

Highlight of Departmental Activities

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Airport

The Airport sold 704.0 gallons of Jet A to 5 aircraft and 842.9 gallons of 100LL to 26 aircraft last week.



Photos:
A NC Highway Patrol Bell 407 on the ramp for fuel.

A Pilatus PC-7 trainer and an AT-802A Air Tractor on the ramp.



Board of Elections

One-Stop early voting continues through Saturday at 1:00. As of close of business Tuesday, we have had 61 absentee by mail ballots executed and 130 One-Stop absentee voters. The Director continues working with the State Board panel to prepare for the new software for all counties.

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, Veteran Services, Solids/Recycling, and Finance.
- County Manager met with Chamber of Commerce director
- Community Health Council meeting
- County Commissioners met individually with County Manager in preparation and review of agenda for the upcoming Board of Commissioners' meeting
- Grand opening of Cleghorn Golf and Sports Club at Tryon Resort
- Interoperability meeting with reps from Wireless Communications
- County Attorney meeting regarding various projects
- NCACC Peer Review Task meeting
- Rutherford County Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee Meeting
- JCPC board meeting
- Webinar - NCACC Manager's Weekly Legislative Update
- Grand opening of The Gun Club at Tryon Resort
- Solar Farm ordinance meeting

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 responded to an Industrial RFI and participated in numerous meetings and conference calls with county departments and industry allies. Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, communicating with the Department of Commerce and industry allies regarding various grant reports and requests, increasing our social media presence, and updating content on the Rutherford County Economic Development and Gateway West Commerce Park websites. This week's agenda also included preparing for the monthly Rutherford County Economic Development Commission Board Meeting to be held Monday, June 6th, 2016 at 5:00pm in the County Annex as a joint meeting with the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to discuss the EDC Feasibility Study and Analysis Report from Convergent Non-Profit Solutions.

Finance Department

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

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- participated in a western deployment exercise held in Burke County.
- worked on open fire investigation cases.
- met with Wireless Communications in reference to a communications project

Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health Department



The Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health District participated in Red Nose Day, a national event, on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Red Nose Day is a special day to come together and FUN-raise to make a difference for kids. Health Department employees were encouraged to wear red to demonstrate their support and were also given the opportunity to make a contribution of non-perishable food items that would be donated to an organization in our community that helps those in need. The items gathered by our team was donated to Sisters in Christ Restoration and Recovery Ministry in Spindale. The RPM Health District is happy to have given to an organization whose mission is to help vulnerable individuals who would otherwise have nowhere else to turn to.



Did you know that ½ cup of water left outside for 3 days can have over **1,000** Mosquito Eggs?!! The Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health District is encouraging all residents to help prevent the Zika Virus by **TIPPING AND TOSSING** standing water!



Human Resources

Prepare Now for Hot Weather Hazards

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Symptoms of Heat Stroke

- Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating
- Hallucinations
- Throbbing headache
- High body temperature
- Confusion/dizziness
- Chills
- Slurred speech

Take the following steps to treat a worker with heat stroke:

- Call 911 and notify the worker's supervisor
- Move the sick worker to a cool shaded area
- Cool the worker using methods such as
 - Soaking the worker's clothes with water
 - Spraying, sponging or showering the worker with water
 - Fanning the worker's body

Heat exhaustion is the body's response to an excessive loss of the water and salt, usually through excessive sweating. Workers most prone to heat exhaustion are those who are elderly, those who have high blood pressure, and those working in a hot environment.

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion

- Heavy sweating
- Extreme weakness or fatigue
- Slightly elevated body temperature
- Clammy, moist skin
- Dizziness, confusion
- Fast and shallow breathing
- Muscle cramps
- Pale or flushed complexion
- Nausea

Take the following steps to treat a worker with heat exhaustion:

- Have the worker rest in a cool, shaded or air-conditioned area
- Have the worker drink plenty of water or other cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Have the worker take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath

Desirable Work Practices for Those Working in High Temperature Environments

- Availability of cool drinking water
- Heaviest and most exhausting work scheduled for the coolest part of the day
- Frequent short breaks
- Pacing tasks

Prevention Is Our Intention

- Know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses; monitor yourself and co-workers
- Avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks and heavy meals
- Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing
- Drink lots of water, about 1 cup every 15 minutes, even if you're not thirsty
- Rest regularly in cool, shaded or air conditioned areas

Additional materials, including publications and training presentations, designed to help employers and employees recognize and prevent heat-induced illnesses are available on the NCDOL website at www.nclabor.com/osh/etta/A_to_Z_Topics/heat_stress.htm.

Prepare Now for Hot Weather Hazards

By Hollis Yelverton, Standards Supervisor
Education, Training and Technical Assistance Bureau

The risk of experiencing a heat-related illness exists any time the weather is hot, but a higher percentage of illnesses often occur on the first hot days, when workers are not yet acclimated to the heat. According to data from the N.C. Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT) and the State Climate Office at N.C. State University, in 2015, emergency department visits for heat-related illnesses peaked in mid-June, when the heat indexes first reached 100 degrees Fahrenheit and above. As the summer months draw nearer and temperatures begin to rise, now is the time to prepare for hot weather hazards and develop strategies for protecting employees.

"North Carolina's humid conditions coupled with 100 degree temperatures make for a dangerous combination," Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. "The department launched a heat awareness campaign several years ago to bring attention to heat-related illnesses. As the temperature heats up this summer, workers can prevent serious injury to themselves or to a co-worker by understanding the signs and symptoms of heat stress."

North Carolina employees work in a wide variety of high temperature environments. Examples may include outdoor jobsites, such as those found in the construction and agriculture industries, but also indoor environments without air conditioning, such as manufacturing facilities, kitchens and

dry cleaners. Risks from exposure to high ambient temperatures are exacerbated by physically demanding jobs or additional heat sources in the environment, such as hot asphalt, ovens or dryers. When the amount of heat from all sources becomes more than the body can control through perspiration, heat stress can develop. This can range from heat rash or heat cramps to heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If appropriate measures are not taken, death can quickly follow. Recognizing symptoms of heat-related illness and taking appropriate action can prevent deaths.

"We're working on producing videos on the high injury areas, and heat stress is one of them," said Regina Cullen, bureau chief of the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau. "We hope to have a DVD with ten safety modules ready for distribution this summer. The best way to deal with heat stress is to prevent it—don't wait until your body is overheated before you take appropriate measures."

The ASH Bureau's videos will be available **here** on the Labor Department's YouTube channel. Currently, there's a heat stress video in Spanish aimed at farmworkers available.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related disorder. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. When heat stroke occurs, the body temperature can rise to 106 degrees Fahrenheit or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

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Library

Today is the BIG ANNOUNCEMENT DAY! The Countdown has been leading to Summer Reading Program (for Children AND Adults), and a STEM MakerCamp at Haynes Branch Library. This summer is going to be jam-packed with activities for the WHOLE FAMILY at Rutherford County Library.

We are having the FIRST EVER Field Day on June 21, 2016 at Crestview Park in Rutherfordton, as well as weekly Summer Reading Programs at each Library (County, Mountains, and Haynes). Performers are booked and ready to come entertain us!

Thanks to Duke Energy, we are holding a STEM MakerCamp at Haynes Branch for 8-12 year olds on Saturdays in June and July!

There is no cost and no registration for this AWESOME camp that will include hands-on experiments and some great teachers!

Also, for the first time EVER, we are hosting an ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM! We are so excited to have something in which the adults can participate!

If you have questions about the Children's Summer Reading Program or the STEM MakerCamp, call Nicole at 828-287-6116. If you have questions about the Adult Summer Reading Program, call Maria at 828-287-6118.

Can't wait to see everyone this summer!

Maria Davis
Rutherford County Library
Marketing and Programming Coordinator
828-287-6118



Registration for Adult Summer Reading Program: June 14-28, 2016

Rutherford County Libraries

Date: 06/21/16—08/09/16

Adult Summer Reading Program

**Rutherford County Library System is hosting its
First Annual**

Adult Summer Reading Program!!

Think you don't have time to read all summer? Well, think again! This Summer Reading Program is new and exciting and you can spend as much (or as little) time as you would like in the program.

Use our Challenge Card to help you step out of your reading comfort zone and maybe get a little healthier while you are at it. Read different genres of books, exercise, attend a program and receive raffle tickets for prizes.

Grand Prize: Kindle Fire 8GB with protective case

Other Prizes: Gift card to Quiznos, Don Ramons, 30 minute massage from A New Beginning Massage and Bodywork Therapy, T-shirts and hats from Mt. Olive Pickle Company.

Call your library for more information:

County Library
828-287-6115

Haynes Branch
828-288-4039

Mountains Branch
828-287-6392



Summer Reading Program Field Day

**June 21, 2016
1:00-4:00**

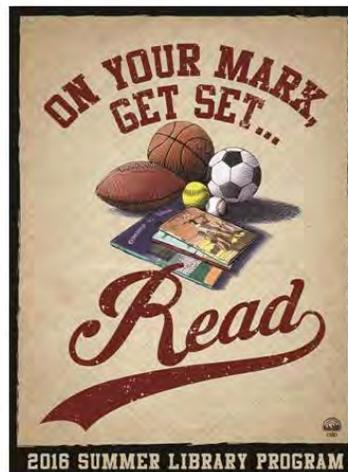
**Crestview Park,
Rutherfordton**

You may register your child for Summer Reading Program (During Field Day) for County Library, Haynes Branch, and/or Mountains Branch.



**Brought to you by
Rutherford County Library and Town of Rutherfordton**

- Inflatables
- Zumba Party
(Changing Lives Fitness)
- Character Parade
Come dressed in your favorite costume
(Norris Public Library)
- Bubble Fun
(Mooneyham Public Library)
- Photo Booth
(Mountains Branch Library)



- Firetruck
- Ambulance
- Hoot -n- Annie
(Forest City Owls)
- Homerun Derby
(Forest City Owls)
- Hula Hoop Fun
(Spindale Public Library)

Please contact Nicole Morse at 828-287-6116 for more information.



Rutherford County
Library System

Haynes Branch Library STEM MakerCamp



All Events to begin at 10:30 in the
Community Room at Haynes Branch Library
828-288-4039



Greatest Hits Science Experiments
Saturday, June 25, 2016

The **BIGGEST**, the **COOLEST**, and the most **EXCITING** science experiments available.

A Walk in the Woods
A World of Snakes
Saturday, July 9, 2016

This program teaches the benefits of snakes and their importance to human lives. Topics include anatomy, diet, identification, feeding techniques, camouflage patterns, behaviors, etc. **LIVE** snakes will be brought into the Library and you will be able to see and touch them. Participants will be able to see and touch a **REAL** 10ft. African Rock Python snake skin!!

Mad Science—Rocket Science
Saturday, July 16, 2016

This workshop is a **BLAST!!!** Aspiring rocket scientists will master the dynamics of rocket flight. Afterward, they'll be cleared for take-off and take part in a real model rocket launch!

Bricks4Kidz—Lego Engineering
Saturday, July 23, 2016

In this program, we will explore architecture, engineering, and technology concepts using Lego bricks.

CHEM-MESS-TRY
Morehead Planetarium and Science Center
Saturday, July 30, 2016

We will make “elephant toothpaste” to demonstrate an exothermic catalytic reaction; turn two liquids into a solid and learn about the power of polymers; and practice chromatography by making a colorful “butterfly.” We will also solve a mystery using simple chemistry.



Maker Kits will be available for checkout at the front desk. These Maker Kits will be a great way to bring the event home with you and continue the STEM experience.

Programs are geared towards 8—12 year olds, but anyone under 18 is welcome to attend. All participants must have parent / guardian over the age of 16 with them. No registration is required.

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

Revenue Department

The Revenue Department staff is busy cleaning up last minute details that must be finished before the July billing goes in the mail. The biggest news this week is with the collections rate. Current FY 2015-2016 collection rate is 95.96% as of May 31st which exceeds the FY2014-2015 rate of 95.68%. The Collection staff has done a great job this year in getting the collections rate up from last year with garnishment, attachments and all other processes. Also, staff has been there helping along the way by answering phone calls, researching and tracking down data on all the current and old bills in question from the tax payers.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	609
Info/Data Requests	0
Website Hits	685
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	43
Deeds Recorded	20
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	6
Total Taxes Collected	\$197,054.05
Collected Prepayments	\$3,370.99

Senior Center

The Senior Center participants enjoyed great entertainment from the Lake Lure Cloggers on Tuesday. Gail and Dana, from Baking Mama's in Ellenboro, demonstrated different cake decorating techniques in a class on Wednesday morning. Class members were able to practice making simple designs using the different cake tips. Wednesday afternoon the seniors enjoyed a center favorite—Bingo! Thursday morning the Center hosted Backyard Games and Lemonade. Lastly on Friday, the Center provided a fun day trip to Hendersonville for doughnuts, shopping, lunch, and then a visit to the Ocean Center & Aquarium.

Upcoming:

Zumba at 6:00 p.m. June 6, 13, 27

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15th DSS and the Senior Center will be hosting a special program with wellness and informational booths beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a special presentation at 10:30 a.m.

Sheriff's Department



Callers claiming to be from IRS are really con artists; DO NOT give them money or personal information.

The Rutherford County Sheriff's Office has fielded numerous calls from residents who were contacted by fake IRS representatives.

This is an old SCAM that makes its way around the county every couple of months.

The phone scam:

A scammer will call you and identify himself as an IRS agent, complete with a fake name and a bogus badge number.

- He'll say you owe delinquent taxes and demand immediate payment.
- The scammer will convincingly try to force you to give your bank account or credit card information, or he might instruct you to get a prepaid debit card to make your IRS payment.

If the call goes to an answering machine, the scammer will leave a message with a dire warning, demanding that you call back as soon as possible or risk arrest.

How to spot an IRS phone scam

Scammers frequently say things the IRS would never say over the phone. Knowing what the IRS won't say can help you quickly spot an IRS phone scam. The IRS will never:

- Call about money owed without first mailing you a bill.
- Demand immediate payment by phone.
- Demand payment without allowing you to question or appeal the amount.
- Ask for your bank account or credit card information.
- Require that you pay taxes in a certain manner, like with a prepaid debit card.
- Threaten to send the police to arrest you.

The Sheriff's Office urges citizens not to send the callers money or give them any personal information. Simply tell them not to call back and hang up.

DON'T BE A VICTIM!



Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- worked on Farmland Preservation meeting agenda and meeting folders and attended the ordinance update meeting.
- worked on registration for county student for the Resource Conservation workshop and end of year reporting.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- submitted end of year reports.
- measured and paid one contract.
- met with county manager on public relations technical issue.
- met with land owners.
- prepared end of year documents.

Solid Waste

Customers served 384

Loads hauled from convenience centers 50

Loads shipped to Lenoir 30

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 1

Tire customers 23

The director has been busy this week with internal meetings and a meeting with a concern citizen over the old Cone Mills dumpsite. The director also met with several vendors and continued to work on this year's budget. The contractor has started to repair the ruts at the Shiloh and Avondale centers. The office staff has been busy with customers, billing and payroll. 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. Work continues to be performed at the airport with mowing, bush hogging and weed eating. The shop staff continues to work on equipment while performing preventative maintenance. Also the staff is in the process of installing a lift in the shop.

Please continue to recycle!!!!



Tourism Development Authority

Rutherford County Tourism's Welcome Center Goes Mobile



Catch the mobile unit at [*Tryon International Equestrian Center*](#) where it will be stationed for the summer to help promote tourism in Rutherford County. The mobile unit will be open during competition days and for each Saturday Night Lights event.

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

Staff have worked this week to collect operational data and update system maps to provide to the NCACC Peer Review Team, that will be assessing EMS' system next week. Director is also working with Verizon to get quotes on AVL software that will provide real time vehicle location data that supervisors can utilize to better manage calls. Staff have also worked with Code Enforcement and the Health Department on pool safety awareness. Director attended the monthly Community Health Council board meeting on Wednesday.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	148
Convalescent Calls	22

Transit Department:

Transit Operations Manager attended a training class for the Maintenance software to allow him read-only access to better facilitate his ability to report vehicle maintenance reports to NCDOT. All Transit employees completed an online survey for HR. Transit staff continues to explore ways to shorten the lap time on the deviated fixed route so that it is a more desirable option for our passengers to use to travel within the three municipalities. Office coordinator attended a webinar on new ways to use our scheduling software

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,756	8,274
# of Local Trips	1,064	940
# of Out of County Trips	73	50
# Unduplicated Passengers	219	201
Total Revenue	\$16,040	\$9,488

Veteran Services

Megan (summer intern) and I attended the Community Health Council and made some good contacts that should be very helpful to us as we move forward. Clark Poole, from the Chamber of Commerce, is going to help us distribute interest letters to community businesses as we are in the beginning phase of creating a network of businesses that will partner with us to offer discounts and specials for Rutherford County Veterans.

We are still having registration for the give away of two Charlie Daniels tickets with one back stage pass that has to be used by the veteran. Please help us encourage veterans to participate in this give away.

Thank you,
Susan Hall, Director

Mail In	94
Mail Out	32
Fax	130
Phone Calls In/Out	70
Veteran Contacts	140



MajGen Cornell Wilson, Jr. (USMC Ret)
Secretary
Department of Military & Veterans Affairs



County News

The Charlie Daniels Band

June 25, 2016

7:30 p.m. at McNair Field



Enter for a Chance to Win 2 Tickets and 1 Backstage Pass

Come by the Veterans Service Office to enter. Anyone entering must be a veteran, and must bring their DD214 for proof of service if we do not already have it on file.

Rutherford County Veterans Service Office
303 Fairground Road, Spindale NC 28160
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday



Fridays Unplugged On Central
Friday, June 3rd, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Central Street, downtown Rutherfordton

Music series the first Friday of each month
Live Music, games, brews, and kids activities



Lure of the Dragons Boat Festival

Saturday, June 11, 2016

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Morse Park, Lake Lure

30-foot Dragonboats paddle 250M down the Rocky Broad River



Music On Main

Friday, June 24, 2016

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Main Street, Forest City

Live music, local artists, kids activities and more!

The Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health District is encouraging ALL women to have regular screenings for breast and cervical cancers. As we know, early detection is your best protection!!

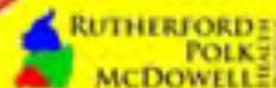
**Mother, Daughter, Friend
or Wife —**

**Do you know a special
woman?**

Give her the gift of Life!

ALL women are encouraged to have regular screenings for breast and cervical cancers. Early detection is your best protection!! Inquire with the Rutherford County Health Department today to see if you're eligible for a FREE or low cost breast and cervical cancer screening through one of our Women's Health Programs or our BCCCP Program.

828-287-6100





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 6/4:

- **Green River Clean-up:** Volunteers will meet on HWY 9 (Coordinates 35°20'00.7"N 82°11'06.2"W) just below the Lake Adger dam at 9:30 am. We will clean a 3-mile section of the Green River, getting out on South Wilson Hill Road (Coordinates 35°19'56.6"N 82°09'13.5"W). Please email Dave Mathern, Trail Coordinator for Polk County, at trails@polknc.org if you would like to participate in this clean-up. Let him know if you have your own boat or could bring one for volunteers without boats.
- **National Trails Day at Chimney Rock State Park.** Guided hikes given at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm.
- **Eagle/Osprey Nest Tour:** 9:45 am at *Lake James State Park*. Call 828-584-7728 and sign-up today.
- **Astronomy for Everyone:** 8 pm at *Lake James State Park*. A night of star-gazing. Call 828-584-7728.
- **National Trails Day: Hike, Bike, or Ride Challenge:** 8 am to 10 am at *South Mountains State Park*. Hike, bike or ride the designated trails of your choice to a backcountry check-in station. Participants must complete the return trip to get a prize. For more information contact the park office at 828-433-4772.

Sunday 6/5:

- **Fishing 101:** 1 pm at *Lake James State Park*. Learn the basics of fishing. Call 828-584-7728 to register.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, June 12th: ROC Group Hike to Catawba Falls.** This will be a 3-mile round trip, moderate hike to the spectacular lower falls. Bring a lunch and some water. Meet at the County Annex (289 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton) at 8:30 am to carpool.
- **Saturday, June 25th: 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 am to drop off boats. Bring a lunch and some water. We will stop a few times to swim.

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.

County Manager

Steve Garrison

County Commissioners

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