



May 16, 2016

Weekly Report

Highlight of Departmental Activities

The Weekly Report showcases the activities and accomplishments of the many Departments within Rutherford County Government. Click on the directory lists, headings and text in blue to be linked to more information.

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Airport

The Airport sold 907.0 gallons of Jet A to 4 aircraft and 380.7 gallons of 100LL to 15 aircraft last week.

Photo:
Timken Corporation's jet on the ground at Rutherford County.



Photo of Rutherford County Airport with Mount Mitchell and the Black Mountain range in the background taken by Zach Byers.

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June 9, July 14, August 18

Choose Times:
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June 6

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Board of Elections

This week the Elections office has completed the testing of all the equipment to be used in the June Primary and participated in a Mock Election with the State Board to test all election night reporting procedures and software.

Preparations are being made for poll worker training next week and staff is busy processing petitions.

County Manager and Commissioners

The following are several events and activities in which the County Manager, Commissioners and staff were involved this week:

- Budget Workshop (**photo below right**)
- Meetings with several County departments, including Planning and Projects, Economic Development, Solid Waste/Recycling Department, Veteran Services and Finance.
- Senior Center Volunteers Breakfast
- County Attorney meeting regarding various projects
- Rails to Trails Committee Meeting
- IPDC Leadership Interview
- Airport Agenda Review
- USDA meeting with Joshua Carswell
- Webinar - NCACC Manager's Weekly Legislative Update



Other meetings in the area: Lake Lure Town Council. County Manager Steve Garrison and Commissioners were involved in a Budget Workshop meeting on Monday. Chairman Bryan King attended the historic Main Street Track Trail ribbon cutting ceremony (**pictured on page 19**). Commissioner Mike Benfield served on the Equalization and Review Board, and also, met to review the Airport agenda for the upcoming board meeting. County Manager spoke to the Kiwanis Club in Forest City on Monday, and met with the July 4th Owl's Stadium Event organizers on Tuesday. Several managers, mayors and town leaders joined in the recognition and send-off party for Lake Lure Town Manager, Chris Braund on Wednesday.

The week continued with additional duties, consisting of numerous calls, interoffice meetings, conference calls, public relations, advising, preparation for various responsibilities and meeting with citizens

Economic Development

This week, the Economic Development Department responded to an industrial RFI, prepared for an industrial site visit, and held numerous meetings and conference calls with industry allies. Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, communicating with the Department of Commerce regarding various grant requests and reports, and updating content on the Rutherford County Economic Development and Gateway West Commerce Park websites. This week's agenda also included beginning the process to close out a State Building Reuse Grant for an existing industry that satisfied their job commitments.

Finance Department

The Finance Office processed accounts payable. Director Paula Roach attended several interdepartmental meetings. Also, the director and assistant director, Apryl Tessener, attended the Airport Agenda Review meeting.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- completed an update of County resources to include resources from fire departments and municipalities.
- attended Emergency Management Response Team meeting.
- met with County Manager in reference to emergency services training facility.
- scheduled meetings and interviews.
- conducted follow-ups on active investigations.
- began work on identifying equipment to enhance our 800MHz radio system and integrate with our existing system.
- responded to a search for a missing person.
- scheduled fire department inspections for next week.

Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. The Director attended a Budget Workshop, conducted interviews along with Fire Marshal Roger Hollifield for the Assistant Fire Marshal position, conducted interviews for Building Inspections, attended several meetings with department heads, and attended the Public Law Update course offered by the School of Government.

The HR Specialist held monthly orientation for new hires and attended the Public Law Update.

The annual blood drive was held on May 11. We had 65, yes you read it right, 65 present to donate with 62 actual collections. What an amazing job!! The Red Cross staff was blown away by the turnout. Thank you so much to those that answered the call. **Photos below and on page 5.**

Employment opportunities are Tourism Authority Director, and Building Code Enforcement Officer. Apply at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.



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Library

Mountains Branch: Joy Sharp attended the Friends of the Library Books & Bites program at the Lake Lure Inn. She also participated in a training session on the county's new GIS website and tax system. Mountains Branch continued to sign kids up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, and Joy Sharp ordered several new Easy titles for the collection. **Photos below and right.**



We are busy collecting donations for the Friends upcoming Big Book Sale and Cake Auction to be held June 3rd, 4th and 5th from 10-5. Cake sale on Saturday, June 5th. **Flyer on page 7.**

The Genealogy Club held their monthly meeting.

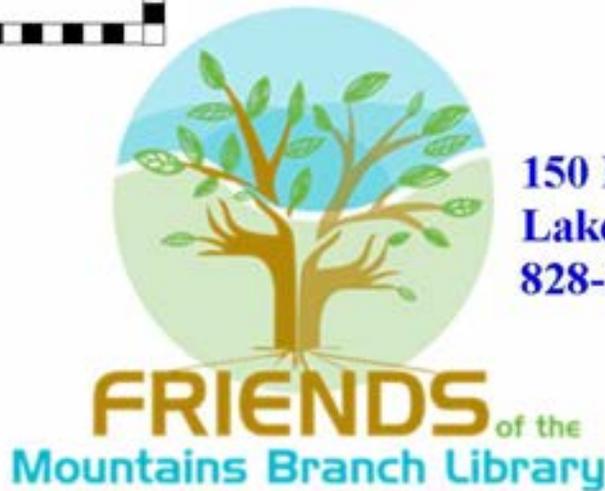
Rutherford County Library: All staff participated in the first ever booth at Mayfest last week. We spoke with well over 100 people who stopped by to visit. We were able to acquaint these folks with what Rutherford County Library has to offer (**pictures below and right**).

The Spring Book Sale will be going on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week. Stop by to check out our selection. **Flyer on page 7.**





Thursday, June 2, 2016 10 am—3pm
Friday, June 3, 2016 10 am—3 pm
Saturday, June 4, 2016 10 am—3 pm



150 Bill's Creek Road
Lake Lure, NC 28746
828-287-6392

Saturday, June 4, 2016 10:00 —3:00

Silent Cake Auction will be from 10 -3
...or, if you want to be sure you get your
chosen cake, you may utilize the "Buy Now!"
feature and take your cake home at the "Buy
Now!" selling price.



Revenue Department

Board of E&R will adjourn on Friday May 13th. They have four appeals to hear next week with the possibility of two more for the 2016 tax year.

The new GIS Website went live on May 9, 2016. Click on the following link to connect to the new site along with the old site: <http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov/Departments/tax/gisdepartment>. Training classes scheduled at the Rutherford County Auditorium as follow:

- May 12th: 2:30 p.m. - County Employees
- May 17th: 10:30 a.m. - Board of Realtors
- May 20th: 10:30 a.m. - Attorneys, Paralegals, Surveys & Appraisers

If interested in attending one of the classes, please contact Katie Doherty at 287-1226 to register.

Collections Department is busy working on the 2015 delinquent tax notices that have been mailed. Advertisement of outstanding taxes will accrue in June.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	936
Info/Data Requests	2
Website Hits	160,876
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	28
Total Taxes Collected	\$245,171.68
Collected Prepayments	\$1,763.17

Senior Center

The Senior Center is celebrating “Older American’s Month” the entire month of May. This year’s theme, “Blaze a Trail”, emphasizes the ways older adults are reinventing themselves through new work and new passions, engaging their communities, and blazing a trail of positive impact on the lives of people of all ages. The May calendar is packed with special programs, speakers, and fun activities to celebrate Older Americans Month.

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-four clients took advantage of this service. We celebrated Mother’s Day with “Muffins for Moms” and a Mother’s Day activity. The Center also hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday morning to recognize all of our volunteers and show our appreciation for everything they do. The Senior Center would not be able to offer all of the numerous activities or serve meals everyday without the help from our many dedicated volunteers! On Thursday, the seniors enjoyed craft time making a beautiful spring bracelet in the morning and then “Wrapping Paper” Bingo that afternoon. Lastly, on Friday we sponsored our Tailgate Yard Sale from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's April 2016 Report	
Calls for Service	4,807
Warrants Served/Total Arrest	164/136
Domestic Calls	177
Involuntary Commitments/Hours	39/42.0 Man Hrs.
Civil Papers Served	305
Ex parte Served	20
Evictions	15
Animals Pickup/Surrender	163
Animals Returned to Owners or Rescued	113
Animal Control Calls for Service	315
New Cases Assigned to Detectives/Road Patrol	198/9
Pill Drop Collections	14,970 Doses Units/534 ml Liquids
Average Daily Inmate Confinement	168
Gun Purchase Permits Issued	126
Carry Concealed Permits Issued	185
Project Lifesaver Clients/Contact Hours	2/2.0 Man Hrs.
Registered Sex Offenders/Contact Hours	183/8.0 Man Hrs.
Litter Control Calls/Cases Assigned/Closed	14/11/0

Personnel Actions	
New Full-Time	
Effective 04/25/16	
Daniel Elliott	Dep/Road Patrol, A-Crew R-425
New Reserves	
Effective 04/25/16	
Cody Keck	Dep/Reserve Division R-510
Steven Holland	Dep/Reserve Division R-511
Call Number Change	
Effective 04/25/16	
Cpl. Ed Toney, Civil Division	Call Number Change R-441



The Sheriff's Department brought "Skywalker" out to show the RS Central students who are interested in law enforcement.

Social Services

In addition to regular unit staff and supervisory meetings, DSS staff have attended several meetings and webinars over the past two weeks including the Department Head Meeting, monthly statewide DSS Director's Conference Call, and the Community Health Council meeting.

Several staff members attended provider training for NC Tracks in preparation for changes coming to the Medicaid Transportation Program that will require transportation providers to do their own billing. Income Maintenance Staff and Adult Services Staff met with Veteran Services Director, Susan Hall, to share information about services provided by each agency and to discuss referral processes.

The Director and Fiscal Officer met with County IT to discuss upcoming changes in the provision of IT support. The Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team met at DSS on Tuesday of this week. One child fatality and one Child Protective Services case was reviewed. The Director attended regular monthly committee meetings and the statewide DSS Director's Meeting in Raleigh on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Income Maintenance staff recognized IM Worker Appreciation Month with several activities, including lunch, special snack breaks, displays of each worker's hobbies and past time, and a chance to throw pies at management and supervisory staff (**pictures on page 12**).

Adoption and Foster Care Licensing Staff participated in Mayfest in Rutherfordton this past Saturday (**pictured right**). Information was shared about the adoption and foster parenting process in an effort to recruit more foster parents in our county. The North Carolina Heart Gallery is currently on display in the lobby of Building A at DSS and will be there until Wednesday, May 18. This is a photography portrait exhibit to raise awareness about North Carolina's children available for adoption. There is information provided about each child. We will soon have our own heart gallery displaying Rutherford County children available for adoption. If you know of anyone interested in learning more about adoption and foster parenting, or would like for someone to speak to your church, civic group, etc., please contact Angela Black at DSS at 287-6295 or Angela.Black@rutherfordcountync.gov.

Welcome new employees: Nicole Wilkins, Social Worker-CPS and Samantha Velez, Social Worker-CPS.



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Congratulations to Marcia King, DSS-Family & Children's Medicaid Unit, on the birth of her great-grandson, Rylan Jayce, born April 5. He weighed 8 lbs 8 ozs and was 19 1/2" long.

Ben and Tori Ross are the proud parents. Tori is Marcia's granddaughter.



Photo left: Welcome Hannah Rose McBrayer! Hannah was born Tuesday, March 29 at 9:54 p.m., weighing 9 lbs 4 ozs and 19" long. Her parents are Phillip and Amanda McBrayer. She has two big brothers, Zach and Noah, and one big sister, Gracie. Her proud MawMaw is Gail Logan (DSS-Child Support Unit).

Photos right: Welcome Hampton Scott Moneyham. Born Saturday, April 9th, weighing 7 lbs 8 1/2 ozs, 20" long. Congratulations to the parents, Nathan and Alison Moneyham. Very proud grandmother, Carla Beeler, DSS-Adult Medicaid Unit, holding little Hampton.



Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- specialist worked on District Strategy Plan and Education Lessons.
- completed the District Meeting Agenda and meeting folders and attended the District Meeting.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- worked on end of the year contracting and end of the year reports.
- attended board meeting.

Solid Waste

Customers served 442

Loads hauled from convenience centers 58

Loads shipped to Lenoir 33

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 1

Tire Customers 26

The director has had a busy week that included meetings with the County Manager, Human Resources and Finance. Also, the director continues to monitor this year's budget while working on grants for next year. The office staff has continued working with Duke Power hauling more C&D this week and the beginning of the Florence Mill Project. The office staff has been running reports and assisting in information on the grants. The transfer station staff has been processing all the recycling and MSW tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff are processing the tonnages that are coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The shop staff worked this week with equipment that needed to be fixed especially in the C&D area. The airport staff continues cutting the grass at the airport while bush hogging as areas need it. Also, the Solid Waste department sent out a letter to all commercial and municipal haulers reminding them to tarp and secure all loads. Please remember Tony Bumgarner this week as he is having several medical tests performed.

Please continue to recycle!!!!!!!!!!!!



Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

Staff are gearing up for National EMS Appreciation Week, next week. EMS administrative staff met on Thursday for their monthly meeting to address goals, operational issues and ongoing projects. Many employees also participated in the county's blood drive. Attached is a picture of paramedics Kayla Wynn and Amanda Shires giving blood. Director also completed a part time employee wage analysis with the assistance of surrounding counties. EMS is striving to become more competitive in recruiting part time paramedics. Staff is also meeting on Friday with Verizon and the IT department to address a more user friendly, GPS locator and live mapping on all vehicles.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	140
Convalescent Calls	21

Transit Department:

Transit continues to see an increase in call to schedule a trip on the Food Shuttle service that we have begun. Transit staff has received many thanks from passengers for the county offering this service. Operations Manager has started evaluating the Deviated Fixed Route schedule to possibly eliminate seldom used stops and add new stops in effort to increase our ability to provide a resource that our citizens want to use. In addition, Transit staff continues to look at ways to shorten the time between complete laps on the route. Transit will hold their monthly safety meeting on Friday.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,854	10,010
# of Local Trips	1,062	1,182
# of Out of County Trips	76	79
# Unduplicated Passengers	220	238
Total Revenue	\$16,633	\$21,093

Veteran Services

Director Susan Hall spoke at the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) May meeting Monday night and shared what is happening in the Veteran Services Department. Susan asked the ladies for suggestions as to programs they feel would help our veterans and expand our services.

The director met with John Carroll and members of the DSS team to exchange information on what DSS has to offer veterans and gave them information on referring veterans to the Veteran Services Department. The meeting was very productive.

Mail In	106
Mail Out	17
Fax	100
Phone Calls In/Out	50
Veteran Contacts	135



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To all female veterans, please contact Director Susan Hall at 828-287-6064 if you are interested in attending the NC Women Veterans Summit & Expo on May 25, 2016 in Raleigh, NC.

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County News



2016 Relay Rutherford County Employees Team

Friday, May 13th: Sweet Frog fundraiser from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Come on out and enjoy a delicious treat and help Relay at the same time!

Friday, May 20th: Relay for Life Event 6:00 p.m. to midnight. If you have any gift certificates or items for our gift basket, please let us know. Gift baskets are entered into a raffle at Relay event.

Monday, May 23rd: Zaxby's fundraiser 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Short Sleeve Tee Shirts: We still have 3 extra shirts, one pink and two blue all XL. Contact Jeanette Bosgra with questions at 828.287.6211.



Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, May 21st:** ROC Race Series: Leader of the Pack 5k in Forest City. Register online at <http://go-greenevents.com/event/id/4956> .
- **Sunday, May 22nd:** ROC Clear Creek Trail Hike. This trail is part of South Mountains State Park and will be a 2-mile, strenuous hike. Meet at the County Annex (289 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton) at 8:30 am to carpool.

Email us at trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org or call (828) 625-9983 ext. 505 if you would like to sign up for any of the ROC workdays, clean-ups, or group hikes.



Historic Main Street TRACK Trail Opens in Rutherfordton

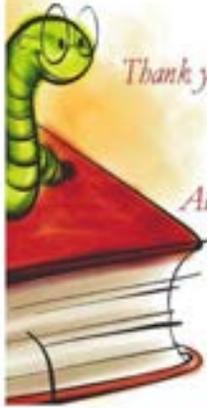
The Kids in Parks program is excited to open this historic new TRACK Trail, not only because this is the first “Main Street” trail, but because it helps connect kids and families with their local history and culture.

“We’re already looking forward to the next one!”

Relay Book Sale

Hundreds of books have been donated for the sale, including titles by Nicholas Sparks, Jodi Picoult, John Grisham, Danielle Steele, Beverly Lewis, and many more. Shoppers will find cookbooks, kid's books, and religious titles.

Drop by the County Office Building, 289 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton, NC, and 'check out' the inventory!



Thank you to our many contributors.

All proceeds will benefit the Relay for Life's fundraising efforts to fight cancer.

County Manager

Steve Garrison

County Commissioners

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