



March 7, 2016

Weekly Report

Highlight of Departmental Activities

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Airport



The Rutherford County Airport pumped 336.0 gallons of Jet A to 2 aircraft and 495.5 gallons of 100LL to 20 aircraft last week.

PHOTO: A 1952 Havilland DHC-1 "Chipmunk" trainer on the ramp at Rutherford County. The Chipmunk was once the primary trainer for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Board of Elections

This week the elections office completed training for Election Day workers. On Wednesday, we trained our One-Stop workers and set up all three early voting locations (**Rutherfordton location pictured below**). One-stop early voting began on Thursday, March 3rd with hours and locations available at <http://rutherfordcountync.gov/boardofelections>. Sample Ballots are also available on our website.



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.

County Manager Garrison attended several meetings and events this week including a Regional County Managers' Luncheon, Community Health Council Board Meeting, NRA Banquet at the Boy Scout Camp, properties discussion at ICC, Rutherford County JMHCP conference call, Grant Opportunity meeting, NCACC meeting with representative, and moved ahead with Department Head evaluations.

Commissioners, County Manager and staff continued Agenda preparation and reviews for the upcoming Board of Commissioners' Meeting on March 7, 2016. HR Director Debra Conner and Deputy Clerk Kim Aldridge attended training and JCPC Board Meeting. One-Stop Early Voting was held at the County Office Building this week (**pictured above**).

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 a meeting at ICC regarding the new Applied Sciences facility and participated in numerous meetings with county departments and industry allies.



Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, working with Finance, the Department of Commerce, and existing industry representatives regarding various grant reports and requests, and working on marketing and advertising efforts including increasing our social media presence.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- participated in a National Flood Insurance Program audit.
- completed Emergency Management Performance Grant activities and uploaded to the State.
- worked on budget preparations.
- assisted Spindale Fire Department on a structure fire.
- attended a meeting with municipal emergency managers in the County.
- worked on a VIPER communications link between EMS and Rutherford Regional Hospital.
- attended various other meetings.

Finance Department

The Finance Office has processed accounts payable. Budget packages are distributed and due back to Finance on March 7th. The Director and Assistant Director attended several interdepartmental meetings.

The Director and Assistant Director also traveled to Durham for a Finance Officers' Conference.

Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. The Director attended the retirement reception for Wayne Guffey. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Wayne for his dedication to Rutherford County.

The Director attended the JCPC meeting and met with several employees regarding future retirements. Budget information is being reviewed as meetings will begin next week. Employment opportunities are Director of Tourism Authority. Apply at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.

Library

April Young, Director: The director placed book and DVD orders, processed invoices to send forward to Finance, and worked on monthly reports. With input from staff members, Stephanie Long, Kenneth Odom, and Joy Sharp, the director completed the rough draft of the five-year strategic plan. This draft will be presented to the community team members for review on March 14th. After the community team accepts the plan, it will be presented to the Library Board of Trustees in late April and then the County Commissioners. In a continuing effort to make space at the main library, the director and several staff members relocated tables, chairs, shelving units, and of course—books.

Deb Womack, Haynes Branch Manager: Haynes had their first book club meeting and it was a great success. We had seven people in attendance. We had a representative from Wake Forrest University use our meeting room. We also proctored a student.

Stephanie Long, Circulation Manger: Circulation Manager continues to go through the nonfiction collection. Outdated or worn-out materials are being discarded and replaced as needed, and many items are being transferred to the new Haynes Branch Library to expand their collection. Circulation Manager assisted in rearranging furniture in the library to make the best possible use of the limited space available. A shelf was shifted to the back of the Reference room to create space for expansion of the Young Adult collection. Tables were moved into the main part of the library to provide more workspace for patrons. Circulation Manager met with members of the Staff Team to finalize the Rutherford County Library's Strategic Plan.



Federal income tax forms (1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ) are still available for pickup in the lobby of the Rutherford County Library. The library also has a book of Reproducible Tax Forms from which patrons can make copies of other forms for 15 cents each.



Joy Sharp, Mountains Branch Manager: Mountains Branch Library hosted a **P.J's, Pancakes & Picture Books storytime** on Saturday. The Friends of the Library provided the pancakes and the pancake flippers (**pictured!**)!

Joy Sharp attended the March Friends of the Library meeting. She also ordered the latest award-winning children's books and created a display of past award winners.

We were also pleased to see our volunteers assisting patrons with their job searches and voter registration information.



Public Works and Planning

It's been an extremely busy week and the staff continues to do a great job keeping the County's facilities and vehicle fleet in great working order while keeping costs and expenditures at a minimum.

Meanwhile, we also were involved in multiple meetings:

- research and reporting that include budget
- building requests
- vehicle replacement planning
- solar development ordinance and subdivision regulations
- Rail Trail committee
- EMS driveway design changes per NCDOT
- updates on Greyrock and Queens Gap,
- Community Projects Grants and grassroots grant
- communication tower/antennae research
- assisting the Riverbend community with concerns over a proposed tower in that community.

Revenue Department

- Hope all offices got through the storm and power outage with out too many problems.
- We would like to thank the Danny Searcy and our maintenance for all their help with the water damage in our office. Also, to Mr. Garrison for coming out to check the damages and helping assist with some of the clean up from the water damage.
- We want to thank the Rutherfordton Fire Department for all their help in getting our office secured from the water problem after the power came back on. The department helped relocate machinery and kept the damage to a minimum.
- Collections collected a large occupancy tax and real estate tax from a business changing owners this week.
- The staff processed 39 enforced collection actions resulting in collections of around \$203,000.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	504
<u>Information/Data Requests</u>	2
Website Hits	192,629
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	14
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	23
Total Taxes Collected	\$304,027.19

Senior Center

The Senior Center held our **3rd Annual Parade of Tables Dinner and Fundraiser** on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. We had a night of entertainment, dinner and a chance to win door prizes (**pictured below and on page 7**). All proceeds will be used to purchase additional exercise equipment for the exercise room. On Monday, we celebrated Leap Year with a game of “Leap Year Bingo”. Maria Davis, with Rutherford County Library, presented a program about the benefits of coloring for adults on Tuesday. April Hicks, Marketing Director of Willow Ridge Rehabilitation Living Center, discussed the requirements to use Medicare and Medicaid at a skilled nursing facility on Wednesday. Tommy Finley, Director of IT&S at Rutherford Regional Health System, did a presentation on “My HealthPoint” on Thursday. This is a tool the hospital offers as an effort to enhance communication and coordination of care with their patients via the internet. Lastly, on Friday the seniors wore blue in support of Colon Cancer Awareness Day. National Dress in Blue Day is held every year on the first Friday in March.

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



Parade of Tables



Sheriff's Department



Save the Date!!! Relay For Life Shoot for a Cure, Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served. Prizes! Sponsored by Rutherford County Sheriff's Office and County Employees RFL Team.

On 3-4-2016, Sheriff Chris Francis congratulated Sgt. Bruce Wayne Greene for receiving the Advanced Service Award (**pictured right**). The North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission awarded Sgt. Greene with the Advanced Service Award.

The Advanced Service Award recognizes sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and detention officers for their "loyal and competent" service to a particular sheriff's office as well as to the state. To qualify, they must complete a minimum of 20 years of service.

In Sgt. Greene's letter recognizing his accomplishment, Attorney General Roy Cooper, wrote, "I extend my most sincere congratulations to you on award of this Advanced Service Award and the honor which it bestows upon you. As a recipient of this prestigious award, you have placed yourself among the "ELITE" of law enforcement officers in the state of North Carolina. Sgt. Greene began his law enforcement career in 1992 and has almost 23 years service with the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office. Bruce is currently the Sergeant of the Forensic Unit.



911 Communications

Western Regional PSAP Managers met in Rutherford County this week hosted by our 911 Communications Department. A special thanks to Director Tammy Aldridge and team for contributing to the success of the conference. (**Richard Taylor discussing grants in the picture below.**)



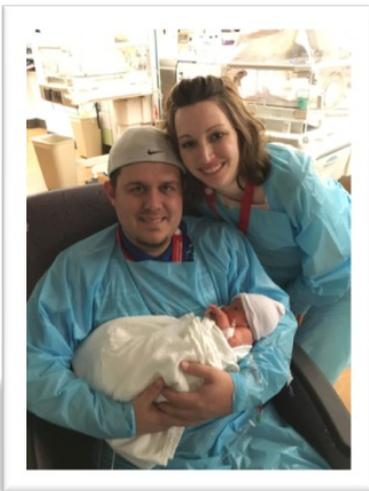
Social Services

The DSS Board held its regular monthly meeting on February 17. In addition to their regular agenda items, the Board heard a presentation by Amanda McGee regarding Youth Villages. Youth Villages will be on site at DSS accessing families and providing short-term reunification for children who recently have been placed outside the home. This will help transition a child home from a foster care placement and kinship placements for families that participate in the program. Services will also be provided for families who have a child in danger of out of home placement due to abuse/neglect or family conflict. The agency is working in conjunction with Smokey Mountain LME/MCO to bring these services directly to DSS consumers.

On February 22, the State CPS Process Review Team was at the agency to do a follow up to the intensive review conducted in August. During the meetings, the team focused on other services offered for children, as well as, reviewed and updated the agency's Program Development Plan. The team was complimentary about the progress of the plan and new initiatives that have been put in place to better serve our county's children and families. Earlier in the week, the Social Work Program Manager and Director met with Alex Kelly with the Children's Home Society to discuss services to help recruit adoptive placements.

The Director, Income Maintenance Manager, and Medicaid Supervisors participated in a conference call regarding the record review phrase of the State Auditor's audit of North Carolina's Medicaid Program. Rutherford County is one of ten counties randomly selected to be reviewed. Earlier in the year, a successful site visit was held with two assistant state auditors, and now records will be pulled for review. The review does not necessarily focus on the performance at the County level, but at the State level. During the site visit, the major focus was on the support provided by the State and on the effect and efficiency of NC FAST.

The Income Maintenance Administrator and Food and Nutrition Services Supervisors were invited to do a presentation on best practices in processing applications and achieving timeliness on the Statewide DSS Director's Conference Call on Tuesday. **(See email on page 8.)** They were invited to do this because of the agency's performance on weekly timeliness reports and have also been asked to present a work shop at the Social Services Institute in October. The State is under a mandate to raise statewide the timely rate to 95% by June 2016 or risk losing federal administrative dollars. Our managers and staff are doing an excellent job, even with all of the obstacles and challenges that policy changes and NC FAST have presented. Also this week, the Director, who will be serving on the Board of Youth Empowerment, met with the board chair and the director to discuss their programs; he also participated in a conference call with the North Carolina Coalition on Aging.



Welcome new employees: Jessica Keever, Tracy Ray, Dottie Medford, Alison Kennedy, and Frances Matchner.

Congratulations to T.J. and Melanie Byers (Income Maintenance), **pictured left**, on their beautiful bundle of joy, Grady Olsen Byers (**pictured right**)! Born: 2/26/16, 6 lbs 6.5 ozs and 19 inches long.

Sisters: Addisyn, 5 and Rylee, 1
Luann Butler (Maternal Nana - DSS)
Susan Hall (Paternal MawMaw - Veterans)

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The email below is from the NC State Assistant DSS Director, Jack Rogers. Rutherford County DSS was asked to present their best practices in FNS on a statewide conference call last week because of their outstanding performance on the monthly timeliness reports. Kandi (manager) and her supervisors did an excellent job getting a PowerPoint together and presented very well.

Subject: Re: March 1 DSS Directors Call

John and Kandi,

Thank you very much for Rutherford County's best practice presentation during this morning statewide webinar - it appears that the training and utilization of receptionist along with business process changes (eliminating drop box and having supervisor approval for FNS cases requesting good cause) is really paying off. Rutherford Counties performance is very impressive. I think your presentation would be a good one for next Social Services institute - I am keeping a list of possible workshops for SSI.

*Thank you
Jack*

Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist: and Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- attended Soil and Water Spring meeting
- worked with students applying for NRCS internship.
- met with landowners to implement BMPs.
- attend Soil and water district meeting.

Solid Waste

Customers served 382
Loads hauled from centers 57
Loads shipped to Lenoir 37
Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2
Tire customers 41

The solid waste office staff has been busy waiting on customers, normal reporting required and met with several vendors that have stopped by the landfill. The director has been busy registering for a school of government class, met with a new vendor to pick up our used oil at the centers and the landfill and filled out the appropriate paper work. The landfill will be selling the metal that we have and the winning company should be here within two weeks to start removing it. Also the director has dealt with an employee problem at the centers. We have had several employees attending school this week for training. The transfer station staff has been processing the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. We are also accepting recycling from Polk County Landfill and the Town of Tryon. The C&D staff has been busy this week processing the tonnages coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The airport staff is currently still working on the Avondale, Colfax, Golden Valley and Pea Ridge sites to insure proper water drainage. We will be adding gravel to these sites soon. The shop staff has been busy performing preventative maintenance on the equipment.

Please continue to recycle!!!!!!

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

Thank you to all County Employees for your thoughts and prayers for the family of Brookley Bumgarner and for our EMS staff though this time of loss.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Emergency Calls	150	168
Convalescent Calls	41	59

Transit Department:

Transit Operations Manager spoke with Executive Director of Stainless Ministries to finalize plans to start transportation of citizens to their location in Spindale on Tuesday of every week to be given food. Transit staff has continued to look for a workable situation to continue this service since the closure of the Food Pantry in Forest City several months ago. Transit will once again offer transportation at 'No Cost' to the citizens from their home to the pantry and back home. Transit staff will advertize and distribute flyers to announce this service and the steps to follow to be given transportation. Transit is very excited to work with Stainless Ministries to provide this service and grateful for the funds from NCDOT to cover the cost. Operations Manager has finalized dates with Cherry Training Consultants to conduct two days of training with all Transit Employees on April 7th & 8th on Defensive Driving and Emergency Evacuations. Transit will continue operations during this training by dividing employees into two groups so that one group is training while the other group is providing transportation to passengers. Transportation Services Director and staff have continued to develop and complete the budget request for the coming fiscal year.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	10,259	9,566
# of Local Trips	1,115	881
# of Out of County Trips	103	66
# Unduplicated Passengers	223	238
Total Revenue	\$19,238	\$14,549

Veterans Services

Mail In	39
Mail Out	191
Fax	121
Phone Calls In/Out	78
Veteran Contacts	148

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.





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 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



CHANGE 4 LIFE
expo and 5K RUN
• healthy lifestyle event •

We cordially invite you to participate as a sponsor of our inaugural Change 4 Life Expo /5K Run Saturday, April 30 2016 at The Performing Arts and Conference Center located on campus of Isothermal Community College. The event will kick off at 8:00 am followed by a 1-Mile Walk. Awards will be given to top qualifiers.

Your sponsorship will help to defray the cost of organizing the entire Change 4 Life Expo. Funds received from sponsorships are used to purchase T-shirts, awards, drinks, snacks and for advertising and promotional materials to get the entire community involved.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of becoming a sponsor. Please contact Rodney Greene, event organizer with Time-Out Management with questions or for more information

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

COMMUNITY SPONSOR

\$500

- Listed as sponsor on website with link
- Company name or logo on back of T-shirt
- Display logo on event handout to attendees
- Special sponsor announcement during event
- (10) Complimentary race entries

T-SHIRT SPONSOR

\$100

- Company name or logo on back of T-shirt
- (2) Complimentary race entries

Change 4 Life Expo / 5K Run Sponsorship Form

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Website: _____

1. Sponsorship Level: Community T-Shirt

2. Please write your company name exactly how you would like it to appear on signage, etc:

3. Artwork and logos submit to: timeoutmanager@aol.com

4. Complimentary race entries as part of sponsorship submit to: timeoutmanager@aol.com

RUTHERFORD COUNTY LIBRARY



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.

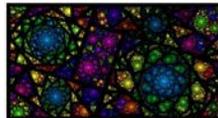
Art Contest Open to ALL Ages



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](#).





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.



Saturday 3/5:

- **Discover the Holly Discovery Trail:** 10 am at *Lake James State Park*. Meet Park Ranger Jamie Cameron as he leads a hike along this ¾-mile trek and introduces the wonders of Lake James to the next generation of nature lovers.
- **Spring Peeper Promenade.** 1 pm at *Lake James State Park*. You will walk about a mile and learn about one our smallest frogs - the Spring Peeper.
- **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.
- **South Mountains State Park: The Past, the Present, and the Future .** 2 pm at *South Mountains State Park*. This will be an informative presentation about the park.

Sunday 3/6:

- **Watching Waterfowl:** 10 am at *Lake James State Park*. The ranger will have his field guide on hand to help identify the waterfowl seen. Bring binoculars if you have them.
- **Skulls and Skins.** 2 pm at *South Mountains State Park*.

Saturday 3/19:

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

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 to 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.

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Steve Garrison

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