



May 9, 2016

**Weekly Report**

## Highlight of Departmental Activities

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### *Happy Mother's Day - May 8th!*

Sometimes it can be hard to think of ways to do something for your mom beyond the obvious things such as flowers and gifts. While these things are nice, and most moms love them, there are many other ways you can show your mom that you care about her.

One way to make her feel valued is to show her that you're interested in her: who she is, what she has experienced, and what she thinks about. Asking your mom about her life will offer you the chance to connect with her, and will make her feel happy that you're interested in what she has to say.

- For example, if you're at your mom's house this Mother's Day, you could turn and ask her what her favorite thing to do was as a little girl. You'll probably get a few interesting stories this way!
- Research shows that families who share stories about their family history have closer bonds, and the children in those families tend to have more self-confidence. Asking your mom to talk about her history will benefit both of you -- it's science!

Another way to make her feel special is to send her a quick text, just because! Even small acts of kindness have big payoffs. Sending your mom a quick text during the day that says you're thinking about her will help make her feel appreciated and special. The more people feel cared for, the happier they tend to be. You don't have to write a novel to make an impact. Just a short "Hi Mom! I hope your day is going well..." is enough to show that you care about her happiness. The thought is what counts!

Family isn't always forever on this earth, and if you have said "Goodbye" to your dear mom, thoughts and prayers are with you on this Mother's Day.

Sadly missed along life's way,  
quietly remembered every day...  
No longer in our life to share,  
but in our hearts, you're always there.

*Author unknown*

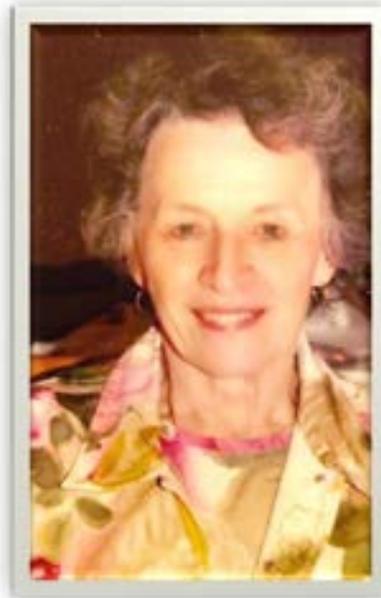


# Honoring Our Mothers

**Sherry Lavender, Revenue Department:** *“My mom, Nancy Melton (pictured right), and I at the Biltmore House this past Christmas.”*



**Photo to left: Little Commissioner Bryan King** pictured in the center of the picture. Mischievously, he pointed out, *“My evil twin brother, Aaron, is to my right. Mother, Norma Jean, and sister, Susan, are in the background guarding the Christmas presents.”* Commissioner King warmly continued, *“Everyone is holding Spanish goblets that my father gave to my mother. He picked these up while on leave during his service in the military. As of today, I still have the one that I am holding in my hand.”*



**James Kilgo’s (Solid/Recycling Department)** beautiful mother pictured left!



**Kim Aldridge, County Manager’s Office:** *“My mother, Bobbie Kay Turner (pictured left), is the most amazing woman in the world, and would give up her soul for my happiness. She is beautiful, softened at the edges but tempered with a spine of steel, and there is no blessing quite so dear as a mom like mine! Wishing you all a very Happy Mother’s Day!”*

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**Steve Garrison, County Manager :** *“My mother (pictured right) is truly a saint. Along with raising three boys of her own, she worked as a daycare worker and then the Director at the Marshall Day-care Center raising hundreds of other children. She is definitely one of God's chosen and because of her, I am blessed.”*



**Danny Searcy, Projects and Planning Department:**  
*“How about a picture from the early 90's?”*  
**(pictured left)**



**Kerry Giles, Transportation Services:**  
Kerry and her beautiful mother **pictured right!**

# 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

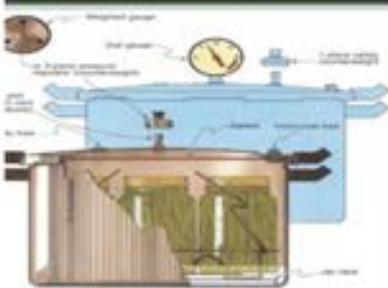
*Location:*  
193 Callahan-Koon Rd,  
Spindale, NC 28160

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](mailto: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.



## Rutherford County Cooperative Extension

### Workshops

#### Introduction to Food Preservation

Canning, dehydrating and freezing.

Choose Friday, May 13 or Saturday, May 14

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**\$5.00 includes all class materials**

NOTE: Introduction to Food Preservation is **required** before taking Hands-On Workshops

#### Hands-On Workshops

**\$10.00 includes**

**Food and Supplies**

Class Times: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Classes:

June 22 – Pickles

July 21 – Jams & Preserves

July 26 – Relishes

Aug 9 – Salsa & Sauces

August 11 – Juices

Sept 27 - Dehydrating

Sept. 29 - Jerky

Register by May 11, 2016

To register please call:

Cooperative Extension

193 Callahan Koon Road, Spindale.

(828) 287-6010

For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact Tracy Davis at 828.287-6010 no later than five business days before the event.



## Board of Elections

The Elections office has been busy with Logic and Accuracy testing of our equipment for the June election. Letters were sent to poll workers regarding their upcoming training and staff is continuing to prepare supplies for the election. The Director attended a district meeting in Union County on Wednesday.

## County Manager and Commissioners

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

- Preparation of Budget Message and Proposal
- Agenda Review Meeting
- Board of Commissioners' Meeting (**pictured right and below**)
- Meetings with several County departments, including Planning and Projects, Economic Development, Building Inspections, Veteran Services and Finance.
- Meeting at IPDC
- County Attorney meeting regarding various projects
- Rutherford County JMHCP Conference Call
- Golden LEAF Meeting
- Rails to Trail Strategic Planning meeting with town managers
- Broad River Water Authority Board Meeting
- National Day of Prayer Rally
- ORA Recap Meeting with Fire Marshal and Finance
- Webinar - NCACC Manager's Weekly Legislative Update
- Mayfest Arts and Crafts Festival in Rutherfordton



Other meetings in the area this week: Ruth Town Council, Bostic Town Council, Forest City Town Council, Ellenboro Town Council, Rutherfordton Town Council, Board of Education and Community Health Council. Chairman Bryan King was involved with the WCAB Commissioners' Meeting Radio Review on Tuesday morning. Commissioner Mike Benfield served on the Equalization and Review Board. HR Director Debra Conner and Kim Aldridge attended the JCPC Board meeting.

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, attended numerous meetings, and worked closely with Department of Commerce, Golden LEAF representatives, industry allies, the County Manager and the Finance Department on current and existing projects.

Staff continues to be busy following-up with up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, increasing our social media presence, and scheduling participants with Convergent for the final week of Feasibility Study interviews.

This week, our advertisement in Southern Business & Development's Winter 2016 issue was published [online](#).

## Finance Department

The Finance Office processed accounts payable and payroll. Director Paula Roach attended several interdepartmental meetings. Also, the director and assistant director, Apryl Tessener, attended the Board of Commissioners' meeting.

## Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- began an update to portable equipment inventory owned by the County, municipalities and emergency response agencies as required by the Division of Emergency Management.
- conducted follow-ups on open fire investigations.
- received \$17,917 in reimbursement for completing additional emergency management projects above that which the State requires.
- scheduled and attended various meetings.
- completed additional Emergency Management Performance grant activities.

## Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. The annual blood drive is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is 45 pints which means we need approximately 57 people to sign up. Currently we have 48 people enrolled. Thank you for your participation in this much needed event. Please contact the HR department to schedule a time to donate. **(See flyer on page 8.)**

Employment opportunities are Tourism Authority Director, and Building Code Enforcement Officer. Apply at [www.rutherfordcountync.gov](http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov).

Continue to keep Ritchie Wilson and family in your thoughts and prayers during their time of sorrow. Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.



## **BLOOD DRIVE**

### ***Rutherford County Government***

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am – 3:30 pm

***PLEASE DONATE BLOOD!***

Please contact Debra Conner at  
287-6145 to schedule your appointment today!

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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## Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-04-25 00:00:00

To 2016-05-01 23:59:00

### Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-04-25	260	137	608	6	19	3	3509	4542
2016-04-26	82	129	837	2	34	2	3594	4680
2016-04-27	2203	140	1471	11	45	2	3642	7514
2016-04-28	82	108	1481	10	32	6	3920	5639
2016-04-29	260	137	1102	8	48	5	3367	4927
2016-04-30	4020	49	629	2	12	4	980	5696
2016-05-01	1064	39	584	5	14	3	1007	2716
Total	7971	739	6712	44	204	25	20019	35714

### Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-04-25	215	0	46	0	0	1251	12	0	167	1691
2016-04-26	166	0	6	0	0	1119	1	0	131	1423
2016-04-27	158	0	5	0	0	898	2	0	391	1454
2016-04-28	71	0	20	0	0	1041	11	0	145	1288
2016-04-29	372	0	14	0	0	1266	3	0	236	1891
2016-04-30	55	0	14	0	0	312	0	0	415	796
2016-05-01	67	0	25	0	0	381	1	0	196	670
Total	1104	0	130	0	0	6268	30	0	1681	9213

## Library

Stephanie Long, Circulation Manager processed several new DVD sets from the Great Courses collection. Titles include *Food Gardening for Everyone*, *Yoga for a Healthy Mind and Body*, *Introduction to Genealogy*, *Our Night Sky*, *Optimizing Brain Fitness*, *How to Stay Fit as You Age*, *Essentials of Tai Chi and Qigong*, *Fundamentals of Photography*, and *The Everyday Guide to Wine*.

Joy Sharp attended the Friends of the Mountains Branch Library meeting where plans were made for the Friends Big Book Sale, June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. There will also be a silent Cake Auction on Saturday during the book sale.

Mountains Branch began signing families up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Angie Turner worked on procuring all the suggested titles for the library's picture book collection, and Joy Sharp worked with Children's Librarian, Nicole Morse, to promote the program.



Joy Sharp and several Friends of the Library representatives attended Lake Lure Classical Academy's Spring Fling at Morse Meadows in Lake Lure, where they promoted upcoming events at the library **(pictured left)**.

Maria Davis – Another successful Adult Coloring Session was held this week. Have you tried adult coloring yet? It is SO relaxing!

Maria is working to get everything together for the Adult Summer Reading Program at Rutherford County Library. This will be the first time we have held this. Why should children have all the fun?

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and/or website for coming information, or call me at 287-6116 for more information.

## Public Works and Planning

The garage has completed numerous automotive repairs, tire service calls, preventative maintenance repairs, along with N.C. vehicle safety inspections in addition to posting vehicles for sell on [www.govDeals.com](http://www.govDeals.com) and reviewing several vehicle accidents. Thanks to the garage supervisor and mechanics who work very hard to keep the County's vehicles in such great mechanical condition.

Maintenance is especially saddened as we approach Mother's Day, in that Ritchie Wilson's mother, Jewel past away this week.

Our Maintenance crews have been very busy as well in repairing multiple HVAC units, completing numerous work orders, preventative maintenance in addition to the recent growth spurt of grass causing increased activity of groundskeeping. Thanks to all the maintenance staff for their hard work.

Planning and Projects has been involved in multiple meetings, site inspections and paperwork regarding the following: preparation for the Commissioners Meeting, Department Head meeting, continued work on the budget and Capital Facilities Plan, Grant application for Cliffside Sanitary District and growing infrastructure planning, Rail Trail planning and future fund raising. In addition, we have been researching grant opportunities for the County's historical and recreational properties. Last but not least we've scheduled site inspections on several solar farm projects, the AEO project, Greyrock, Queens Gap and additional warranty work regarding the grounds of the new Haynes Library.

## Revenue Department

Collections sent out 8000 delinquent letters on the 2015 taxes that are still due. Value notices went out on real property. Appeals must be before May 13th. The Board of E & R will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on that day.

<b>Customer Service</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Phone Calls	391
Info/Data Requests	2
Website Hits	155,352
<b>Collections Progress</b>	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	28
Total Taxes Collected	\$98,388.30
Collected Prepayments	\$2,205.04

## 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. On Tuesday, the Senior Center had a program “All about Vinegar” in recognition of National Vinegar Month. The seniors enjoyed playing their favorite game, Bingo, twice in one day on Wednesday. Bobbie Allen assisted crafters in making a keychain on Thursday morning, and then Thursday afternoon the Center hosted an Ice Cream Shop. Lastly, on Friday Marian Corn, Social Worker III with the NC Division of Services for the Blind and NC Department of Health and Human Services, spoke about the various services and resources available for the blind or visually impaired. The Closing Gala/Athletic Awards will be on Friday, May 6th, at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate and recognize the seniors who participated in Senior Games for their dedication and commitment to a healthy active lifestyle.

Upcoming:

- Zumba at 6:00 p.m. May 9 and 16
- Tailgate Yard Sale 8:00-11:00 a.m. on May 13

## Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- worked on the Annual Report and Education Lessons.
- completed the Farmland Preservation Meeting Agenda and Information folders and attended the meeting.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- worked with contractors on installing BMP.
- attended NRCS training in Morganton.
- worked on Annual Report.

## Solid Waste

Customers served 434

Loads hauled from convenience centers 60

Loads shipped to Lenoir 32

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 3

Tire customers 33

The director has been busy this week with internal meetings, reports and continuing to monitor this year’s budget. The director sent out a memo this week to all commercial and municipal haulers to remind them to tarp all loads and inspect their loads to help prevent trash from being on the road ways. The transfer station staff has been busy processing all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff has been dealing with muddy conditions while processing all the tonnages that are coming in. The airport crew continues to perform the grass cutting and weed eating at the airport. The shop staff has been busy this week performing preventative maintenance on equipment while fixing several items at the convenience centers. Wes Scarlett is here this week performing the water testing on the wells at the south and central landfill. The office staff has been busy assisting customers while performing their everyday job duties.

Please continue to recycle and remember to cover your trash to prevent litter on the county road ways.



## Sheriff's Department

### Det. Dunn Receives Advanced Professional Certificate

On 05-04-2016, Sheriff Chris Francis congratulated Det. Jamie Dunn for receiving the Advanced Professional Certificate.

The North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission awarded Det. Dunn with the Advanced Professional Certification.

The Advanced Professional Certificate is the highest level of professional certification issued by the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission to deputy sheriffs.

The Advanced Professional Certificate is awarded to deputies who have completed the required years of service, professional training and continuing education.



In Det. Dunn's letter recognizing his accomplishment, Attorney General Roy Cooper, wrote, "I extend my most sincere congratulations to you on award of this Advanced Professional Certificate 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."

Sheriff Francis commented on Det. Dunn's accomplishment, "It is an honor to present Det. Dunn with the Advanced Professional Certificate. Det. Dunn continues to demonstrate dedication to his chosen profession".

Det. Dunn has over 21 years experience in law enforcement and is currently a detective assigned to the Narcotics Unit

## Transportation Services

### Emergency Medical Services:

Staff participated in In Service Training this week in the areas of cardiology, compliance and health and wellness. Director attended the monthly Community Health Council meeting and promoted the Medical ID program. Terry Baynard spoke at the County Commissioners meeting where they approved the EMS Week Proclamation for May 15-21.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	177
Convalescent Calls	20

### Transit Department:

Director presented Transit's Title VI Plan to County Commissioners on Monday night and received approval. The approval of the plan now completes the required corrections on our NCDOT audit review that was completed in January. Director also attended the quarterly RPO (IPDC) meeting. Third quarter reimbursements were also submitted to NCDOT for a total of \$84,253. Operations Manager attended a webinar on How to Measure Customer Satisfaction using our Net Promoter Score (NPS). This is part of the process we continue to work on across the state as all Transit Agencies become Performance Based Agencies. Determining our NPS will begin in July as we develop ways to measure our customers satisfaction collecting customer surveys responses in multiple ways (on board the vehicles, by phone, by mail, etc.). Our numbers for grocery and food shuttle service continues to increase weekly. **(Flyer on page 15.)**

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,842	10,059
# of Local Trips	1,053	1,144
# of Out of County Trips	76	81
# Unduplicated Passengers	218	227
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,290</b>	<b>\$19,653</b>



# FREE GROCERY SHUTTLE SERVICE

**Monday: Aldi's**

**Tuesday: Stainless Food Pantry**

**Wednesday: J's Salvage**

**Thursday: Save-A-Lot**

**Friday: Walmart**

There is no cost to ride. Shuttle runs daily in the mornings.  
Schedule is subject to change based on level of ridership and funding.

**Call 287-6142 to Schedule a Ride**

## 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.

<b>Mail In</b>	92
<b>Mail Out</b>	75
<b>Fax</b>	100
<b>Phone Calls In/Out</b>	102
<b>Veteran Contacts</b>	178



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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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# 2016

## NC Women Veterans Summit & Expo

**MCKIMMON CENTER, NCSU**  
1101 GORMAN ST, RALEIGH, NC 27606 **WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

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## Tillis Cosponsors the Care Veterans Deserve Act

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

**CONTACT:** [Daniel Keylin](#) | (202) 224-6342

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC) joined Senator John McCain (R-AZ) to introduce the Care Veterans Deserve Act of 2016, legislation that would expand access to care at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) while enhancing choice and flexibility in veterans health care. The legislation supplements and expands on the major reforms enacted by the Veterans’ Access to Care Through Choice, Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014, which was signed into law in the wake of the scandal of denied and delayed care at VA hospitals around the country.

Senator Tillis spoke at a press conference earlier today to help announce the introduction of the legislation. [Watch the video here.](#)

“While major progress has been made in reforming the VA, much more needs to be done to tear down bureaucratic hurdles that are denying veterans the flexible, quality care they have earned and deserve,” **said Senator McCain.** “This legislation is critical to expanding access to care for working veterans, while ensuring every veteran has flexibility and choice – no matter where they live or how long they are waiting for care. We have a long way to go to reform the VA, but this legislation offers important short- and long-term solutions to ensure our veterans receive the care they deserve now and well into the future.”

“The Care Veterans Deserve Act will make it easier for the brave men and women who have served our nation to have access to timely and reliable health care services, regardless of where they live,” **said Senator Tillis.** “The legislation also continues efforts to apply the private

sector's best practices to the VA system, which will cut down on waste and inefficiency and ultimately help deliver higher quality care for our veterans.”

Senators Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), John Cornyn (R-TX), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Jeff Flake (R-AZ), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) joined Senator Tillis in co-sponsoring the legislation.

The Care Veterans Deserve Act would address a major complaint by today's veterans of never-ending wait-times for appointments by implementing the following changes:

#### **Give Veterans Access to Walk-In Clinics**

- Allow all veterans enrolled the VA health care system to visit walk-in clinics without pre-authorization from the VA or copayment by the veteran
- Require the VA to contract with a national chain of walk-in clinics to provide veterans access
- Ensure walk-in clinics notify the VA of veteran services in order to ensure patient health records are up to date

#### **Expand VA Operating Hours to Nights and Weekends**

- Require the VA to extend VA pharmacy hours to Saturday, Sunday, federal holidays and until 8pm on weekdays to provide comparable pharmacy services offered by retail pharmacies
- Enable qualified, community health care providers to offer volunteer services to veterans on nights and weekends

#### **Make the Veteran Choice Card Program Permanent and Universal**

- Make the pilot Veteran Choice Card program permanent
- Make every qualified veteran – no matter where they live or how long they are waiting for care – eligible for the Veteran Choice Card

#### **Best-Practices Peer-Review**

- Encourage the VA to undergo a best-practices peer-review by some of the best hospital networks in the nation such as the Cleveland Clinic and Mayo Clinic
- Prioritize review of VA hospitals with the longest wait-times or with the worst health outcomes as determined by the VA

#### **Expand Telemedicine at the VA**

- Allow VA health care professionals licensed, registered or certified in a state to use telemedicine to provide treatment to veterans in other states

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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. We need volunteers to be present during this time to let folks know to mention Relay so we get percent of sales. Please let us know if you are willing to be there for an hour to help with this fundraiser.

**Friday, May 20th:** Relay for Life Event from 6:00 to midnight at FC Dunbar track

**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.



#### Upcoming Events:

- **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!
- **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 a.m. to carpool.

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

[Click here](#) for more information on Rutherford County trails. Dana Bradley, the AmeriCorps member serving as the Trails Coordinator in Rutherford County, now has a bicycle donated by ROC to patrol the Thermal Belt Rail Trail. She'll be checking for obstacles in the trail, litter, unauthorized users, and rule violators. Feel free to engage Dana with conversation about the trail and its use should you see her out on the trail.



# MayFest Arts & Crafts Festival

May 7, 2016

Rutherfordton's annual spring festival, MayFest, starts at 8:00 a.m. with the 2016 Gears and Gables ride benefiting the Rutherford Housing Partnership. Spectators can watch the riders take off for a 24, 41 or 62-mile route through scenic views of Rutherford County.

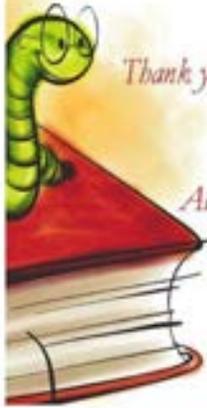
Main Street opens at 9:00 am with arts and crafts vendors, exhibits and interactive booths. Many of our downtown merchants will add to your shopping pleasure with special sales and amazing finds. Try local flavors at multiple food tents or cool off with fresh squeezed lemonade. Live entertainment includes 'Girl Interrupted' and 'ClevCo', plus dance presentations and old fashioned dunking booths. Kids will have fun inside "Play Land", an activity center with inflatables, rock climbing walls and pony rides. Families will also enjoy the mechanical rides, face painting and more in front of KidSenses Children's Museum.



## *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.*

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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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