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Weekly Report

Highlight of Departmental Activities

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Did you know? St. Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious celebration occurring annually on **March 17**, the death date of the most commonly-recognized patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461). St Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity.

"Wearing of the green" comes from a song of the same name - which laments United Irishmen supporters being persecuted for wearing green. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, the color green and its association with Saint Patrick's Day grew.

Saint Patrick's Day, while not a legal holiday in the United States, is nonetheless widely recognized and observed throughout the country as a celebration of Irish and Irish American culture. Celebrations include prominent displays of the color green, eating and drinking, religious observances, and numerous parades. The holiday has been celebrated on the North American continent since the late eighteenth century. **Forget to wear green on Tuesday, March 17th?** Don't be surprised if you get pinched! This is entirely an American tradition that started in the 1700s. St. Patrick revelers thought wearing green made one invisible to leprechauns. People began pinching those not wearing green as a reminder that leprechauns could sneak up and pinch them for not wearing green. Now you know!



Agriculture/Cooperative Ext.

Jeff Bradley and staff:

- attended focus group session for new pilot foods program.
- taught Better Food Better Health nutrition classes for adults.
- taught Color Me Healthy nutrition classes for preschoolers.
- taught food safety workshop for professionals.
- taught nutrition workshop for Garden School participants.
- chaired Partnership for Children executive committee meeting.
- participated in NC State Extension administrative update session.
- taught Better Food Better Health class for Latino families.
- taught Color Me Healthy preschool classes.
- chaired Community Health Council meeting.
- conducted 4th grade Ag. Literacy program.

Airport

The Airport sold 423.0 gallons of Jet A to 3 aircraft and 611.2 gallons of 100LL to 18 aircraft last week.

Check out the 57 Alpha Cafe located at Marchman Field, known for their cheeseburger and the best banana pudding in the South!

(828) 286-1677 Open 7 days a week, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. [Click here](#) for more information.



Board of Elections



Through close of voting on Tuesday, more than 1700 voters have cast their ballots at early voting and 100 absentee by mail ballots have been returned of the 271 that have been issued. Our staff is very busy scheduling deliveries for Election Day with the 17 precinct locations and to complete preparations. We want to thank all of our hard working One-Stop workers who have manned the three early voting locations!

County Manager and Commissioners

The County Manager, Commissioners, and staff were very involved in a number of meetings, luncheons, and various other events. Meetings with several department heads were on the schedule this week, including Planning and Projects and Economic Development. The County Manager also met with the County Attorney regarding various projects.

The Commissioners and County Manager would like to wish Wayne Guffey much success in his retirement from the Sheriff's Department and appreciate his years of service (**pictures on page 7**).



The Board of County Commissioners met Monday evening for their regular meeting. The Commissioners reviewed several items in addition to making appointments to the Board of Equalization and Review, Transit Advisory Board and IPDC.

Chairman King gave a WCAB Radio Review on Tuesday morning in which he discussed the Monday evening Board Meeting. He also attended the IPDC Board Meeting Tuesday evening. The IPDC Board elected new officials for the year and Chairman King was elected as Secretary to the Board. Chairman King was invited to speak at the dedication of Milton B. Robinson Bridge on Friday at ICC.



County Manager Garrison attended several meetings and events this week including reviewing Capital Facility Funding Options with RCS, discussions with USDA Representatives in regards to Financing Program, reviewed Survey Information from HR, IPDC Economic Development Committee which included a meeting with Hillary Sherman of the US Economic Development Administration, Airport Agenda Review, and the dedication of Milton B. Robinson Bridge. Rails to Trails Committee met on Wednesday. The Distinguished Young Women of Rutherford County 2017 Program was at The Foundation at ICC on Saturday evening.

One-Stop Early Voting continued at the County Office Building this week.

As the week progressed, the Commissioners, Manager, and staff were involved with additional duties, consisting of calls, public relations, and preparation for various responsibilities and meetings.

Economic Development



This week, the Economic Development Department attended the NCEDA MidWinter Conference in Pinehurst, as well as a meeting in Charlotte with ICC personnel regarding the new Applied Sciences facility.

Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, and working on marketing and advertising efforts to promote Rutherford County and the economic development product, including Gateway West Commerce Park.

** Please note the regularly scheduled monthly Rutherford County Economic Development Commission board meeting for Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 has been canceled. **

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- attended County Commissioners meeting for purpose of requesting a public hearing on fire service district changes.
- assisted on several woods fires in which structures were involved or threatened.
- attended Sheriff's Office in-service training.
- attended briefings from NC Forest Service regarding fire suppression efforts on a fire in the South Mountain State Park.

Finance Department

The Finance Office has processed accounts payable and began to process payroll. The Director and Assistant Director attended several interdepartmental meetings.

Human Resources

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

The Director attended the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting, conducted several meetings with personnel, and attended a Risk Management meeting in Brevard.

The HR Specialist conducted the monthly orientation for County employees. Budget meetings will begin next week. Employment opportunities are Tourism Authority Director. Apply at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.

Revenue Department

- Steve Webb from Collections staff has been in school in Chapel Hill this week. The classes were very beneficial.
- Appraisal Department is working on bringing the migrated data from the old system up-to-date. Farragut is still working with our staff on minimal cleanups on the new CAMA system and with the sketching program, which is part of the new software.
- The Collections staff has processed 84 enforced actions this week.
- Don't forget this Saturday night is DAYLIGHT SAVING Time. Make sure that you turn those clocks up one hour Saturday night.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	475
<u>Information/Data Requests</u>	3
Website Hits	180,978
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	64
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	15
Total Taxes Collected	\$176,783.13

Senior Center

Barbara Hill, Activity & Senior Games Coordinator, did a presentation at the Senior Center on Monday about Senior Games. She discussed each part of Senior Games – SilverArts, Performing Arts, and the Sporting Events.

The Senior Center hosted “Use It or Lose It” on Tuesday. We 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.

Jane Armstrong, former owner of De-Clutter for Real Life, did a presentation called “Keeping Family Treasures Alive” on Wednesday. She discussed techniques that are cost effective yet important in maintaining the story of your family’s history.

On Thursday, a group of seniors went on a trip to Hamrick’s, Gaffney Premium Outlets and lunch at Olive Garden.

Lastly, on Friday the Activity Coordinator and Assistant provided assistance to seniors who needed help with their Senior Games applications.

Upcoming:

Registration for the 2016 Senior Games will be held from March 1-15. The Rutherford County Senior Games promote health and wellness activities through athletic and artistic endeavors for Rutherford County citizens age **50** and better. Seniors compete for awards in their own gender/age category. Cost is \$12 and \$10 for a 1st time participant. Registration cost includes a t-shirt and covers all the events in all categories of Senior Games. The dates of the events are as follows:

SilverArts March 21-24

Performing Arts April 1

Sporting Events April 8-25

The AARP Foundation Tax Aide Program began on Thursday, February 4th. This is a free tax preparation service for low to moderate income individuals, with special attention to those 50 and over. The trained volunteers will be available, by appointment only, on Thursdays and Fridays, through April 15th. Remember to bring the following:

- Picture ID
- Proof of Social Security number(s) for yourself and ALL dependents
- Copy of 2014 tax return(s)
- All 2015 tax documents
- Bank account information for direct deposit-will need to see an actual check
- Health insurance information-proof of insurance, Form 1095 if received

Sheriff's Department



SERGEANT WAYNE GUFFEY RETIRES

The Rutherford County Sheriff's Office honored Sgt. Wayne Guffey with a reception to acknowledge his retirement. Sgt. Guffey completes 30 years of faithful service in law enforcement.

Sheriff Chris Francis presented Sgt. Guffey with an engraved crystal, his badge, and service weapon. Sheriff Francis thanked Sgt. Guffey for his dedicated service to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office, and the citizens of Rutherford County.

Officers and employees from Lake Lure Police Department, Forest City Police Department, Rutherfordton Police Department, Rutherford County Government, District Attorney's Office, and Magistrate's Office, along with many retired officers whom Sgt. Guffey has worked with over the years, also attended the reception.



Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- worked on Watershed and District Budget requests.
- read at Forest City Dunbar for the Agricultural Literacy Program.
- worked at the Area 1 Envirothon competition held in Waynesville for Middle and High School students.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- worked with landowners on waste water permits.
- provided technical assistance to land owners.
- participated in an NRCS programs teleconference.
- worked on budget proposal.

Solid Waste

Customers served 376
Loads hauled from convenience centers 67
Loads shipped to Lenoir 34
Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2
Tire customers 21

The office staff has worked helping customers and finishing up with the billing process. The director has been busy working on the budget, fielding phone calls from vendors and reviewing reports. The transfer station continued processing the MSW and recycling tonnages. The C&D staff has been busy processing the tonnages coming in while continuing to haul dirt for cover. The shop staff has fixed equipment and worked on some compactors at the convenience sites. The company has been to the landfill this week to monitor the gas wells.

A state inspection was done on the old Avondale Landfill this week. The airport crew has finished the grading at the Avondale convenience center and new rock has been hauled to that location. Also, the director watched the webinar on the Duke Energy's Safe Ash Basin Closure.

Please continue to recycle!!!!

Tourism Development Authority

Rutherford County TDA Appoints Interim Director



Former RCTDA Board Member Don Cason was named interim director for Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority.

RUTHERFORDTON, N.C. (March 9, 2016): Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority (RCTDA) appointed RCTDA board member Don Cason as interim director. Cason, who will officially begin his position as interim director and step down from his board seat on March 15, recently moved to Rutherford County from Jefferson County, TN in July 2014.

Cason's experience spans decades in the tourism, economic development and hospitality industries. Prior to moving to Chimney Rock Village, Cason spent eight years as the president and CEO of Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity, Cason led and developed a countywide strategic action plan, "Building a Better Future," and two county economic development capital funding campaigns of \$2.5 million in 2008 and \$2.75 million in 2013. The 2008 campaign resulted in 1,001 jobs, \$20 million in direct and indirect payroll, and \$3.75 million in retail spending. For tourism specifically, the plan produced a total direct and indirect impact of more than \$2 million.

Upon Cason's departure in 2014, Jefferson County, TN Mayor Alan Palmieri said Cason was "one of the finest men I have ever known. Don has worked tirelessly to unify a diverse community and has a great many accomplishments for his efforts. Every action on Don's part has been made with the best interest of the community at heart."

In addition to his extensive economic development experience, Cason and his wife Kim have owned and operated three different inns including their current property, The Esmeralda Inn in Chimney Rock Village, giving him first-hand knowledge of the hospitality industry.

Cason joined the RCTDA board in 2015 and has enjoyed being a part of the tourism development process for Rutherford County. He is ready to have a greater role in that process as interim director. "I am truly honored and blessed to have this opportunity to serve the TDA and community as interim director," said Cason. "Rutherford County is poised to have huge opportunities for growth in the future. I am looking forward to serving Rutherford County as we work together to develop a unified vision for Tourism in the future."

The RCTDA board unanimously approved to make Cason the interim director at its February 25 board meeting. Richard Lundy, RCTDA board chair, is pleased with the appointment and optimistic about RCTDA's future. "Don has the experience, expertise and passion to unify Rutherford County and positively impact our tourism industry," said Lundy. "I look forward to working with him in this capacity and have much appreciation and respect for his contributions to the board thus far."

RCTDA will continue its search for a permanent executive director. Cason will have the opportunity to apply for the permanent position.

About Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority (RCTDA)

Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority is funded solely by occupancy taxes paid by visitors to Rutherford County, not by residents, and collected by lodging properties. In 2014, visitor taxes paid to Rutherford County resulted in more than 1,000 jobs and a tax savings of more than \$100 per resident.

Without the revenue collected from tourists, Rutherford County's governments would be left with a financial deficit of more than four and-a-half million dollars. The occupancy taxes visitors pay and which fund the TDA make up only about a half million of that total. The rest of the more than four and-a-half million tax dollars generated by tourists – people whom Rutherford County taxes do not support – goes directly into Rutherford County's governments' funds, thus paying for projects and services for residents.

To learn more about Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority, please visit www.rutherfordcountync.gov/tourismdevelopmentauthority or call 828-287-6013.

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

EMS launched a new Public Awareness Campaign this week regarding the use of Medical ID on the iPhone (see flyer on page 11). This information is being distributed by Rutherford County employees, Rutherford County Schools, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, Rutherford Regional, Fire Departments and Rescue Squads, local doctor's offices, EDC (all manufacturers), Chamber of Commerce, and local and regional media sources. EMS also submitted their budget packet to Finance on Monday and held their monthly Administration and crew meetings this week. EMS is working towards Intentional Leadership Development with the department creating a unified mission, vision and values. This information has been converted into banners and hung at all EMS locations (pictured left). Employees are currently working on both short term and long term goals for the department.



TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Emergency Calls	155	168
Convalescent Calls	36	59

Transit Department:

Transit submitted their budget to Finance on Monday. Three new Transit Advisory Board members were approved by County Commissioners on Monday night. They are Clark Poole (Chamber of Commerce), Susan Hall (Veterans Director) and Shirley Broughton (Transit rider).

Transit will start transporting citizens to Stainless Ministries (food pantry) on every Tuesday starting March 15th (flyer on page 12).

Transit is working towards Intentional Leadership Development with the department creating a unified mission, vision, values and goals. This information has been converted into a banner that is hung at Transit. Transit Management would like to commend two employees driver **Theresa Justice** and dispatcher **Mark Eitel** in their professionalism and handling of a potential situation that happened on a van this week. Their quick response proves that continuous safety training and re-training is vital to successfully working through these situations when they arise and reaching a peaceful conclusion.



TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	10,121	9,566
# of Local Trips	1,151	881
# of Out of County Trips	69	66
# Unduplicated Passengers	225	238
Total Revenue	\$15,924	\$14,549

THIS IS **Peyton** & SHE SAVED HER MOMMY'S LIFE



Setup **Medical ID** on Your iPhone Because the Life You Save Might Be Your Own

"... I had to show the paramedics all of my mommy's allergies with her asthma. They liked that I knew how to do this. You can get it through the Lock Screen by pressing Emergency!" - Peyton

For step by step instructions on how to set up your Medical ID, go to:

www.emsMEDICALid.com

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FREE FOOD-FREE SHUTTLE

Stainless Ministries ON Tuesdays

1ST TUESDAY of the Month:
Last Name beginning with **A B C D**

2ND TUESDAY of the Month:
Last Name beginning with **E F G H I J K**

3RD TUESDAY of the Month:
Last Name beginning with **L M N O P Q**

4TH TUESDAY of the Month:
Last Name beginning with
R S T U V W X Y Z

5TH TUESDAY of the Month:
Senior Passengers (**65 and older**)

(828) 287-6142



Trips are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis

You will not be allowed to ride the following month if you “No Show” OR Cancel in less than 24 hours



Rutherford County Transit reserves the right to change the route schedule or cancel this service at any time.

Veterans Services

Mail In	98
Mail Out	36
Fax	125
Phone Calls In/Out	100
Veteran Contacts	145

You are cordially invited to attend the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War. This event will be held on March 29, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Rutherford County Department of Veterans Services,
303 Fairground Road, Spindale, NC 28160.

Our Mission is to assist a grateful Nation in thanking and honoring its Vietnam War Veterans and all Veterans during this 20 year period, their families, the fallen, the wounded, those who were held as Prisoners of War, those listed as missing and unaccounted for, and those on the home front who also sacrificed much.

The event is sponsored by the Griffith Rutherford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, along with the VA Service Representatives and other Military organizations in Rutherford County. They will recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans, Vietnam Era Veterans and all US Armed Forces who served on active duty during the involvement in Vietnam, November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

RSVP to susan.hall@rutherfordcountync.gov or 828-287-6185
by Monday, March 21, 2016.

In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the National Guard Armory.





DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS ON MARCH 13TH!

Daylight Saving Time Fun Facts

- Daylight Saving or Daylight Savings? You will hear a lot of people refer to "Daylight Savings" – that's technically wrong. Dictionary.com said you will want to stick with Daylight Saving but you can drop the "time" part. It's still technically abbreviated to DST.



- Daylight Saving Time is a good time to start a new tradition: Make it your yearly time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- You can blame Benjamin Franklin for getting the whole Daylight Saving thing started. He wrote an essay called "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light" suggesting people could save candles by getting up earlier and making better use of available light. Then, in 1907, Englishman William Willett championed the idea, which quickly spread. It was brought to America by Robert Garland, a businessman from Pittsburgh who first came upon the idea in the U.K.
- In 1999, the time change thwarted plans for a terrorist bombing in Israel. The West Bank was on Daylight Saving Time while Israel had just switched back to standard time. The changeover confused terrorists who had set timers on bombs. The bombs were planted but detonated an hour early, killing three terrorists.
- It wasn't until Aug. 8, 2005 that we got our current timetable

for Daylight Saving Time. President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act on that day, setting the official end time for DST as the first Sunday in November. From 1986-2006, Daylight Saving Time began on the first Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October.

- In the spring, that hour of lost sleep due to the Daylight Saving switch has been linked to an increased risk of heart attacks. On the other hand, the risk of heart attacks fell by twenty-one percent later in the year when an hour was added back to the clock.
- Why 2 a.m.? According to Live Science, that's considered to be the least disruptive time of day.
- Twenty-seven percent of Americans said the twice-yearly time changes either makes them early or late for an appointment.
- Daylight Saving Time occurs in many states and territories except Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Island. Utah is considering the ending its participation in DST also.



2016 Relay

Rutherford County Employees Team

Here are few of the upcoming fundraisers that we are planning. Please let us know if you would consider being a part of our committee that helps plan and handle fundraisers. All employees are welcome! We are also open to any other ideas/suggestions you may have.

March – tentative Davis Donut fundraiser – information to follow

Saturday, April 9th – Shooting Tournament at Bostic Gun Club – more information to follow soon!

Friday, May 13th – Sweet Frog fundraiser from 5-9 pm

Friday, May 20th – Relay for Life Event – We will need lots of help with this event so please consider helping with campsite, food or ideas.

T Shirts - Long Sleeve T shirts are still available – we have one pink XL and one blue L and two 2XL on hand. L and XL are \$12, 2XL are \$14. Email if interested in these. We will be sending out the short sleeve shirt order form soon.

2016 Team Captains:

Alma Resendiz (Landfill) 828.287.6002 and Jeanette Bosgra (Finance) 828.287.6211



Cooking With Herbs &

Wednesday, April 21 at 2:00-4:00 pm or 5:30-7:30 pm

Herb & Spice Identification Harvesting, Storing, & Preserving Herbs
Health Benefits Garnishes & Other Uses of Herbs
Cooking Techniques Using Herbs & Spices

Taste Samples..... Recipes..... And More!

Call Cooperative Extension 287-6010 to register. \$5

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Tracy Davis, Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences at 828.287.6010 or Tracy_Davis@ncsu.edu or fax 828.288.4076, or in person at the County Extension Office at least 10 days prior to the event.



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Rutherford County
Library System

Art Contest "What does Community Mean to You?"

Enter any **ORIGINAL** piece of artwork in any medium, that expresses your definition of what community means to you.

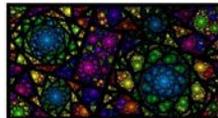
Art Contest Open to ALL Ages



See contest rules for more
information or call 287-6118

The size of your artwork must be **AT LEAST 6' x 6'** and **NO MORE THAN 8' x 8'**.
The top three (3) winning pieces will become property of Rutherford County Library System and will be displayed above the circulation desk.

Art Contest "What does Community Mean to You?" Contest Rules and Deadlines



1. Art contest open to all ages of anyone who lives, works, goes to school, or owns property in Rutherford County.
2. **Art work must be AT LEAST 6' x 6' and NO MORE THAN 8' x 8'.**
3. Any medium, such as Oil, Acrylic, Photography, Collage, Charcoal, Pencil, Chalk, Metalwork, Stained Glass, Tapestry, etc. may be used.
4. All art work must be 100% original.
5. Rutherford County Library reserves the right to declare "no winner" if the Committee believes the submitted artwork is not suitable for display. The decision of the Committee is final.
6. **Deadlines MUST be met. If deadline is not met for every checkpoint, the submitted art will be disqualified from the contest.**
7. Deadlines / checkpoints are as follows:
 - March 21, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.—Rough draft or written description of entry
 - April 4, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.—Photo update sent to maria.davis@rutherfordcountync.gov or brought to the Library in person
 - May 2, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.—Final art work due to the Library. Art will ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON THIS DAY.
 - May 9, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.—Winners will be notified by phone or email.
8. The top three (3) winning pieces of art work will become property of Rutherford County Library and will be displayed.
9. All artwork must be accompanied by a written explanation of how your art answers "What does Community Mean to You?"

2016 Citizens Police Academy enrollment is now open.

Law Enforcement Agencies in Rutherford County will be holding our annual Citizens Police Academy. The purpose of this program is to further the citizen's knowledge and understanding of the unique challenges which face the members of the law enforcement community every day.

It is our belief that through education and communication the academy will enhance the participating department's ability to serve the community. The program will provide an opportunity for the members of law enforcement to come together with the citizens and explore the issues and concerns which exist within the community.

The program consists of a 10 week program that will begin at the Forest City Police Department on Thursday, March, 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and will last until approximately 8:00 p.m. each night. The program will continue each Thursday and will be held at different locations each week. The program will utilize lecture, power point presentations, and hands on experiences.

Everyone is welcome to attend. You may access the curriculum and application at www.forestcitypd.com and clicking the Citizens Program menu. Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 25, 2016.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Capt. Chris Lovelace at (828) 248-5233 or by email at chrislovelace@townofforestcity.com. For full details, [view this message on the web](#).





Friday, March 18th:

ROC workday on the Buffalo Creek Park trail in Lake Lure from 1 pm to 4 pm. We will be installing new signs on the extension trail. ROC will provide tools. We will need at least 5 people to help us carry signs and tools. This is a beautiful time of year to be on the trail so take advantage and come join us!

Saturday 3/19:

ROC Race Series: Bear Foot 5k at Sunshine Elementary in Bostic. Register online at <https://runnerreg.us/bearfoot5K/>.



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Saturday, 3/19:

ROC group hike to Rumbling Bald in Lake Lure. This is a 1.5-mile, moderate hike with views of the spectacular boulders this area has offer. Meet at the County Annex (289 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton) at 10 am or the Ingles in Lake Lure at 10:30 am. Contact trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org to sign up for this hike.

Sunday, March 20th:

ROC workday on the Isothermal Community College trails in Spindale from 10 am to 1 pm. We will be adding more markers to the trails and putting up signs for a new section of the Orange Trail we will be installing.

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 or group hikes.



County Manager

Steve Garrison

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