



Highlight of Departmental Activities

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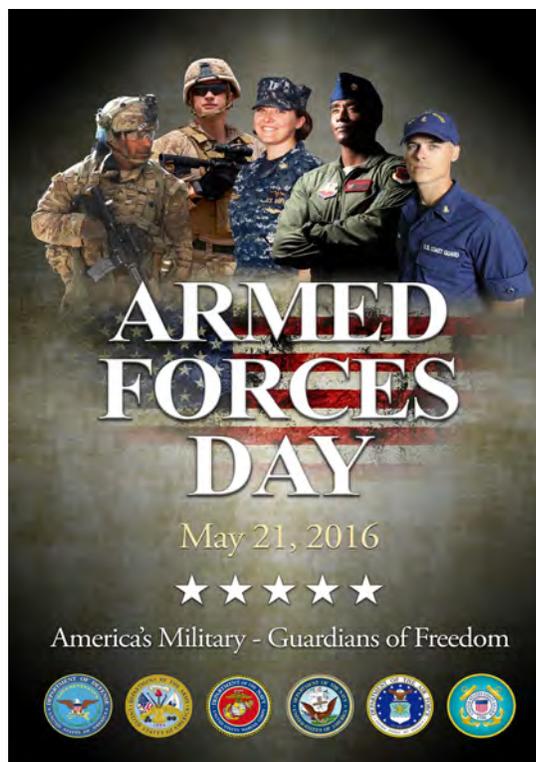
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Armed Forces Day May 21, 2016

President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.

Airport

The Airport sold 2,798.0 gallons of Jet A to 11 aircraft and 680.3 gallons of 100LL to 22 aircraft last week.

PHOTO:

A Bombardier Challenger 600 owned by RCM Management Services Group, Inc. on the ramp at the Rutherford County Airport last week.



Agriculture/Cooperative Extension

Cook Smart Eat Smart Let's Cook!

Prepare simple, healthy and delicious food –
with your food budget!

Cooking Classes:
June 9, July 14, August 18

Choose Times:
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
or
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Register by:
June 6

Location:
193 Callahan-Koon Rd,
Spindale, NC 28160

Please call 828 287-6010



Perfect for both beginner and the seasoned cook
- parents, grand parents, women, men, young
adults, teens.

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 828 288-4036, or in person at the County Extension office at least 10 days prior to the event.



Board of Elections

This week the Board of Elections staff participated in an online meeting with the State Board to prepare for the June election. Three training classes for poll workers were held and the Board met to approve absentee applications. One-Stop early voting will be held starting next Thursday at our office only and the dates and hours can be found here:

[http://rutherfordcountync.gov/_fileUploads/files/one-stop%20hours_Congressional_2016\(3\).pdf](http://rutherfordcountync.gov/_fileUploads/files/one-stop%20hours_Congressional_2016(3).pdf)

County Manager and Commissioners

County Assembly Day is an opportunity for North Carolina county officials to meet with and hear from state legislative leaders and meet with their state legislative representatives. Our County Manager, Commissioners, Clerk to the Board, Intern student (Alan Toney, Jr.), traveled to Raleigh on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 for this event. Photos below with Rep. Mike Hager and the assembly. **Press Release on page 4.**



Commissioner Chairman Bryan King joins Raven Neilly in posing for photos outside her new playhouse on Saturday. The playhouse was provided by the Make-a-Wish Foundation. There was a possibility that the Rutherfordton little girl wouldn't see her ninth birthday due to Wilms' Tumor, a malignant tumor that affects the kidneys in young children. It turned out to be a birthday she will never forget (**pictured right**).

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.



Photo by Jed Blackwell, Daily Courier

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May 19, 2016

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RUTHERFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADVOCATE FOR COUNTY ISSUES

Rutherford County Commissioners and County Manager attended the May 18 County Assembly Day, sponsored by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and helped advocate for several county priorities at the N.C. General Assembly.

At its January 13, 2016 meeting, the NCACC Board of Directors adopted three priorities for the 2016 Short Session of the North Carolina General Assembly. The Association is seeking:

- An end to statutory authority that allows local school boards to file suit against a county board of commissioners over county appropriations for education;
- Additional flexibility with existing revenue options; and
- Legislation to preserve local option and authority where needed to ensure community access to critical digital infrastructure needs.

In addition, counties continue to advocate for the restoration of the 40% of lottery proceeds for school construction.

County Assembly Day is an opportunity for North Carolina county officials to meet with and hear from state legislative leaders. The event started with an address from Speaker of the House Tim Moore from Cleveland County.

After the morning session ended at 10:30 a.m., attendees worked the halls of the N.C. General Assembly to advocate for county issues and meet with members of their delegation.

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***About the NCACC:** The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is the official voice of all 100 counties on issues being considered by the General Assembly, Congress and federal and state agencies. The Association provides expertise to counties in the areas of advocacy, research, risk management and education and leadership training.*

Photos from County Assembly Day are posted on the NCACC photo-sharing website at the link below. Please click on the 2016 County Assembly Day photo album to view print quality photos from the event. Photo credit: Photo courtesy NCACC/Chris Baucom.

<https://ncacc.smugmug.com/County-Assembly-Day-2016/>

Economic Development

This week, the Economic Development Department hosted an industrial site visit and attended the NC Department of Commerce's *NC Competes for Jobs!* event at Cleveland Community College. Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, communicating with the Department of Commerce regarding various grant reports and requests, updating content on the Rutherford County Economic Development and Gateway West Commerce Park websites, and working to increase our social media presence. This week's agenda also included participating in the monthly Rutherford County Economic Development Commission Board Meeting and attending numerous with county departments and industry allies. We are pleased to share with you our latest advertisement, highlighting Gateway West Commerce Park, in Site Selection Magazine's May 2016 Issue - [View our advertisement as it appears on page 217.](#)

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 Authority meeting.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- accompanied inspector with the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal to conduct inspection on nine fire department to ensure they are meeting requirements for reclassification.
- attended training on the new GIS website.
- conducted one origin and cause investigation.
- responded to a possible search for a missing person.
- conducted interviews and scheduled meetings.

I am pleased to announce that the following fire departments received grants from the N.C. Office of State Fire Marshal:

Chimney Rock	\$8,732
Fairfield Mountains	\$3,772
Sandy Mush	\$30,000
Shingle Hollow	\$14,317
Union Mills	\$21,191

Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. We welcome Alan Toney, Jr. as a summer intern with the County Administration staff. The Director met with the TDA board to select potential applicants for interview for the TDA Director position. On Wednesday the HR Association met and on Thursday, Charlie D'Angelo from NCACC conducted a workshop on workers compensation for department heads and supervisors. The Director also participated as a judge for the RS Central Senior Projects. "Hats Off" to these students as they showcased their talent and presented their projects well. Job offers have been made for the Assistant Fire Marshal position. We welcome Frank Hamrick aboard. Also, welcome Ronnie Martin to the Building Inspections team. Employment opportunities are Solid Waste Truck Driver. Apply at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.

Please keep Tina Burnette (Detention) and Debbie Mitchell (Sheriff) in your prayers during the loss of their loved one, Ray Catherine Pinkney. Ms. Pinkney is the sister of Tina and the cousin of Debbie. She was killed in a motor vehicle accident. Please keep other injured family members in your prayers as they are in critical condition.

Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-05-09 00:00:00

To 2016-05-15 23:59:00

Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-05-09	1756	113	1106	7	25	4	3059	6070
2016-05-10	2616	129	867	16	38	3	3246	6915
2016-05-11	3744	155	1106	68	43	2	4166	9284
2016-05-12	2090	96	809	4	45	55	3411	6510
2016-05-13	1894	116	743	5	18	7	3195	5978
2016-05-14	4034	39	710	10	13	1	1002	5809
2016-05-15	2168	44	831	2	9	1	905	3960
Total	18302	692	6172	112	191	73	18984	44526

Outbound Traffic

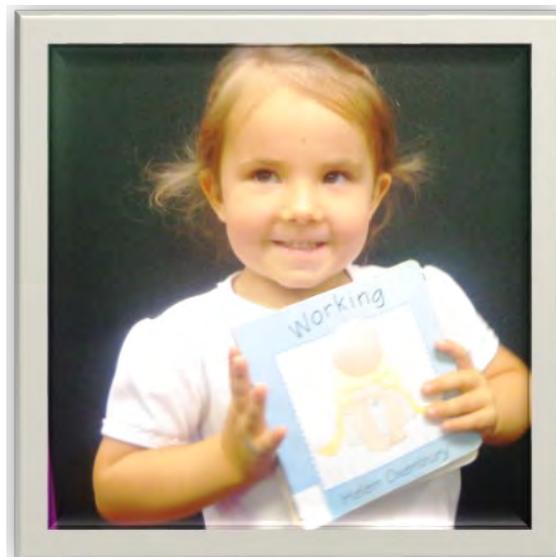
Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-05-09	290	0	10	0	0	1345	8	0	316	1969
2016-05-10	52	0	24	0	0	1286	16	0	306	1684
2016-05-11	328	0	39	0	0	1481	6	0	291	2145
2016-05-12	70	0	7	0	0	924	11	0	522	1534
2016-05-13	86	0	6	0	0	1220	11	0	642	1965
2016-05-14	10	0	38	0	0	316	0	0	699	1063
2016-05-15	76	0	21	0	0	432	0	0	680	1209
Total	912	0	145	0	0	7004	52	0	3456	11569

Library

Mountains Branch - Joy and Angie both participated in online training sessions or webinars this week. They also continued to promote and enroll families in 1000 Books before Kindergarten (**pictured below**). Joy helped students with research papers and reports. Angie and Joy added new books, audiobooks, Easy and Juvenile titles.



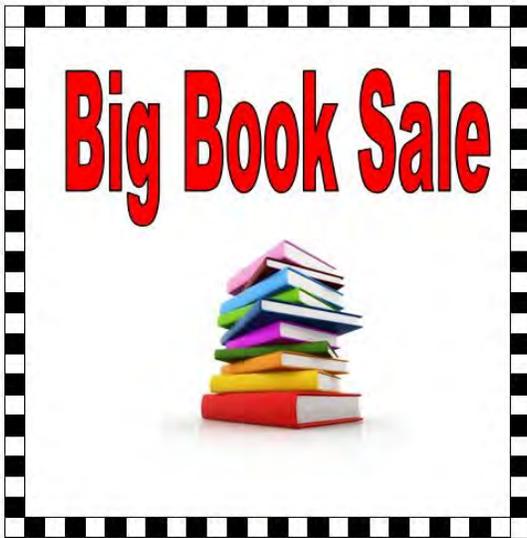
County Library – Maria continues to work on the first ever Adult Reading Program. Please consider registering for this event so that you may continue to enjoy your love of reading while earning raffle tickets for prizes. Board Game Day was held on Thursday with numerous board games throughout the Library for our Patron's enjoyment. Another Adult Coloring Session will be held May 25, 2016 9:00-5:30. All needed materials are supplied.



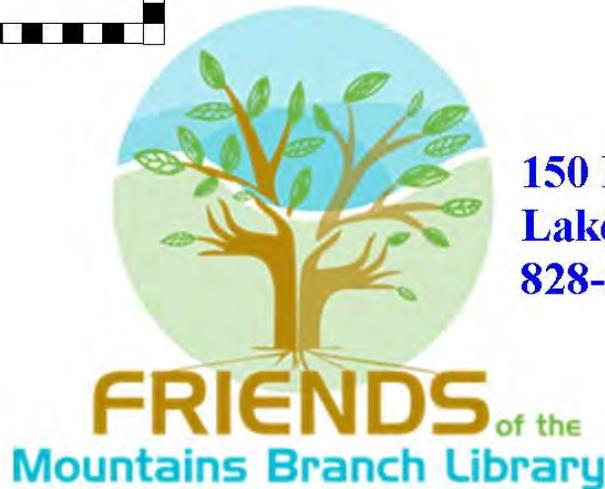
April attended county meetings. She also processed new books for Haynes, Mountains, and County. April finalized artwork for the Summer Reading Campaign. April was also pleased with the success of last week's book sale.

Kenneth spent most of the week at Haynes working on an internet issue with Patron computers. Kenneth had a new guest for Maker Monday. Stephen heard about the DBU Makerspace and came back in as soon as possible to begin using our 3D printer. His printed ring turned out well. Kenneth spent some time with Stephen explaining how the 3D printer works and which websites he can use to design his next project.

The Spring Book Sale will be on June 2nd to 4th. Stop by to check out our selection. **Flyer on page 8.**



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.



Public Works and Planning

The garage completed multiple preventative maintenance service calls, repairs, tire service calls and other repairs to the County's motor vehicle fleet. Maintenance had a productive week in conducting repairs and preventative maintenance to the County's facilities. Meanwhile, Planning and Projects has prepared and facilitated the Planning Board meeting and issuing the notices and correspondence required for the Planning Board's recommendation to amend the Solar Development Ordinance.

The Director and Project Manager have also been involved in multiple meetings including a projects update report, Rails to Trail meeting, along with multiple site inspections for solar, watershed protection and community project grants. We plan to conduct inspections of the Queens Gap and Greyrock developments over the next week.

Look who showed up just after 7:00 p.m. on May 15th, **Daniel Joshua Searcy**, 7lbs. 13ozs., 20.75 inches! Both mom and baby are doing great. Grandpa Danny (Director, Public Works and Planning) is doing great also!



Introducing...

Joshua

**Proud grandpa, Danny Searcy
(Public Works and Planning),
announcing the birth of
his grandson.
Congratulations Grandpa Danny!**



May 15, 2016
7 lbs. 13 oz.

Revenue Department

Sherry Lavender and Shannon Bradley attended a Sales Ratio Study class in Gastonia on Thursday. This was very informative on reports required by the state. The Revenue Department is still a work in progress on the new. Wow on the new GIS website. We had over 100 people in the training classes this week consisting of county employees and business professionals. New information is more accessible on any property in the county. If anyone has problems or questions, please contact Katie Doherty at 287-1226.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	450
Info/Data Requests	3
Website Hits	865
County Growth Indicators	
Deeds Recorded	13
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	21
Total Taxes Collected	\$225,151.61
Collected Prepayments	\$10,748.28

Senior Center

The Senior Center is celebrating “Older Americans 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.

A group of our seniors traveled to the Green Room Theater in Newton, NC on Sunday to see the matinee showing of “The Addams Family”. Our Recipe Club met on Monday morning and we sold bags of popcorn for an afternoon snack. On Thursday, Anita Phillips, RN and Diabetes Educator from Rutherford Regional Health System discussed the effects of stress for people with diabetes, and how to manage your stress. We also provided a trip on Thursday to Strawberry Hill to eat lunch, visit the produce center, and enjoy ice cream. Lastly on Friday, the Cheerful Voices Choir, directed by Tony Spencer, came to entertain the seniors with singing before lunch.

911 Communications

Rutherford County 911 Weekly Report
From Monday, May 9th - Sunday May 15th

911 Communications processed:

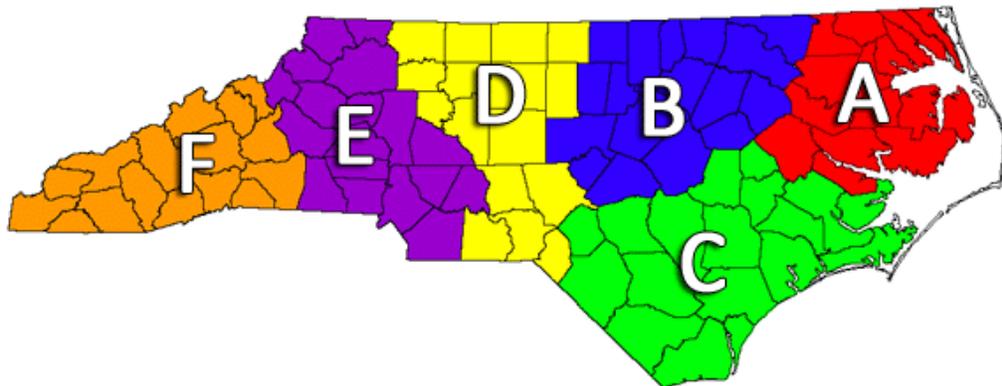
Administrative Phone Calls	2,283
911 Calls	879
CAD Calls(<i>Computer Aided Dispatch</i>) entered for all Departments	2,146

On Thursday Lt. Tammy Aldridge traveled to Big Springs Baptist Church in Ellenboro to do a educational presentation on 911 System and explain what information is needed to expedite emergency response.

Tammy was recently nominated for North Carolina Chapter Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Regional F Ambassador. She attended the APCO/NENA Business Meeting on Friday, May 13, where she was given time to speak and introduce herself (**photos below**).



Tammy is running unopposed, so she will be sworn in as the **Region F** Ambassador by acclimation at the AP-



Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- worked on Quarterly Technical Assistance reimbursement request and end of year reports.
- attended GIS training and Worker's Comp training.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- met with landowners.
- prepared for spot checks.
- attended GIS training.

Solid Waste

Customers served 493

Loads hauled from convenience centers 60

Loads shipped to Lenoir 33

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2

Tire customers 39

The director has had a busy this week with reports, budgets and meetings that included a conference call with the company that will be revamping the county ordinances. The office staff are helping customers while continuing to perform their everyday job duties. The shop staff replaced the under carriage on the track loader, while working on a fuel problem on the Rex and continue to perform preventative maintenance on the other equipment and vehicles. The C&D staff have been active this week processing the loads coming in from four different demolition sites. The transfer station staff are staying busy working to process all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. Work continues to be performed at the airport including mowing, bush hogging and weed eating the cracks in the runway.

Please continue to remember Tony Bumgarner as he is still battling an illness.

Please continue to recycle!!!!!!!



Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

EMS employees are enjoying lots of activities around National EMS Appreciation Week. Pictures are attached from the week and from our employee picnic on Sunday. Congratulations to Samantha Golovner who was selected as the Paramedic of the Year. A special thanks to Rutherford Regional who delivered pizza to crews on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. **(Photos on page 14.)**

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	158
Convalescent Calls	21

Transit Department:

Transit staff is making final preparations for providing transportation on Friday May 20th for Relay for Life. We have provided the logistics and some of the vehicles for this event since it moved to Summey Park in Forest City several years ago. This event prior to 2015 was held in September. Transit staff learned that the NEMT Provider Enrollment has been pushed back at least one month for implementation to September 1, 2016. Information received stated that there would be six (6) counties to pilot this implementation on September 1st and the rest of the state providers would follow in early 2017. Transit held their monthly Safety Meeting on Friday and presented the Transit's approved updated Title VI program and policy to all employees. Each employee signed an acknowledgement statement that they had received copy of this program and is committed to ensuring that no person is denied participation in or the benefits of the programs, services, policies or activities of Rutherford County Transit on basis of discrimination. We also continued discussing our core values with the emphasis on ACCOUNTABILITY. Accountability unlike responsibilities cannot be given to you, you have to TAKE it.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,840	9,646
# of Local Trips	1,068	1,145
# of Out of County Trips	75	64
# Unduplicated Passengers	221	233
Total Revenue	\$16,681	\$17,344



**Paramedic of the Year
Samantha Golovner**



Veteran Services

Mail In	87
Mail Out	22
Fax	100
Phone Calls In/Out	63
Veteran Contacts	124

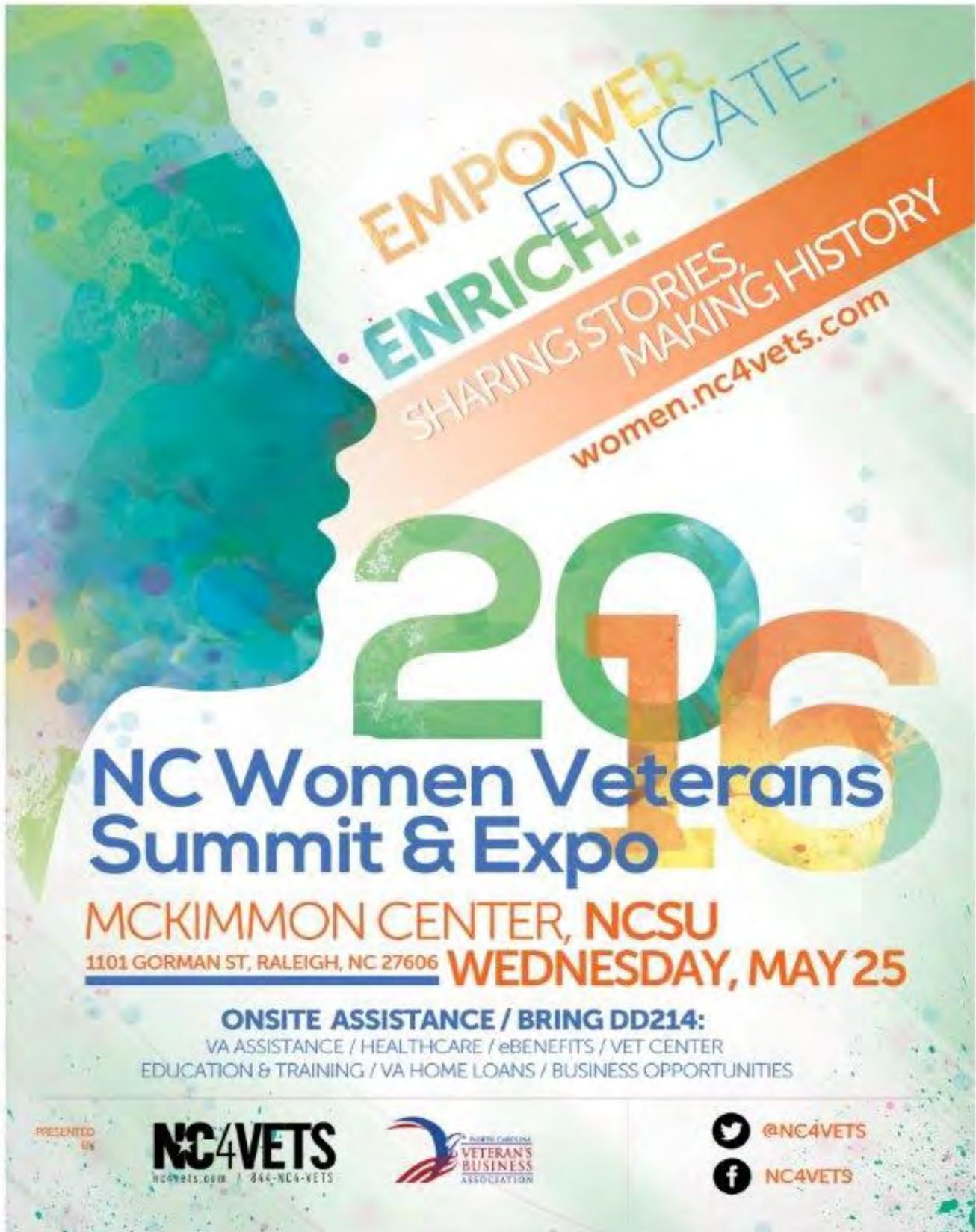


Corvettes for Vets fundraiser was held at McNair Park in Forest City on last Saturday. Hundreds of corvettes, raffles, live music, and many vendors made for a fun day!



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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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Summit & Expo**

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County News

2016 Relay Rutherford County Employees Team



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

Just a reminder – Relay for Life, May 20th, 6:00 p.m. until midnight rain or shine!

County Employees Relay for Life Team



Saturday 5/21:

- **ROC Race Series:** Leader of the Pack 5k in Forest City. Register online at <http://go-greenevents.com/event/id/4956>.
- **ROC workday on the ICC trails from 8 am to 11 am.** We will be working on completing a new section of the Orange Trail.
- **Spring Girl Scout Day and Camp-out:** 9:30 am Saturday through 9 am Sunday at *Chimney Rock State Park*. £59 per scout, £56 per adult, £9.94 additional children, £2 per camper Call (262) 69-9611 to register. Advance registration required.

Stream-side Hike: 11 am at *South Mountains State Park*. Join a Park Ranger at the Jacob Fork Parking Area for a stream-side hike along the Jacob Fork River.

Sunday 5/22:

- **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.
- **Forest Plants ID Hike:** 9 am at *Lake James State Park*. Learn to identify some native plants and trees. This will be a 2.35-mile trek, so bring comfortable shoes, water, and a snack if you like.
- **Writers on the Rock:** 11 am to 2 pm at *Chimney Rock State Park*. Included with admission. Join authors Danny Bernstein, Karen Chavez, Tim Barnwell, Stephanie Jeffries, Ryan Lubbers, Jim Proctor, Marci Spencer, Timothy Spira and Neil Regan as they share their expertise and autograph copies of their books.
- **Let's Talk Turkey:** 2 pm at *South Mountains State Park*. Learn some facts about wild turkeys.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 12th: ROC Group Hike to Catawba Falls. This will be a 3-mile roundtrip, moderate hike to the spectacular lower falls. Bring a lunch and some water. Meet at the County Annex (289 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton) at 9 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.



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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