



June 8, 2015

Weekly Report

Highlight of Departmental Activities

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Family and Consumer Sciences:

- attended Partnership for Children board meeting.
- chaired Community Health Council meeting.
- prepared grant proposals.
- prepared upcoming educational programs.

The Farmers Market is adding Thursday evening to the Market schedule beginning June 4 from 3:00-7:00 pm. You can find first-of-the-season yellow squash, zucchini, green beans, lettuce, a variety of greens, new potatoes, as well as a variety of bedding plants, herbs, ornamental bushes and trees. Visit downtown Forest City on Thursday evenings to shop the Market, and also enjoy the Summer Music Series being held at the Southern Quarter on Main Street.



RUTHERFORD COUNTY
FARMERS MARKET
DOWNTOWN FOREST CITY

Fresh Local Now

Join us at our new location
172 Depot Street in Forest City

Tuesday & Saturday 8am – 12 noon
*Open Thursdays June 4 - Aug. 27, 3pm - 7pm

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Rutherford County Farmers Market
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108 Main Street in Forest City



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Beginning June 5 thru December
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Airport

The Airport sold 690.4 gallons of 100LL and 2,180.0 gallons of Jet A fuel last week.

FLY BVI is a private air charter company that services the Caribbean. It was really hard not to stow away on that departing flight

(pictured to right)!



Ryan (pictured left), a rising senior at East High School, did a great job shadowing with the airport staff last week. We hope he had as much fun with us as we did with him! Good luck, Ryan in your future endeavors!!

Board of Elections

Debbie Bedford and staff have completed attaching ATV forms to the voter records from the last election. They will begin checking street lists from voter registrations against the counties GIS system to make sure all streets are correct in preparation for the new election year. Staff met with one of our elected officials to file an amendment to a report. Staff will also start preparing for Municipal filing that will be coming up next month. Our office processed 15 new voters and mailed 123 verification and confirmation cards.

County Manager and Commissioners



The County Manager and Commissioners were occupied with an active week of numerous meetings, luncheons, and various other events. The Board of Commissioners' monthly meeting was on Monday, June 1st. A special Board of Commissioners' meeting followed on Thursday evening regarding the budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. On Tuesday, Chairman Bryan King participated in the 'Radio Review' to discuss actions from the monthly meeting.

Several Town Council meetings were held this week also. The Chairman attended the *Run Against Addiction* meeting held on Wednesday. The Manager was enrolled in a workshop at WCU in Asheville in regards to *Unlocking the Value of Abandoned, Underused, or Undervalued Real Estate Assets*. Staff members attended the JCPC board meeting on Thursday. Commissioners Alan Toney, Greg Lovelace, Eddie Holland, and Michael Benfield, along with Chairman Bryan King and Manager Garrison, were involved with many calls, inter-office meetings, conference calls, public relations, advising, preparation for various responsibilities and meetings with various Department Heads.

Economic Development

This week, the Economic Development Department held the initial Product Development Subcommittee meeting; the subcommittee was formed at the May EDC Advisory Board Meeting to address the issues related to the lack of functional buildings and sites available to meet prospect needs. Economic Development staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, reaching out to industry representatives to meet grant reporting deadlines, and working on marketing and advertising efforts via promotional items and website redesign to promote Rutherford County and the Economic Development product.

Finance

The Director and Assistant Director attended the Commissioner meeting Thursday night. The Finance Office has worked diligently with the County Manager for the Budget Adoption Workshop. The Budget was approved at Thursday's meeting and detail reports will be sent to the departments later next week. The Finance Office has processed accounts payable and has begun to work on payroll this week. Hope everyone comes out Friday night to Relay For Life at Summey Park at Forest City Dunbar Elementary to Remember (those we've lost), Celebrate (our Survivors) and Fight Back (those fighting now that horrible disease)! It is an honor for us to Relay tonight and we hope you join us to Celebrate a World with More Birthdays!!!!

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- assisted law enforcement with searching for a driver who left the scene of a motor vehicle crash.
- traveled to Raleigh for an Emergency Management Forum.
- attended Emergency Management Response Team meeting.
- participated in training opportunities.
- performed maintenance on emergency equipment.

Human Resources

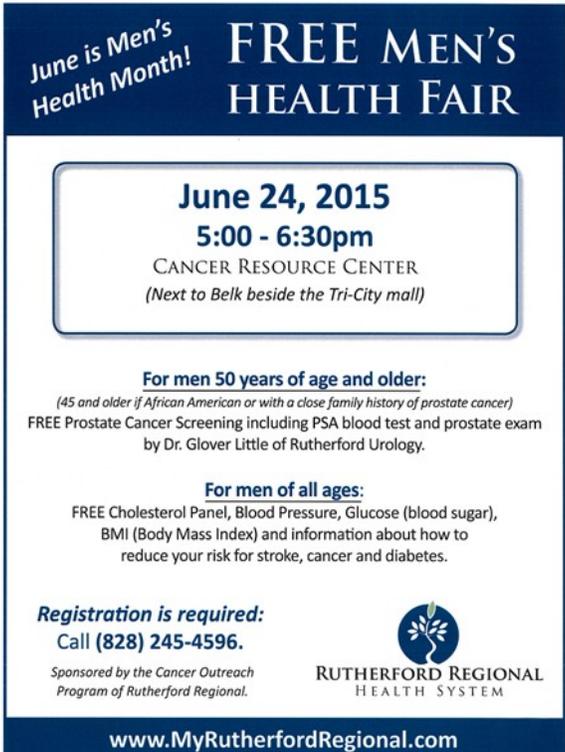
The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. We want to congratulate Lois Poole on her retirement and thank her for the years of dedicated service she has provided to Rutherford County. Representatives have begun departmental enrollments into the new dental plan. The Director attended the County Commissioner meeting, attended the JCPC meeting, attended a phone conference along with Danny Searcy regarding "Crisis Safety Training", attended the budget adoption meeting, attended the retirement reception for Lois Poole, and conducted interviews for a part-time position at TDA along with Michelle Whitaker.

Current vacancies are:

Part-time Transit, Part-time EMS and IT Analyst. Apply at Rutherfordcountync.gov or 289 North Main Street.

June is Safety Awareness Month. Reminders and safety tips will be sent throughout the month. **(Men's Health Fair information posted to right.)** Please take advantage of reviewing safety videos with your staff this month. Videos may be checked out from the Human Resource Department.

Relay for Life will be held Friday, June 5th. Everyone is welcome to come join the County team as we support those that are battling this awful disease and help raise money to find a³cure.



June is Men's Health Month!

FREE MEN'S HEALTH FAIR

June 24, 2015
5:00 - 6:30pm
CANCER RESOURCE CENTER
(Next to Belk beside the Tri-City mall)

For men 50 years of age and older:
(45 and older if African American or with a close family history of prostate cancer)
FREE Prostate Cancer Screening including PSA blood test and prostate exam
by Dr. Glover Little of Rutherford Urology.

For men of all ages:
FREE Cholesterol Panel, Blood Pressure, Glucose (blood sugar),
BMI (Body Mass Index) and information about how to
reduce your risk for stroke, cancer and diabetes.

Registration is required:
Call **(828) 245-4596**.

Sponsored by the Cancer Outreach Program of Rutherford Regional.



RUTHERFORD REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

www.MyRutherfordRegional.com

Library

Library Director:

The Director worked on normal library duties in addition she sorted through newspapers for the library scrapbook, prepared for Lois's retirement by brushing up on financial tasks Lois normally takes care of, met with and answered questions from new volunteers, and discussed the summer movie program with the Library Society.

Circulation Manager:

Stephanie Long participated in a webinar entitled Beyond Book Groups: Fun Library Programs for Adult Readers. This webinar presented ideas on how libraries can engage adults in the community with non-traditional programs, such as Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt, Open-Mike Storytelling, and Speed Dating for Book Lovers. The webinar also gave ideas for alternative meeting locations for book groups, such as bars and restaurants, sports practice fields, and public transportation.

A front desk staff member completed an online course on Readers' Advisory Services, which provided descriptions of fiction genres, marketing and display tips, and suggestions on how to conduct an effective readers' advisory interview.

Plans are being made for a health event to be held at the Rutherford County Library on the afternoon of Monday, June 15th. More details will be available in next week's report.

Youth Services Librarian:

Super Science Saturday was a big success, with children learning about the human body **(pictured right)**. The next program will be on June 27 at 11:00 with "Science Shenanigans." Also this week, the Children's Librarian has spent quite a bit of time at Spindale Elementary School doing special Story Times for 10 different classrooms; has been working on publicity for the upcoming Summer Reading Program (schedule attached); and helped prepare for Lois' Retirement Party.

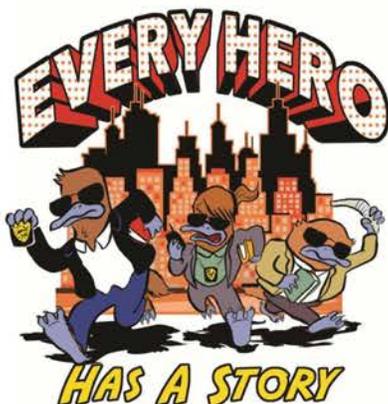


Haynes Branch Library:

Deb and Crystal completed two webinars. The webinars focused on 7 ways managers can coach employees to boost productivity in the workplace and discovering great mysteries hidden in plain sight. The library provided outreach at the local school about the summer reading program and handed out flyers to students. The Haynes Branch received a special book donation from a local author, Barry Yelton. The novel entitled, *Season of the Crow*, is a novel of the civil war and reconstruction. This book is a sequel to *Scarecrow in Gray*. Mr. Yelton will hold a book signing in the near future. The Haynes Branch staff has fielded a lot of questions from patrons about our new library now that they can see the construction. We're excited!

Mountains Branch Library:

Joy Sharp met with the Friends of the Library, who approved a matching grant from the Lake Lure Community Education Foundation. Joy discussed plans with the Friends for the Family Arts & Literacy Summertime Celebration Series. Joy also worked on scheduling programs for the series. Angie Turner and Joy worked on monthly reports for the library. They also worked on several large book donations for the Friends Book Sale. Joy continued working on inventory and weeding the collection. Joy prepared posters and other marketing material for a POC Summer Film & Discussion Series at Mountains Branch. The first film will be screened Thursday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. Joy spoke with local schools about providing summer and fall reading lists. Kenneth Odom conducted two computer classes at the library.



2015 Rutherford County Libraries Summer Reading Program

Free Programs for ages 2-12
each Tuesday (except July 4 week)

- 9:30 am Haynes Branch Library (141 N. Main St.,
Henrietta, 288-4039)
12:30 pm Rutherford County Library (255 Callahan-
Koon Rd, Spindale 287-6115)
3:30 p.m. Mountains Branch Library (150 Bill's
Creek Road, Lake Lure 287-6392)

- June 16 Red Herring Puppets (www.redherringpuppets.com)
June 23 Rutherford County Sheriff Department and K-9 Officers
June 30 Steve Barr Cartoons (www.stevebarrcartoons.com)
*6:30 pm—Cartoonist Workshop at Rutherford Cty Library (ages 10-18)
July 7 No Program
July 14 Michael Beadle—Storyteller/Poet/Musician
(www.michaelbeadle.com)
July 21 Bill Grimsley, Magician (www.billgrimsley.com)
*6:30 pm—Trivia Game Show at Rutherford Cty Library (ages 10-18)
July 28 Summer Reading Celebration Party with program by Miss Jeannie

Summer Reading Club

Reading is vital to the Summer Reading Program. Set your own goals. Get a Contract and Reading Record at the library and return by July 21. Read at or above your level and to pre-schoolers. Write titles completed on the Record. Certificates and prizes to be awarded at the final program July 28.



Revenue Department

The Revenue Department handled 30 VTS assists. The office answered 548 phone calls and assisted 303 customers. We completed three plat reviews, five pre-permits and answered three Data Requests. Appraisers completed 116 building permits and 224 field reviews. A total of 82 new documents were recorded and 63 new accounts were set up. Transfers consisted of 99 straights, 1 merge, 8 splits, and 2 acreage adjustments. GIS created 7 new maps. The GIS website had 156,385 hits and 111,849 successful searches. E911 addressing assigned 4 new addresses, ordered 3 new road signs, and updated 62 addresses with new owner information. Part-time maintenance workers installed seven new roads signs and completed maintenance on two road signs. One appeal form was received and 11 listing letters were mailed out. The PUV program mailed three letters, and assisted three program members. Staff processed 27 exclusions/deferments. We had one refund, three releases and four discoveries. Electronic payments consisted of 10 by credit card, 25 by website and 8 over the phone. Collection action consisted of 1 attachment and 14 newspaper items. Staff completed 4 gross receipts/occupancy taxes, 5 payment plans and 9 bankruptcy issues. In-person taxpayers at the counter brought in 159 tax payments. Seventeen new deeds were certified for recording purposes.

Senior Center

The Senior Center's Walking Club met on Tuesday and will be walking together at 8:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning. Jane Armstrong, former owner of De-Clutter for Real Life, also came on Tuesday and did a class on "To Keep or Not to Keep...This is the Question".

On Wednesday the Center had "Use It or Lose It". We encourage our seniors to increase their mental sharpness by continually learning new things. Learning encourages the growth of brain cells. We also encourage seniors to engage in thinking games as well as learning new skills and hobbies to continually keep the brain functioning and alert. Studies show that the brain requires a consistent workout to stay sharp just like the body does to stay strong.

On Thursday, the seniors enjoyed craft time, computer assistance and square dance class.

Lastly, on Friday we hosted "Chat with the Director" where participants are encouraged to come learn more about the Center and discuss any ideas or issues.

Soil & Water

District staff attended the June District Board Meeting.

Admin/Education Specialist:

- completed the District Meeting Agenda and prepared the Supervisor folders.
- completed the monthly safety Inspection Checklist.
- worked on information for the Resource Conservation Workshop student attendee.
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Ag Cost Share Technician:

- worked on End of Year Reports
- worked with Cooperative Extension on a rainwater cistern.

Solid Waste

Customers served 377
Loads hauled from convenience centers 72
Loads shipped to Lenoir 39
Recycling Loads shipped to Conover 2
Tire customers 30
Electronics loads 1 **(Tony sending pictures)**

The director has had a very busy week that included meetings with staff, price quotes for new building and state contracts. The director also attended the Commissioners meetings on Monday night and Thursday night. Transfer station staff continues to handle the MSW and recycling **(pictured left)**.



Staff has begun working on the driveway issues and drainage at Colfax Convenience Center **(pictured below)**.

Shop employees have been busy with inspections and preventative maintenance on equipment and vehicles. Our two new mowers have arrived that will be used at the airport starting in July. Staff has completed the bush hogging at the south landfill. Office staff is continuing to work on grants and a timeline for the new grants. We have received the actual contracts for the recycling grants.



The Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer report is as follows:

Opened cases 7
Closed cases 2
Pictures taken yes
Citations written 0
Cameras installed 1
Community service workers 3
Community service reports 1

Thanks to all of the staff members that helped with Relay for life! Please continue to recycle!

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

EMS held a breakfast on Tuesday for all local agencies that utilize our non-emergency transportation. New contracts were distributed and there was great discussion on processes and improvements to service. Staff are also finalizing a grant to the RHI Legacy Foundation. EMS will be requesting quick response vehicles for the community paramedic program. Administrative staff met for the monthly meeting to discuss ongoing issues and new opportunities. Director also attended the month Community Health Council meeting.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Emergency Calls	158	168
Convalescent Calls	71	59

Transit Department:

Transit staff are pleased to participate in Relay for Life this Friday night. Employees are in the process of completing an annual physical through Rutherford Regional's Occupational Medicine department. This is the first time physicals have been conducted and staff are pleased to offer this benchmark for our employees and new hires. Transit also held their quarterly Transit Advisory Board meeting. Much of the discussion centered around the completion of the 5 year plan and the upcoming 25th anniversary celebration. Director also submitted year end budget amendments to NCDOT.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	8,995	10,056
# of Local Trips	993	1,149
# of Out of County Trips	81	81
# Unduplicated Passengers	187	241
Total Revenue	\$14,341	\$15,385

Veterans Services

Mail In	68
Fax	121
Mail Out	22
Phone Calls In/Out	92
Veteran Contacts	149



Relay for Life Ceremony Dunbar Ball Field, Forest City

June 5, 2015

6:00 p.m. to midnight

- 6:00 Opening Ceremony and Welcome
- Presentation of flag (Woodmen Life)
 - National Anthem (Rutherford Community Chorus)
 - Dove Release by survivors representing the top five fundraising teams from last year. Doves provided by Wallace Doves.
 - Survivor Lap led by Carla and Jason Ruff. Cheerleaders from our high schools will be there to cheer them on. All survivors will release purple balloons.
- 6:30 Games
- 7:00 Demo by Ray Rice Martial Arts
- 7:30 Demo by IGA Adventure Center Exhibition Team
- 8:00 Team Walk and intro of team captains
- 8:30 Fun Fitness led by Zumba on 64
- 9:00 Luminary Ceremony (no speaker, lights out, 2-3 songs played during the silent laps)
- 9:30 Games and Paper Fashion Show
- 10:00 Team Scavenger Hunt
- 10:30 Games and Minute-to-Win-It
- 11:00 Gift Basket Drawing
- 11:40 Wrap up/ Announcement of awards and Closing

Games, line dances, and fun activities will take place in front of the stage throughout the evening.

The theme is "birthday". Many teams have incorporated that theme into their campsites, sales and activities. Various teams are selling BBQ, smoked chicken, pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, boiled peanuts, snow cones, homemade ice cream and even birthday cake. We will have face painting, jump houses, and other kid games. A few teams are doing silent auctions, raffles and 1/2 and 1/2 raffles at their individual campsites.

We will have the memorial wall set up for people to post pictures of loved ones. We will have a separate survivor tent on the field to pass out t-shirts from 5:00 to 8:00. Luminaries will be sold on site. Gift Baskets have been assembled by various teams. We will have a gift basket raffle for \$1 per ticket.

Special Recognition and Information - pages 9-11

County Commissioners

Bryan A. King, *Chairman* **Michael Benfield**
Alan Toney, *Vice Chairman* **Eddie Holland**

Steve Garrison, *County Manager*
Hazel S. Haynes, *Clerk to the Board*

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Special Recognition

Proud parents, Michael and Officer Beth Sprouse (Detention Center), announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Dorothy Kate Sprouse.
Birthdate: 5.20.15
Weight: 8 lbs. 4 oz.
Height: 19 1/2 inches



**Congratulations,
Michael and Beth!**

We know of one proud Grandma too.... Elaine Sprouse (who also works at the Detention Center)!

Lois Poole, Library

Retiring from Rutherford County Library
Lois, thank you for all your years of team work and dedication. Enjoy retirement!

Wendy Kardin, Finance Dept.

Just found out?

Wendy is thrilled with the news that she is going to be Grandmommy again.

Congratulations to mommy, Carrie McBrayer, 911 Communication, on this expected bundle of joy!



WORLD-RENOWNED CLYDESDALES WERE IN FOREST CITY MAY 29TH

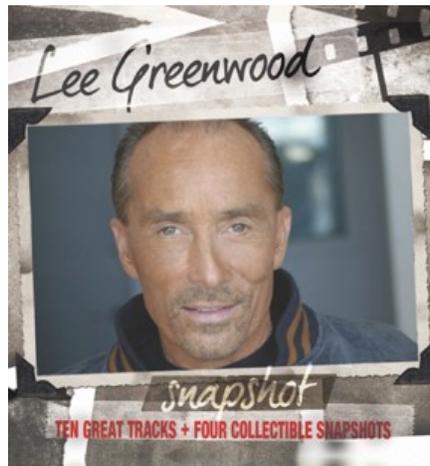
DID YOU KNOW?..... Horses chosen for the Budweiser Clydesdale hitch must be at least three years of age; stand approximately 18 hands (or six feet) at the shoulder; weigh an average of 2,000 pounds; must be bay in color, have four white legs; and a blaze of white on the face and black mane and tail. A gentle temperament is very important as hitch horses meet millions of people each

year. A single Clydesdale hitch horse will consume as much as 20-25 quarts of feed, 40-50 pounds of hay and 30 gallons of water per day. Each hitch travels with a Dalmatian. In the early days of brewing, Dalmatians were bred and trained to protect the horses and guard the wagon when the driver went inside to make deliveries.

Grammy-Winning Country Music Artist Lee Greenwood and Special Forces Parachute Team To Perform at Tryon International Equestrian Center on Saturday, June 6

Tryon International Equestrian Center has a ton of great activity planned for this Saturday, June 6th. Included is a press conference with **Chairman Bryan King representing Rutherford County** beginning at 6pm on Saturday prior to the opening ceremonies. Governor McCrory will be present and Polk and Buncombe Counties will also be represented.

Festivities include craft beer festival, free activities for kids, street performers, \$210K Tryon Grand Prix CSI 4* for the Governor's Cup competition, live broadcast of the Belmont Stakes on JumboTron, and unveiling of Rolex Clock Tower.



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Mill Spring, NC (June 4, 2015): Grammy-winning country music artist Lee Greenwood will perform his legendary hit single "God Bless the U.S.A." at the Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. With seven No. 1 songs and 25 charted singles including "God Bless the U.S.A.," for which he won numerous awards including CMA Song of the Year, Greenwood will sing his iconic patriotic song as the Special Forces Parachute Team presents a four-person tandem jump from 8,000 feet while landing a 20-foot by 40-foot American flag in the Show Ring. Greenwood will also perform his other renowned hit, "Dixie Road."

The Special Forces Parachute Team is made up of active duty service members, retired service members, and Department of Defense members. The team performs both locally and across the United States. The team has performed at the Sun Bowl, Oakland Raiders Stadium, Carolina Panthers Stadium, Olympic Stadium, NASCAR'S First Brick Yard at the Indy Raceway and in Berlin, Germany, and more. **Click here to see a video of the Special Forces Parachute Team in action:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IdHt9k_09s

"Our Partners are proud to be honoring members of our military at the official Grand Opening Ceremony this Saturday," said Mark Bellissimo, managing partner of the Tryon Equestrian Partners. "These men and women continue to serve and honor our country and that deserves recognition and celebration. We are excited for the events to come this weekend and we are looking forward to welcoming members of the military and veterans of military service to the facility on Saturday night."

These special events will all kick off TIEC's largest FEI competition of the season, the \$210,000 Tryon Grand Prix CSI*, which will be aired on "NBC Sports Network" the following day at 4 p.m. The winner of the class will take home the prestigious Governor's Cup.

If that was not enough entertainment, the TIEC grand opening also includes the unveiling of the prestigious Rolex Clock Tower and a beer festival featuring Asheville area craft breweries. Plus, there will be a variety of free family entertainment like face painting, carousel rides, airbrush tattoos, live music and performances by the Asheville Aerial Artists and Fettuccine Brothers. The 147th running of the Belmont Stakes will also be tele-vised live on the TIEC Jumbo-tron at 6:50 p.m. in the George H. Morris Stadium.

TIEC will also announce 14 of the 24 finalists for its "Great Charity Challenge of the Carolinas." Fourteen charities will be randomly selected throughout the grand opening celebration. The 14 finalists will each be paired with an equestrian team that will compete for a minimum purse of \$250,000 during the competition to be hosted at TIEC in October.



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The highlight competition of the week is the \$210,000 Tryon Grand Prix CSI 4* for the Governor's Cup, which will be held under the lights in the George H. Morris Stadium. The class will highlight some of the best international competition in the world, including several Olympians and Pan-American Games contenders.

Come hungry! Food and restaurant options are plenty at TIEC and deciding will be the challenge. Choose between breakfast and burgers at Roger's Diner or gourmet cuisine from Legends Grille, as well as other restaurants like Blue Ginger Sushi, Noodles & Saki, Tito's Tacos, and Mountain View Barbecue. For added treats attendees can enjoy vendors selling carnival favorites including fresh-squeezed lemonade, popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream treats.

Tryon International Equestrian Center is located at 4066 Pea Ridge Road in Mill Spring, N.C. Parking and admission to Tryon International Equestrian Center are free. For more information on beer festival tickets, event details and more, visit www.tryon.com. To learn more about Legendary Singer/Songwriter Lee Greenwood, visit www.leegreenwood.com.

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