager attending two days of Safety Officer Training provided by NCDOT. This training is preparation for all systems for the upcoming change from a System Safety Plan Program (SSPP) to a Federal Transit Administration mandated change to a Safety Management System (SMS). The new SMS is the basis for FTA's National Public Transportation Safety Program. It's implementation is designed to improve public transportation safety and provide transit agencies with a structure for understanding and addressing safety risk through proactive and timely organizational decision making.



Transit took delivery of two new van's this week. These are the new style Ford Transit vehicles

that are replacing the former hi-top vans. They are very nice and we will be getting them ready to go into service.

Photo above of one of our new vans on display at last week's NCPTA Conference in Concord, NC.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,728	9,645
# of Local Trips	1,081	1,189
# of Out of County Trips	72	59
# Unduplicated Passengers	222	241
Total Revenue	\$15,900	\$13,987

Veteran Services

Mail In	55
Mail Out	30
Fax	130
Phone Calls In/Out	63
Veteran Contacts	93



County News

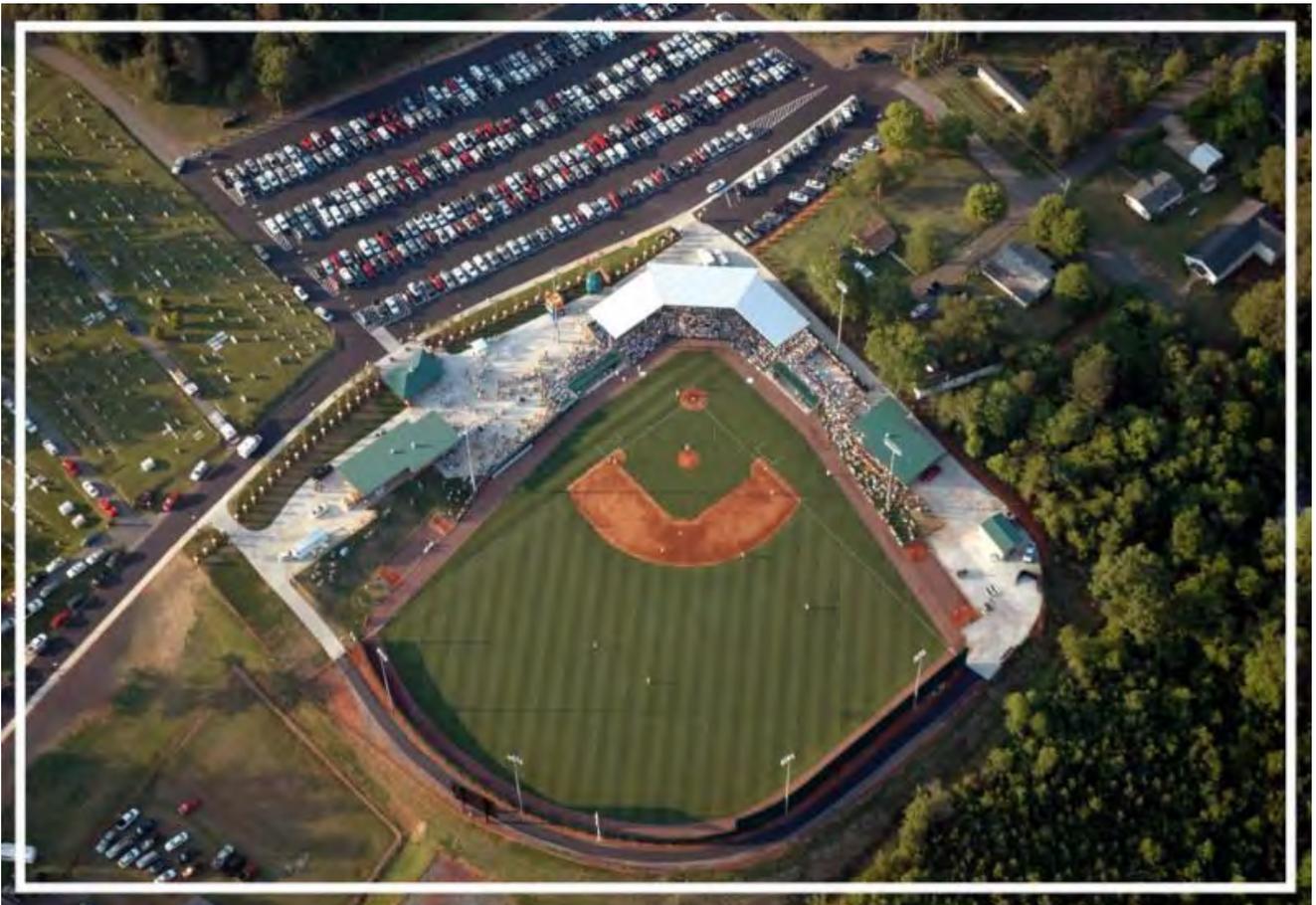
Come on Owls Fans let's make McNair Field #1!

McNair Field has made it to the FINAL FOUR of Baseball Digest's Best of the Ballparks Summer Collegiate 2016! Show the Town of Forest City and Forest City Owls your pride and vote today to make McNair Field #1! Voting ends June 25!

VOTE NOW!

<http://ballparkdigest.com/.../best-of-the-ballparks-2016-sum.../>

Spread the word and help us reach #1!





FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

JULY 4th AT MCNAIR STADIUM
10:00AM - 3:00PM

**CONTESTS, GAMES
WALKING PARADE, AND MUSIC**

**HOMERUN DERBY, BASEBALL GAME
AND FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME**
*WITH PAID ADMISSION

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
828.247.4430**



Saturday 6/25:

- ROC Group River Float on the Broad River: We will be floating section 5: Grays Road to Coxe Road. Meet at 520 Grays Road at 10:00 a.m. to drop off boats. Bring a lunch and some water. We will stop a few times to swim along the way.
- PAC Program: Dr. Richard McDonald, an entomologist with Symbiont Biological Pest Management, will present, "Beetles Save Needles," a presentation on the biological control of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid using the beetle, *Laricobius nigrinus* ("Lari"). The program will take place at the Anne Elizabeth Suratt Nature Center at Walnut Creek Preserve at 10:30 a.m.
- Eagle/Osprey Tour: 9:45 a.m. at *Lake James State Park*. Call 828-584-7728 and sign-up today.
- The 10 Essentials: 11:00 a.m. at *South Mountains State Park*. Learn what a park ranger does.
- Skulls and Skins: 2:00 p.m. at *South Mountains State Park*

Sunday 6/26:

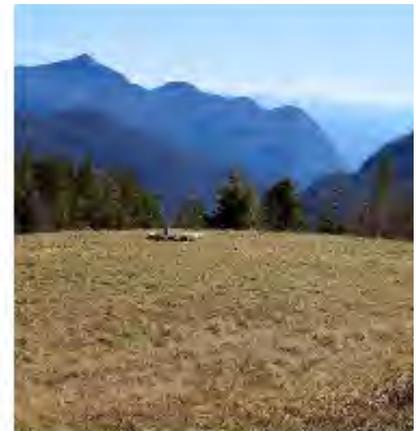
- Bees, Butterflies, and other Pollinators: 2:00 p.m. at *Lake James State Park*.
- Knot Tying 101: 2:00 p.m. at *South Mountains State Park*.

*****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>.

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.



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Steve Garrison

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