



October 24, 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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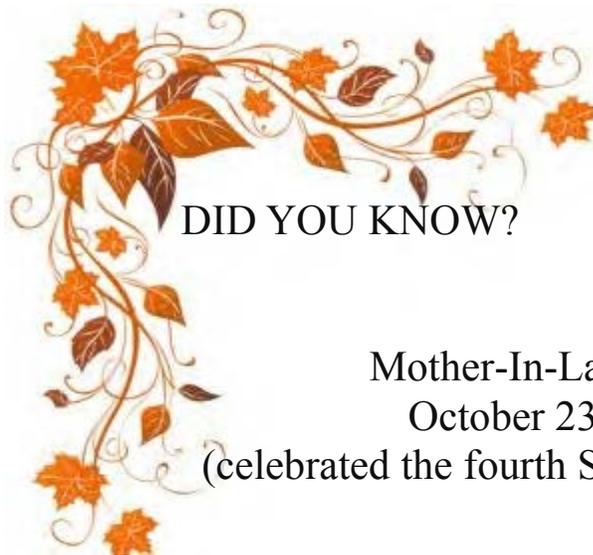
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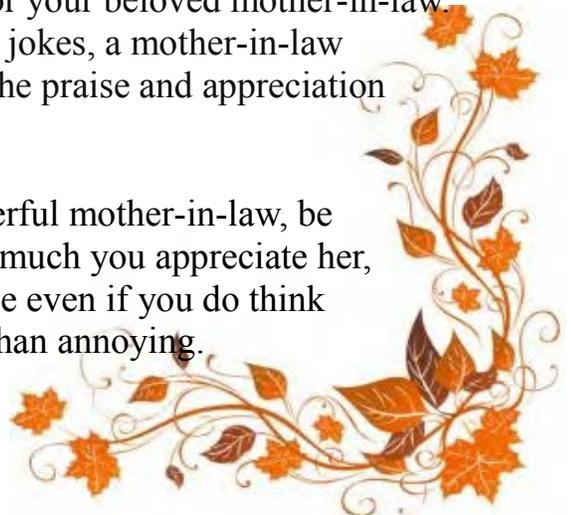
Mother-In-Law's Day

October 23, 2016

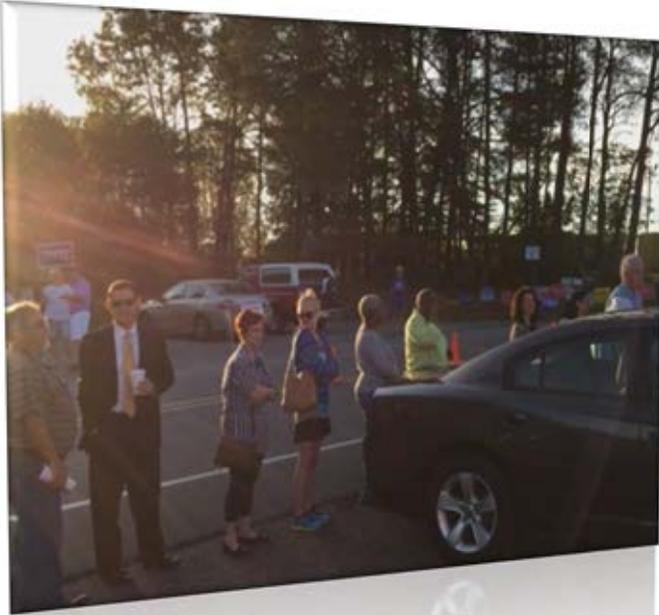
(celebrated the fourth Sunday in October)

If you missed Mother's Day in May, then here is your chance to honor your beloved mother-in-law. The source of many jokes, a mother-in-law doesn't usually get the praise and appreciation she deserves.

If you have a wonderful mother-in-law, be sure to tell her how much you appreciate her, which is good advice even if you do think she is a little more than annoying.



Board of Elections



Over the last week we have mailed 700 voter cards and over 200 letters for information. We have processed over 1600 registrations and changes. At this point, 1126 absentee ballots by mail have been issued and 335 have been executed.

We are busy getting ready for early voting which started at our office Thursday, October 20th (pictured left). As of Wednesday, a total of 44,670 Rutherford County citizens were registered to vote in the November general election, but that number is growing as mail-in registrations are being processed.

Cooperative Extension

Jeff Bradley, Director:

- Participated in a joint meeting between West District County Extension Directors, 4-H agents, and Black Mountain Children's Home to begin the process of planning a summer 4-H camp in Swannanoa.
- Participated in a steering committee meeting for the Mountain Cattle Alliance to plan the upcoming year.
- Met with farmers who are planning to apply for the WNC Ag Options Grant Cycle and gave advice on how to write a strong grant application.
- Continued to assist clients through, phone calls, emails, office visits, and farm visit.

Cynthia Robbins:

- Coordinating Speedway to Healthy exhibit for the week of October 31-November 4 (scheduling school groups and recruiting volunteers).
- Teaching Vermicomposting to fifth grade students at Forrest Hunt Elementary School
- Participated in Conservation Field Day for all the county school fifth graders

Tracy Davis:

- Participated in two local foods webinars.
- Met with Extension & Community Association (ECA). ECA's Recruitment Event on October 1, 2016 **pictured right**.
- Presented program to Rutherfordton Kiwanis.
- Helped with vermi-composting educational station at Conservation Field Day (**pictures on page 22**).



County Manager and Commissioners

The following are several events and activities in which the County Manager, Commissioners and staff were involved over the last few days:

- Meetings with several departments including Projects and Planning, Soil and Water, and EDC
- PSAP planning meeting
- Presentation of Tax Referendum at R-S Central
- RPO Boards: TAC and TCC meetings
- IPDC meeting
- Senior Center Advisory Board meeting
- CM @ Risk Interviews
- Family Preservation Services meeting
- Meeting with County Attorney
- Soil & Water Conservation Field Day
- WNCMA meeting in Hendersonville



Events that took place this past week were forest City, Spindale, and Chimney Rock Town Council meetings. Other activities and events were meetings with citizens, numerous calls, interoffice meetings, conference calls, public relations, advising, and preparation for various responsibilities.

Pictured above: Caroline King, Chairman Bryan King's daughter, pinned first place on Saturday at Foothills Equestrian Nature Center. Congratulations, Caroline!

Message from County Manager Steve Garrison: *"Please continue to keep the people of eastern NC in your thoughts and prayers. I am extremely grateful to EM Director Roger Hollifield and Airport Director Randy Patterson for serving this week assisting the local emergency personnel at various locations. Be sure to let these gentlemen know how much we appreciate them representing Rutherford County so well during this tragic week in eastern NC."*

Economic Development

This week, the Economic Development Department attended the NCEDA Fall Conference in Asheville, NC and held numerous meetings with county departments and industry allies.

Staff continues to be busy conducting research regarding public-private partnerships, following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, and communicating with the Department of Commerce and industry representatives regarding various grant reports and requests.

This week's agenda also included collecting information on and testing available demographics programs.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Last week, Fire Marshal Roger Hollifield was deployed as a State resource to serve as the lead on an Incident Management Team in Cumberland and Robeson Counties. While on this deployment, our team was responsible for developing incident action plans to organize for effective and efficient use of personnel and resources to manage response and recovery efforts related to Hurricane Matthew. We were in some very hard hit areas and along with helping our colleagues, we learned some valuable lessons that will enable us

to be better prepared for large natural disasters.

Assistant Fire Marshal Hamrick responded to a missing person search, continued fire prevention education in the schools and maintained operations at the office.

This week, both myself and Assistant Fire Marshal Hamrick attended an advanced investigative class for fire investigators.

Flooding in North Carolina from Hurricane Matthew has caused \$1.5 billion in damage to 100,000 homes, businesses and government buildings, authorities estimate. At least 26 people have died in North Carolina alone from the impacts left behind by Hurricane Matthew. Clean up is underway, but challenges remain. Thank you to our staff, Director Randy Patterson (Airport) and Fire Marshal Roger Hollifield, who aided in the disaster relief. We appreciate your service to these catastrophic areas.



Lumberton, NC - October 12, 2016



Lumberton, NC - October 12, 2016



Lumberton, NC - October 12, 2016



Kinston, NC - October 13, 2016

Hurricane Matthew Diaster Photos

(submitted by Fire Marshal Hollifield)



10-14-16
Thank you
for helping
w/ Blowing Rock
!!!
you're sure!!
To be blessed
many times over -
Rob. Co.



Fire Marshal/Emergency Management continued from pages 4-5







Hurricane Matthew—October 13, 2016, 4:00 PM

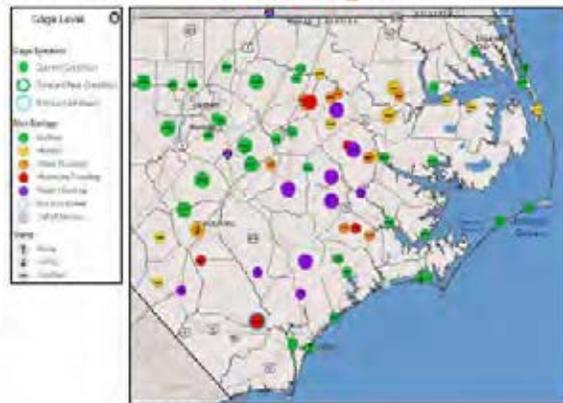
CURRENT INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

- Focus is to stabilize situations in impacted areas, continue flood operations response, and implement recovery operations.
- River and stream flooding continues across Central and Eastern North Carolina due to rainfall from Hurricane Matthew.
- Power, water, and wastewater restoration continues in the affected areas.
- A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on 10/10; Individual Assistance is available for 17 counties, Public Assistance is available for 34 counties, and Hazard Mitigation assistance available statewide. Potential exists for counties to be added as damage assessment data is refined.
- Several counties are continuing nightly curfews and evacuations are being issued as rivers crest and flood new areas.
- 20 school systems closed and 3 delayed on Friday (10/14).

MAJOR EVENT ACTIVITIES:

- 40 counties have declared a State of Emergency and 27 counties have EOCs open (down from 28 at last report).
- 39 shelters open; decrease in population to 3,022 (from 3,462).
- 8 counties have active evacuation orders. Boil water advisories issued for parts of 18 counties (down from 19).
- 5 volunteer engineers/architects deploying to Edgecombe County to inspect flooded and damaged residences and are expected to arrive tonight.
- 17,600 applications for Individual Assistance and over \$2.8 million approved.

Flood Gages



IMPACTS TO NORTH CAROLINA:

- Large number of roads closed (including portions of I-40 and I-95) due to flooding and downed trees. US-70 is closed in Kinston due to flooding.
- 41,304 customers without power.
- 22 confirmed storm related deaths.
- Estimated 2,299 rescues conducted since beginning of event.
- Current Conditions - Major Flooding – 10 gages, Moderate Flooding – 5 gages, and Minor Flooding – 10 gages. Forecasted Condition – Major Flooding – 3 gages, Moderate Flooding – 2 gages and Receding Flooding – 12 gages.
- Structural assessments of roads and bridges needed before many can be reopened.

Flooding

Finance Department

The Finance Office processed accounts payable. Director Paula Roach attended several interdepartmental meetings.

Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirement. The Director attended the HR Association meeting.

The flu shot clinic for employees was held on Thursday; as well as, questionnaires were due back for the Pay and Class Study.

Meetings with Becky Veazy of the MAPS Group will begin November 1, 2016.

Congratulations to Shane Dotson as he will be replacing Steve Hill as Building Inspections Director in December. We also extend a heartfelt thank you to Steve for his dedication and years of service to Rutherford County. We wish him well upon his retirement.

The following employees will be retiring this year. Please give them a pat on the back over the next few months:

Steve Hill
Debbie Hill
Roger Wilson
Chris Adkins

The HR Specialist continues to work on the tedious task of providing 1094 and 1095 information to the State.

The State Health Plan enrollment kicked off October 1. **Employees need to login to www.shpnc.org to complete their 2017 enrollment process.**



Get ready to en-ROLL!

Open Enrollment is Oct. 1 - 31, and it's the perfect time to take a look at the health plan options available to you.

[Enroll in your benefits today!](#)





Risk Control Best Practices

Dealing with Domestic Violence within the Workplace

For additional information, including assistance in implementing any of these guidelines, please contact your regional Risk Control Specialist or the NCACC Risk Management Pools. We will be glad to assist you.

Risk Control Specialists

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Domestic violence was once thought to be a private matter. That is no longer the case. When the issue arises, it can have serious consequences for the victim, as well as her/his friends and co-workers. Whether you are the victim or you believe an employee or co-worker may be a victim, here are some steps you can take:



If you are a victim of domestic violence:

1. Notify your supervisor/manager of the situation and the possible need to be absent. Supervisors/managers *cannot* assist until an employee self discloses.
2. Discuss available options with your supervisor and Human Resources Administrator.
3. Be clear about your plans for returning to work, taking time off.
4. If needed, make arrangements for receiving your paycheck while you are absent.
5. Submit a recent photo of your abuser to security personnel so that identification can be made if the abuser appears at your worksite.
6. If you must be absent from the workplace, maintain communications with your Human Resources Administrator throughout your absence.

Supervisor/Manager

1. Be aware of unusual absences and/or behavior of employees as job performance concerns.
2. Be aware of signs of bruises to face, arms, etc. Remember the employee must self-disclose.
3. Consult with your local EAP counselor and/or Human Resources officer to discuss your concerns and how to approach the employee.
4. Maintain confidentiality at all times.
5. Contact the security office and make sure that the employee has provided a photo of the abuser and other pertinent information, such as the existence of a court protective order.
6. Be sensitive to the seriousness of the situation.

The goal of work place involvement in domestic violence cases is to protect the victim while she/he is at work, while still maintaining normal activity at the work site. Once an employer becomes aware of the fact that an employee has a restraining order against their abuser, some of the following steps may help:

- Involve the victim in the decisions to be made. Ascertain how public she/he wants to be. Be non-judgmental and sensitive, always letting her/him know how genuinely concerned you are for her/his safety.

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Risk Control Best Practices



Domestic Violence Response (continued)

- Assure that the employee has a way to summon help and that other employees are aware of it.
- Make sure all employees know how to get help in case of an emergency (e.g., overhead page code, or panic buttons).
- If possible, offer close on-site parking with a police/security escort.
- When possible, offer to change the hours of the employee to assure her/his safety.



Dealing with a Violent Intruder

In the event a disturbed person enters the workplace threatening violence or wielding a weapon, these guidelines will help you to deal with the situation:

- If anyone makes an unauthorized entry, the police department, immediate supervisor and management must be notified immediately. If someone else sees what is happening, they should contact the appropriate authorities (police and relevant managers/supervisors) immediately.
- Remain as calm as possible. Move slowly.
- Even if you know the disruptive person, be cautious. In moments of stress, many otherwise "normal" people may react in a disturbed way. Your job is not to find out why the individual is acting strangely.
- Try to move to have an object (desk, table, etc.) between you and the individual. This will give you some "buffer" space in the event the individual tries to approach or grab you.
- Ask questions of the disruptive person. Ask the person if you can be of any assistance. Allow the person to talk and vent. This may calm the person and promote more rational behavior.
- Talk to the person in a calm, positive manner and try not to show any apprehension. Try to do nothing to antagonize or aggravate the person. **DO NOT CHASE, TOUCH OR GRAB** the person.
- If possible, deny the disruptive person access to the building.
- Should the disruptive person ask to see a particular individual, play along with the disturbed person and indicate you will try to find the individual. Again, you are stalling for time, waiting for law enforcement personnel to arrive.
- Continue to speak with the disruptive person. Try to diffuse the situation and calm the person down.
- If your life is threatened, you may take reasonable and prudent steps to protect yourself.

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Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health Department

The RPM Health District participated in an Employee Health Fair at Turner Construction on Wednesday, October 20, 2016.

The Health Fair took place on the construction site of a building being built for Facebook. Awareness was raised and education was provided about the harmful effects of smoking, vaping and other forms of tobacco use.

Other community partners were also present including Rutherford Regional Health System, Lifestyle Wellness and Spa, and representation from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. **Photos right and below.**



Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-10-10 00:00:00

To 2016-10-16 23:59:00

Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-10-10	2122	199	638	5	46	15	3766	6791
2016-10-11	1994	252	513	0	61	9	3585	6414
2016-10-12	641	279	590	4	83	9	3844	5450
2016-10-13	3102	249	686	16	80	6	3404	7543
2016-10-14	367	219	549	29	70	8	3050	4292
2016-10-15	0	108	419	30	24	0	1001	1582
2016-10-16	82	208	498	21	9	3	1141	1962
Total	8308	1514	3893	105	373	50	19791	34034

Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-10-10	10	0	1	0	0	1185	8	0	364	1568
2016-10-11	29	0	0	0	0	1125	3	0	421	1579
2016-10-12	24	0	1	0	0	951	4	0	565	1545
2016-10-13	253	0	2	0	0	1326	5	0	722	2308
2016-10-14	39	0	30	0	0	1101	8	0	564	1742
2016-10-15	9	0	31	0	0	408	0	0	271	719
2016-10-16	31	0	30	0	0	420	0	0	282	763
Total	395	0	95	0	0	6517	28	0	3189	10224

Library

Maria Davis – Maria is always on the lookout for new adult programming. If you have any suggestions, please give her a call at 828-287-6118. We can do programs during the day, Thursday evenings, or Saturday afternoons.

Tracy Davis from the Cooperative Extension came to the library on October 13, 2016 and gave pointers on how to make quick, easy, healthy, and delicious soup. And the best part is...she let us have a bowl!! Thanks Tracy for working with our patrons (**pictured right**)!

October 15, 2016 was the Pumpkin Decorating Contest for patrons 16 years old and older. We had five participants and they had a BLAST decorating their pumpkins. Please visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/RutherfordCountyLibrary) to vote for your favorite pumpkin by clicking “like” on the picture, or you can come into County Library and vote for your favorite in person. The winner will be announced on October 24, 2016.

Maria also goes once a month to Rutherford Life Care and plays Trivia with the clients. We had 14 in attendance and had time to play four rounds of Trivia.



Kenneth Odom – Kenneth has been working hard to keep the Makerspace filled with people! **Pictured left:** He held a Paper Circuit class October 13, 2016 and a Robotics class October 6, 2016. He is working closely with Nicole on the Frankentoy program that will be held October 27, 2016. **See flyer on page 15.** We still have a few spots available if you are interested in participating in this freaky Sid-inspired project. Call Nicole at 828-287-6116 for more information.

October 27, 6pm - 7:30pm



**Rutherford County Library's
DBU Makerspace**

Presents

**Ages 10
and Up!**

Make your own



FRANKENTOYS

Registration Required



**Bring your own toy (or toys)
to rip, saw, glue, and stitch
together with other toys to
make your own original
creation.**



Dig through our **TOY CRYPT for spare parts.**



**Leave your left-over pieces for
others to use.**



Create something creepy or cute.

**Contact the library at 828-287-6115 for more
information or to register.**

Library continued from pages 14-15

April Young – The Director spent time completing the pay study for library staff to be returned to Human Resources, completed operation reports for the quarterly Trustee meeting, and spoke with several representatives from different organizations across the county about library services. The Director processed new arrived materials, ordered new requested materials, and conducted special tours of the DBU Makerspace.

Deb Womack- Deb and Susan held a self-defense class at Haynes Branch October 12, 2016. About 22 adults came to hear Sergeant Bruce Greene with the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office give pointers on how to stay safe.

October 28, 2016 at Haynes Branch will be a BLAST! Halloween Family Fun Night will entertain the whole family. Come on out 6:00 – 7:30 to play Halloween Pictionary, Halloween Bingo, do a Q-Tip Art Project, and have a snack or two. Call Deb or Susan at 828-288-4039 for more information. **See flyer on page 17.**

Friday nights at Haynes Branch will be THE place to be! Friday Night Teen Hang Out starts this Friday, October 22, 2016. Each month will feature a craft of some sort. The craft for October and November is Fun with Duct Tape. All materials will be provided. Friday Night Teen Hang Out is for 6th grade – 12th grade students. Call Deb or Susan at 828-288-4039 for more information.

Stephanie Long – Stephanie worked on the Pay and Class Study this week. She also sorted donated books, went through Mountains discards, placed orders for Library office materials, and worked on scheduling for the rest of the month.

Nicole Morse – Nicole is working with Kenneth on Makerspace activities for children and youth. She has grown participating in the Lego Club and travelled to Mountains and Haynes Branches for Story Time. Nicole is working with Life Roots for two upcoming programs at County Library.





A Halloween-themed poster for a family fun night. The background is dark purple with a yellow sun on the left and white clouds. The title 'HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN NIGHT' is written in large, orange, textured letters. Below the title, it says 'EVERYONE IS INVITED!' in white. There are four activity boxes: 'SNACKS!' (top left), 'HALLOWEEN Pictionary' (top right), 'HALLOWEEN BINGO' (bottom left), and 'Q-TIP ART PROJECT' (bottom right). The date and time are 'Friday, October 28, 2016' and '6:00 pm - 7:30 pm'. At the bottom, it says 'HAYNES BRANCH LIBRARY' in large black letters, with a skeleton and jack-o'-lanterns in the background. The address '2669 US Hwy 221A, Mooresboro, NC, 828-288-4039' is at the bottom right.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN NIGHT

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

SNACKS!

HALLOWEEN
Pictionary

HALLOWEEN
BINGO

Q-TIP ART
PROJECT

Friday, October 28, 2016
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

HAYNES BRANCH LIBRARY

2669 US Hwy 221A
Mooresboro, NC
828-288-4039

Public Works and Planning

Maintenance has been working diligently on work orders and seasonal preventative maintenance. Meanwhile, the garage consistently keeps a very demanding fleet of vehicles in great working order.

The Director, Operations Manager, and Project Manager have been gathering estimates and coordination specifically on the Backup PSAP and Detention Center expansion.

Additionally, we have been involved in multiple meetings to include project updates with the County Manager, public records workshop in Morganton with UNC SOG, and vehicle replacement planning. Other meetings included updates on solar development projects, Greyrock, Queens Gap, Community Projects Grants and grassroots grants.

Revenue Department

The Rutherford County Revenue Department, along with the NC Department of Revenue will host a meeting on October 26th which will have several counties from North and South Carolina in attendance. The purpose of this meeting will be for counties to receive information on the adjustments that are being made on the state line correction process.

The staff would like for everyone to keep Shannon Bradley's family in their thoughts in the passing of her Aunt Linda Edwards on 10/17/16. Also, the staff wishes Alice Barber's husband, Rick, a speedy recovery from surgery on 10/18/16.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	265
Information Data Requests	1
Website Hits	3,442
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	98
Deeds Recorded	25
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	39

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's September 2016 Report	
Calls for Service	4,591
Warrants Served/Total Arrest	133/131
Domestic Calls	174
Involuntary Commitments/Hours	36/33.50 Man Hrs.
Civil Papers Served	340
Ex parte Served	26
Evictions	22
Animals Pickup/Surrender	144
Animals Returned to Owners or Rescued	123
Animal Control Calls for Service	270
New Cases Assigned to Detectives/Road Patrol	159/28
Pill Drop Collections	3,718 Doses Units/1,033 ML
Average Daily Inmate Confinement	202
Gun Purchase Permits Issued	65
Carry Concealed Permits Issued	294
Project Lifesaver Clients/Contact Hours	3/4.0 Man Hrs.
Registered Sex Offenders/Contact Hours	195/18.0 Man Hrs.
Litter Control Calls/Cases Assigned/Closed	14/12/4

Special Order/Personnel Action

1. Telecommunicator Kyliegh Kite, part time 911 Communications Center, resigned from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office effective 08-11-2016 and her resignation is hereby made a matter of record.
2. Ms. Sherry Byers was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a part time Detention Officer and assigned to the Detention Center, effective 08-29-2016.
3. Telecommunicator Dewayne Wright, part time 911 Communications Center, resigned from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office effective 08-30-2016 and his resignation is hereby made a matter of record.
4. Corporal Alan Greene, School Resource Officer at R.S. Central High School, resigned from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office effective 09-02-2016 and his resignation is hereby made a matter of record.
5. Mr. Charles Tavernia was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a Detention Officer and assigned to the Detention Center, effective 09-12-2016.
6. Mr. Allen McEntyre was employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a School Resource Officer and assigned to R.S. Central High School. He was assigned radio call number R-454, effective 09-13-2016.
7. Deputy Webb Hardin, Civil Division, resigned from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office effective 09-14-2016 and his resignation is hereby made a matter of record.



Rutherford County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Trinity Christian School for a pleasant visit bringing encouraging notes and treats for the Sheriff, deputies, staff and K-9's.

The students also treated us to three songs. They were a true bright spot of the day!



Senior Center

The Senior Center's Recipe Club met on Monday to share recipes and made a Halloween treat. Our Pen Pals met on Tuesday morning to get their first reply from their Spindale Elementary student and to write their next installment in their pen pal journal. The Center provided a trip on Wednesday to the Flat Rock Playhouse to see "Beehive the 60's Musical". On Thursday, the seniors enjoyed craft time, a trip to the hospital jewelry sale, and square dance class. Our Senior Center Advisory Board met also met on Thursday for their quarterly meeting. Lastly, on Friday the seniors enjoyed a trip to Hendersonville for apples, lunch, and shopping.

Upcoming:

Zumba October 24 6:00 p.m.

Annual Health & Wellness Fair October 27 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period is October 15 through December 7, and SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, can help Medicare beneficiaries compare plans. The Senior Center has SHIIP counselors that are available to help. Call for an appointment to talk with our trained SHIIP counselors. The main number is 287-6409.

Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- attended Department Head Meeting with County Manager.
- worked on Field Day school registrations, station schedule, and school and presenter instructions and Field Day preparations.
- worked on Pay and Class questionnaire.
- completed District Meeting Agenda and Meeting folders and attended District Meeting.
- worked on Enviroscape Education lessons and scheduling.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- attended Department head meeting with County Manager.
- met with Isothermal Maintenance Dept for Field Day.
- prepared for Field Day.
- preparing applications for District Board meeting.
- attended District Board meeting.

PHOTOS: Soil and Water Field Day at ICC

Top right: Brandon Higgins, Missy York, and staff

Bottom right: The Agriculture/Coop Extension Team, Jeff Bradley and staff



Solid Waste

Customers served 390

MSW loads shipped to Lenoir 36

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2

Loads hauled from convenience centers 62

Tire customers 17

This has been an extremely busy week for the staff. The director and recycling coordinator attended the NCSWANA event in Wrightsville Beach. We gave a presentation on convenience center safety. The office staff has been busy serving customers and working on payroll. The transfer station staff continues to process the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff continues to handle all the tonnages coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The airport staff is almost finish with the weed eating at the central landfill. The shop staff has been busy getting our vehicles inspected this month while continuing to perform preventative maintenance on the equipment. Staff has noticed an issue with the concrete at the transfer station and we have contacted David Odom.

Please continue to recycle!!!!

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

EMS held their monthly crew meetings this week. As part of the meeting, employees filled out their Annual Fitness report, which evaluates their efforts this year. Employees also completed their pay and class study questionnaires. Congratulations to Chris Suddeth and Kevin Waldrop for passing their oral boards and becoming full functioning paramedics within our system. Also, we have received our new ambulance and are getting it ready for inspection so it can be put into operation. We have several personnel attending ACLS class on Thursday this week.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	166
Non-Emergency Calls	28

Transit Services:

Staff attended a webinar on scheduling software update and updated all tablets in vehicles. Staff have completed pay and class study questionnaires and turned in. Staff submitted 1st quarter Performance Scorecard to NCDOT. Transit held its employee safety meeting for October. Topic of training was Customer Service/ADA guidance by Easter Seals Project Action. This is one of the required training areas for FTA. Transit Director has responded to all questions and areas of recommended improvements to our Drug and Alcohol testing program for Transit. With the upcoming start of early voting please be careful when driving on Fair-ground Rd as there is an anticipation of large turnouts daily for early voting and it will be very congested.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	10,233	9,641
# of Local Trips	1,191	1,155
# of Out of County Trips	59	58
# Unduplicated Passengers	244	238
Total Revenue	\$18,700	\$18,077

Veteran Services

Mail In	119
Mail Out	39
Fax	171
Phone Calls In/Out	71
Veteran Contacts	144



County News



get the
SKINNY
on the
PENNY



On the ballot November 8th Rutherford County residents will vote on the following referendum:

Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.

FOR
Generates approximately \$1.2 million per year that will go toward the critical facility needs facing schools in Rutherford County

AGAINST
Additional funding to meet the critical facility needs facing schools in Rutherford County would be generated from other sources, including the property tax

How much is one-quarter percent (0.25%)?
Rutherford County's sales tax would increase from 6.75% to 7.0% on all purchases. However, residents and visitors will not pay it on unprepared food (groceries) or gas.

When will I begin paying the extra sales tax?
If approved, the increase would be collected beginning April 2017.

What will Rutherford County do with the approximate \$1.2 million a year?
The \$1.2 million will be spent on school facilities.

Doesn't the state provide funding for building construction?
No. School construction is a local responsibility.

Why can't we use lottery money for new schools?
The NC Education Lottery proceeds have been 22% less than originally projected and changes in the law in 2007 decreased these funds as well. Lottery funds alone will not be enough to bear the burden of school construction.

Who pays sales tax?
Everyone pays sales tax, including both Rutherford County residents and visitors. The increase in tourism to Rutherford County will allow for a larger percentage of these funds to come from visitors.

Q & A

What a 0.25% Sales Tax Increase Means For **YOU**

\$4 = \$0.01
\$100 = \$0.25
\$500 = \$1.25
\$1,000 = \$2.50

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?
If you have questions or concerns, email: kim.aldrige@rutherfordcountync.gov



FREE Skin Cancer Screening

Skin Cancer is the fastest growing cancer in the United States – 1 in 5 Americans will develop some form of it during their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society. But the good news is that skin cancer is the most preventable type of cancer. There are things you can do now to lower your risks.



RUTHERFORD REGIONAL
HEALTH SYSTEM

Cancer Resource Center



Saturday, October 22, 2016

9 am—12 pm

Cancer Resource Center
2270 Hwy 74A, Suite 343
Forest City, NC 28043

By Appointment Only.
Call 828-245-4596 to sign up.



Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, Oct 29: ROC Bearwallow Sunset Hike, 5:00 pm. For more info and carpool options [click here](#).
- Wednesday, Nov 2: ROC Buffalo Creek Park Volunteer Day, Erosion Control, 8:30 am. Email us for more info.
- Saturday, Nov 5: ROC Race Series, South of the Mountains 5K Trail Run. To register for this event [click here](#).
- Sunday, Nov 6: ROC South Mountains State Park Hike, 10:30 am. For more info and carpool options [click here](#).

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/river floats.

Thermal Belt Rail Trail

A new prayer garden can now be accessed from the Rail Trail near Gilboa Church thanks to church members, friends and family of Susan Foster (the garden is dedicated to her memory), and Kaleb Munjes. This was Kaleb's Eagle Scout project and he has done a wonderful job.



The prayer garden offers a place for trail users to take a break and even has a bike rack for convenience.

Thanks to everyone that contributed to this wonderful addition to the area!

[Rail Trail Map and Information](#)

Rail Trail Bench Sponsorship

- The new benches along the Rail Trail can now be sponsored for a \$1000 donation.
- All the money goes to improve local trails and your information will be displayed on a plaque mounted on the bench.

Email us at trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org for more information.



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