



March 21, 2016

**Weekly Report**

## Highlight of Departmental Activities

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### Airport

The Airport sold 1609.10 gallons of Jet A to 6 aircraft and 456.3 gallons of 100LL to 22 aircraft last week.

Last Saturday, boy scouts representing troops from within Rutherford County, were at the airport to earn their Aviation Merit Badge! We were all excited to help these scouts continue their progression in rank and expand their knowledge and interests in aviation. A special thanks to Russell Hyde and "Plane Werks" for sponsoring the event!



**PHOTOS:** "MAMA" landed at the Rutherford County Airport Saturday to evacuate a person injured in a motor vehicle accident. Thank you to all the fire, EMS, Rescue, and Law Enforcement officers that keep Rutherford County safe!



## Board of Elections

Although Election Day has passed, the Board of Elections staff is still very busy auditing, sorting and recording the information. With the unofficial results Tuesday night, 13,769 ballots were cast in a very busy Primary. We want to thank all of the poll workers at the precincts and at the early voting locations for all their hard work!

## Building Inspections

Building Inspections has been “snowed under” since the return of warmer weather!! We have issued 56 permits in the last week—4 of those are new house starts; 2 are swimming pools; 1 is the largest solar farm we have seen in Rutherford County to date coming in at just under 400 acres and over \$11 million. We have conducted 171 inspections and are reviewing plans for 12 new cell towers, among other things. We have finished up the inspections at the airport and are gearing up to begin our twice-yearly school inspections.

## 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 Board of County Commissioners had two special meetings this week. On Tuesday, the topic was discussions for a request from Rutherford County Board of Education for voter referendum on local option sales tax, and on Thursday, an application for Building Reuse Grant for a Pending Economic Development Prospect Locating in Rutherford County. The Airport Authority also met on Tuesday evening.

Chairman King spoke at the dedication of the **Milton B. Robinson Bridge** last Friday at the ICC Foundation. The 2012 Board of Commissioners supported the name change and DOT gave approval for renaming the Floyd Creek Bridge to the Milton B. Robinson Bridge. Robinson made many contributions to Rutherford County and his legacy lives on as one who made a difference **(pictured right)**.



County Manager Garrison attended several meetings and events this week including RHI Legacy Foundation, ARC Grant monthly conference call, discussion with Gayle Moses/NC General Assembly, Chamber of Commerce and Spindale Town Manager, special meetings with Board of Commissioners, Airport Authority meeting, Special ARC Appropriation for Coal Impacted Communities in McDowell County, several budget meetings with individual departments, NCPTS Monthly conference call, and Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning.



Primary Voting continued at the County Office Building on Tuesday.

Commissioner Eddie Holland will serve a third four-year term once he completes the current term. Commissioner Holland stated Tuesday evening after the votes were tabulated, *“I want to thank my supporters and all who voted for me. I’m pleased to continue serving. This current Commissioners’ Board is the most united it has been since I have been on the board, and when we are working together, much can be accomplished.”* And we thank Commissioner Holland for his continued service to the citizens of Rutherford County. **(pictured left)**.

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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.



The County Manager did an amazing job singing two solos at Florence Baptist Church (**pictured left**) this past Sunday. His impressive talents were enjoyed by the congregation as he shared in song. He was complimented by several as being a ‘Kenny Rogers double’!

### Economic Development

This week, the Economic Development Department responded to two industrial inquiries, attended numerous meetings with county departments and industry allies, and followed up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects. Staff continues to be busy working with the Department of Commerce regarding various grant reports and requests, updating content on the EDC website, and increasing our social media presence. This week’s agenda also included attending the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER Brainstorming Session in Marion.

### Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal:

- attended budget meeting with County Manager and Finance.
- reprogrammed VIPER radios for use by Sheriff’s Office and EMS.
- responded to and assisted with several woods fires.
- attended various other meetings and training.
- completed additional Emergency Management Performance Grant activities.

**See pictures of Camel Knob Fire off Camp Creek on page 4. Photos by Hudlow Fire & Rescue**

### Finance Department

The Finance Office has processed accounts payable and processed 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. Welcome new hires Dustin Segers (Sheriff), Karen Searcy Lovelace (p/t Detention), Steven Holland (p/t Detention), and one-stop workers Sylvester McDowell, Richard Greene, Connie Chapman, and William McCormick. Employees who have left the service of Rutherford County are Mary Carnicle (DSS), and Daniel McKeown (Transit).

We as a family unit mourn the loss of Brookley Bumgarner (EMS). The Director attended a Community Focus Group meeting conducted by Rutherford Regional Hospital, attended budget meetings with department heads, and attended, along with the Clerk to the Board, an Engaging Women’s conference. Staff had a long and busy day Tuesday working until the poll results were posted. Employment opportunities are Tourism Authority Director. Apply at [www.rutherfordcountync.gov](http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov).

*A heartfelt thank you to Fire Marshal Roger Hollifield, our brave firemen and Volunteer Departments, and anyone who stepped up and fought hard and diligently to help contain the large fire at Camel Knob Fire off Camp Creek on Thursday evening/Friday morning. Your courageous efforts to control the fires are appreciated.*



## Library

**Joy Sharp, Mountains Branch:** Mountains Library saw lots of activity this week with the Community Room serving as a polling place for the primary election. Great turnout! The library hosted a Crafternoon on Wednesday to make Saint Patrick's Day Crafts and share some healthy "green" snacks. The Friends of the Library hosted a "Books & Bites" author event at the Lake Lure Inn on Wednesday. Local author, Matthew Daigle read from his book, *When Heroes Fall* (pictured left).



**Stephanie Long, County Library:** Circulation Manager worked on transferring cookbooks and craft books to the new Haynes Branch Library to expand their collection. Circulation Manager purchased puzzles and board games for upcoming events at the library. She also purchased many new

DVDs to add to the library's collection.

**Maria Davis, Programming at County Library:** We have several new programs coming up in March.

- Tie Dye T-shirts are the BEST and Rutherford County Library is hosting a "Tie Dye Extravaganza" on Thursday, March 31, 2016 2:30 - 5:00. All you have to do is bring your own 100% cotton white t-shirt and we will have all the other materials and supplies needed to tie dye your very own t-shirt! This spring craft is NOT just for children. Anyone is welcome to come...with or without children or teenagers. Besides, who says kids get to have all the fun? There is no registration required for this FREE event. Call 828-287-6115 if you have any questions (flyer on page 6).

# Book Sale

## One Day Only

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.



Children - Fiction-Non Fiction  
Christian Fiction-Large Print  
Audio CDs, etc...

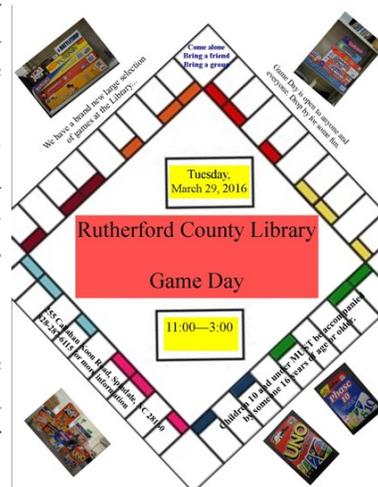
- Everyone LOVES sale! We are doing a One Day Only Flash Book Sale on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. due to overflowing shelves! Ninety-nine percent of the books on our sale shelves are out for the very FIRST TIME!!! Come early to get your first choices! Call 828-287-6115 for more information (pictured left).

- Rutherford County Library isn't just for books! Stephanie has gone wild and bought TONS of games and puzzles that can be used here in the library anytime we are open. To celebrate these new purchases, we are having a specific **GAME DAY** on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 11:00 - 3:00! Come alone and find someone at the library to play with...bring a friend

(or two)...bring family...bring your game face! The games we have available are: Jenga, Battleship, Pictionary, Operation, Monopoly, Who Shook Hook, Taboo, Trivial Pursuit Family Edition, Apples to Apples (MY personal favorite), Connect 4, Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?, Scrabble Slam, Phase 10, Uno, and Best of TV and Movies. WOW!!! These sound like fun! Call 828-287-6115 for more information on **GAME DAY** (pictured right).

I am always interested in hearing ideas of what you would like to see at the Library. Please call me at 287-6118 if you have suggestions, ideas, or if you would be willing to volunteer your time to share your knowledge with our patrons.

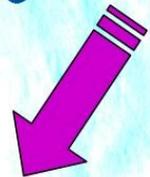
**April Young, Director:** Met with Dr. Burgin and the Community Involvement Team for their last meeting concerning the Strategic Plan. We love having the community involved in the Library and look forward to implementing suggestions.



Adults

Teens

# Tie Dye Extravaganza



Bring your own 100% White Cotton  
T-shirt to the  
**RUTHERFORD COUNTY LIBRARY**  
and join us for  
**TIE-DYE FUN!!!**

**Thursday, March 31, 2016 2:30—5:00**

**This craft is FREE and for all ages**

**Children under 13 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian**

255 Callahan Koo Rd.  
Spindale, NC 28160  
828-287-6115

Children



Families

## Public Works and Planning

The Director and Project Manager were involved in multiple meetings including meetings with Manager and RHI Legacy; National Parks Services in Morganton; and EDC and Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) regarding funding opportunities. In addition, we've conducted research and reporting to include preparation for planning board meeting, budget work focused on capital facilities planning and building requests, vehicle replacement planning, solar development ordinance and projects, met with Rail trail committee, EMS driveway design changes per NCDOT, updates on Greyrock, Queens Gap, Solar development, Community Projects Grants, grassroots grant, and communication tower/antennae.

The garage completed multiple preventative maintenance service calls and repairs to the County's motor vehicle fleet. Maintenance has had a productive week in conducting repairs and preventative maintenance to the County's facilities as well as dealing with the preparations and response to the spring weather and growth and is shooting up.

Despite a productive week, it has come with some sacrifice, as there seems to be a Springtime flu taking its toll on our department with several out sick.

## Revenue Department

Revenue Department is busy with daily routine duties. We are working hard on seasonal activities. Appraisal Department is working on a final few challenges with the software conversion. Things are looking good with the new data.

<b>Customer Service</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Phone Calls	452
<u>Information/Data Requests</u>	3
Website Hits	170,652
<b>County Growth Indicators</b>	
Building Permits Reviewed	0
<b>Collections Progress</b>	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	17
Total Taxes Collected	\$245,853.28

## Senior Center

The Senior Center hosted the monthly blood pressure clinic on Monday. Representatives from Carolina Home Care conducted the Senior Center's monthly blood pressure checks. Forty-one clients took advantage of this service..

On Tuesday, Connie Wells came to the Senior Center for a quilting presentation. Kim Roberson, with PNC Bank, presented information on Wednesday about issues that concern seniors regarding their finances and personal information. The seniors wore green on Thursday for St. Patrick's Day and Frank Chyz presented "Go Green" – a program about recycling.

Lastly, on Friday SilverArts participants brought in their entries. These entries will be judged on Monday and then be on display Tuesday through Thursday next week.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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

<b>Sheriff's 2015 Yearly Report</b>	
Calls for Service	4,338
Warrants Served/Total Arrest	244/185
Domestic Calls	120
Involuntary Commitments/Hours	26/27.75 Man Hrs.
Civil Papers Served	324
Ex parte Served	22
Evictions	15
Animals Pickup/Surrender	152
Animals Returned to Owners or Rescued	135
Animal Control Calls for Service	374
New Cases Assigned to Detectives/Road Patrol	152/16
Pill Drop Collections	18,759 Doses Units/1,679.3 ml Liquids
Average Daily Inmate Confinement	176
Gun Purchase Permits Issued	163
Carry Concealed Permits Issued	143
Project Lifesaver Clients/Contact Hours	3/2.0 Man Hrs.
Registered Sex Offenders/Contact Hours	180/7.0 Man Hrs.
Litter Control Calls/Cases Assigned/Closed	7/1/0

## Social Services

The DSS Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 16. In addition to their regular agenda items, the Board heard a budget proposal presented by Fiscal Officer, Pam Price and Director, John Carroll, and discussed new position requests for 2016-17.

They also discussed the Social Services Consortium Legislative priorities for the upcoming short session. The Consortium consists of the DSS Director's, Board Member's, and Social Services Associations (NCACDSS, NCACBSS, and NCSSA, respectively).

Child Care Subsidy Staff and Child Care Providers are preparing for the implementation of the program into NC FAST. Rutherford is part of Phase I of the project and will go live in September. At this time, child care providers will submit their own attendance and enrollment through NC FAST and be paid directly by the State. While this will take some administrative burdens off DSS, it will be difficult for some providers. DSS staff are offering support to providers to get all of the credentials that they need to participate. As with other programs in NC FAST, we know that there will be glitches that will result in payment issues and require more work than the current system in the beginning.

The Crisis Intervention Programs, Low Income Maintenance Energy Assistance Program, and the Medicaid Transportation Program will also be implemented in NC FAST this year.

The Director attended committee meetings and the State DSS Director's Meeting in Raleigh last week, and on Thursday and Friday of this week, will attend the Western Regional Director's Meeting in Asheville.

Program Manager, Amanda McGee and other staff will be attending LINKS Training this week. LINKS is the foster care independent living program administered by DSS.

Various staff members have also attended regular monthly webinars and conference calls throughout the last two weeks.

## Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- read at Rutherfordton Elementary for the Agricultural Literacy Program.
- worked on District and Farmland Meeting minutes.
- worked on an Outdoor Environmental Learning Center Grant Application Form.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- provided technical assistance to land owners.
- worked on planning and contract management.

## Solid Waste

Customers served: 382  
Loads hauled from convenience centers: 65  
Loads shipped to Lenoir: 37  
Recycling loads shipped to Conover: 2  
Tire customers: 26

The director has diligently worked this week to find a new textile vendor since the company we were using has stopped accepting our textiles and is in the process of picking up their bins. Also, preparation has continued on next year's budget and the director attended the first budget meeting with the County Manager.



**PICTURED:** The transfer station staff has been busy processing the recycling and MSW tonnages that are coming in. The company is here removing all the metal that the county has sold. The C&D staff is processing the tonnages coming in while continuing to haul dirt for cover.

The shop staff has fixed equipment while performing preventative maintenance on the equipment and vehicles.

Also, the shop staff has been fixing items at the centers this week.

The office staff continues their every day job duties while working on reports. The airport staff continues to perform work at the centers while monitoring the grass at the airport. The director will be attending the CRA conference next week. Also, staff is signed up for training sessions that are to be offered this year at various locations. Our first convenience center training session will be held next week.



Everyone please continue to recycle!!!

## Tourism Development Authority

Interim TDA Director, Don Cason, attended the State Tourism Conference this week in Cherokee, NC. The annual conference is the state's premier travel industry event. Bringing together more than 500 of the state's tourism industry leaders, the conference provides opportunities to catch up on the latest trends and issues facing the travel industry, hear insights from industry experts and network with other travel and tourism professionals.



Director Cason stated (in recent email), *"I look forward to working with the TDA and everyone in the community as we strive to make Rutherford County the best it can be."*

## Transportation Services

### Emergency Medical Services:

EMS held their quarterly in service training this week which included a special presentation by Ashley Alley, trauma coordinator with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. As part of EMS' new fitness program, Paramedic John Kosmeh has taken up the lead by motivating employees, including Supervisors and the Director, to participate in a cardio workout every third day at the end of shift. **(Pictures on page 10).**

Director and Operations Manager will meet this week with the County Manager and Finance Director to discuss EMS' budget proposal.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Emergency Calls	141	168
Convalescent Calls	24	59

### Transit Department:

Transit staff continues to work through the new Title VI Policy template that was sent to all agencies by the NCDOT. When completed it will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners for approval.

Transportation to Stainless Ministries began this week with a few riders and demand has already increased for next week. We anticipate this program to grow quickly 15<sup>th</sup> **(flyer on page 10).**

**Mark Eitel was named Transit Employee of the Month** for March. Mark is the full time dispatcher for Transit and the EMS convalescent service.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,778	9,566
# of Local Trips	1,073	881
# of Out of County Trips	93	66
# Unduplicated Passengers	208	238
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,818</b>	<b>\$14,549</b>

# 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](http://www.emsMEDICALid.com)  
 Brought to you as a service by Rutherford County EMS

## 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**)

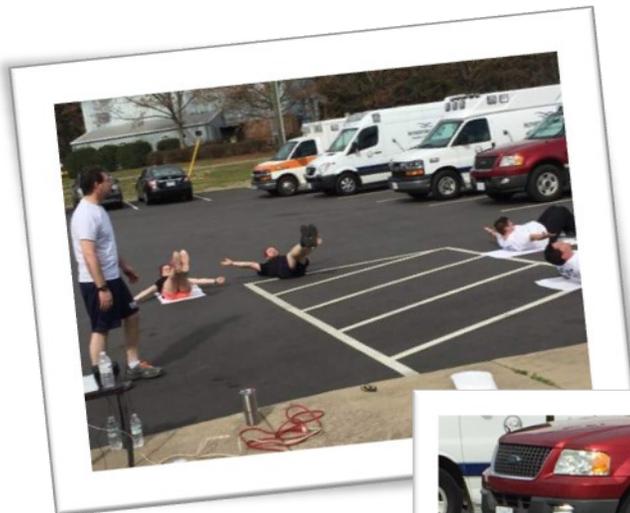
 Trips are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis

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

**(828) 287-6142**

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



**EMS is excited about their new fitness program for employees. Thanks to Paramedic John Kosmeh for his leadership.**

### FY 2016-2017 GOALS

#### BUDGET

Maintain a minimum annual surplus of 5% of operating budget to replenish reserves

#### SAFETY

Achieve 6 months of continuous not at fault, incident free miles

#### EMPLOYEES

Reduce driver turnover rate to under 15%

#### CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Issue surveys to all riders from previous 12 months with a response rate of at least 5%

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**RUTHERFORD COUNTY**  
 Emergency Medical Services

#### MISSION

To Provide Excellent, Compassionate Care on Every Call

#### VISION

To Be Recognized By Other Agencies as a Leader of Excellence in EMS

#### VALUES

A RCEMS Employee Shall Exhibit:  
 Integrity, Professionalism, Respect,  
 Compassion, Knowledge  
 Loyalty and Reliability



## Veterans Services

<b>Mail In</b>	65
<b>Mail Out</b>	35
<b>Fax</b>	125
<b>Phone Calls In/Out</b>	70
<b>Veteran Contacts</b>	120

Listed is link to the **2015 NC Veterans Annual Report**: [https://ncdmva.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/press-release/files/2015-ar-final-download\\_1.pdf](https://ncdmva.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/press-release/files/2015-ar-final-download_1.pdf).

You are cordially invited to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.





## County News



# 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 9<sup>th</sup>** – Shooting Tournament at Bostic Gun Club – more information to follow soon!

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Sweet Frog fundraiser from 5-9 pm

**Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** – 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.



# 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   Gamishes & 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](mailto: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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CHANGE LIFE

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# 5K RUN

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**APR 30**  
8:00am to 12:00pm  
The Foundation Performing Arts  
& Conference Center  
@ ICC

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- 1 MILE WALK
- VENDORS
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- CARDIO ZONE
- WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE
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**Saturday 3/19:**

- **ROC Race Series:** Bear Foot 5k at Sunshine Elementary in Bostic.
- **Return to Long Arm Cemetery:** 10 am at *Lake James State Park*. The park staff is excited to provide a rare opportunity to walk among the tombstones.
- **Streamside Hike.** 11 am at *South Mountains State Park*. Join a Park Ranger for an easy walk to learn more about the Jacob Fork River.
- **Knot Tying 101.** 2 pm at *South Mountains State Park*.

**Sunday 3/20:**

- **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.
- **The 10 Essentials.** 2 pm at *South Mountains State Park*. The 10 items you should always carry with you.
- **Fly Fishing 101.** 2 pm at *South Mountains State Park*.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Saturday, April 30th:** ROC group hike to Buffalo Creek Park in Lake Lure. Meet at the County Annex (289 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton) at 9:30 am to carpool. If you have never been on this beautiful trail, this is the perfect opportunity. We will be hiking the 3.5 mile loop. Come join us!
- **Saturday, May 14th:** ROC Broad River Spring Sweep. We will meet at 9 am and plan to get started by 10 am. These clean-ups are always a ton of fun and you will be helping to ensure that our river stays beautiful!

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**County Manager**

Steve Garrison

**County Commissioners**

Bryan A. King, *Chairman*

Alan Toney, *Vice Chairman*

Michael Benfield, Eddie Holland, Greg Lovelace

**County Office**

Hazel Haynes, *Clerk to Board*

Richard Williams, *County Attorney*

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