



October 3, 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 1,556.0 gallons of Jet A to 6 aircraft and 621.2 gallons of 100LL to 27 aircraft last week.



### PHOTOS

Tim preparing to move a Cessna 182 on the ramp last week.

A pair of Air Tractors stopped in for fuel and lunch at 57 Alpha Cafe.



## Board of Elections

On Monday over a thousand letters were sent out to remind voters who needed to supply additional information to our office to complete their registration information.

We started our logic and accuracy testing of all the precinct voting equipment on Tuesday and will continue with this the rest of the week. This unseasonably hot weather has made working in the warehouse a little uncomfortable!

Our faithful Election Rovers were hard at work (**pictured right**) while our staff stayed out of the picture!



## Cooperative Extension

Jeff Bradley, Tracy Davis, Cynthia Robbins, Hannah Bundy:

- taught dehydrating and jerky making workshops.
- assisted with fair judging.
- assisted ECA with recruitment event.
- worked at Colfax Fair.
- presented program for Forest City Senior Citizens.
- assisted ECA members in planning upcoming event.
- conducted mentoring session with new agent in Burke County.

## 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, Board of Elections, IT, Tourism Department, Airport and EDC
- Broad River Authority Board meeting
- Meet the Candidates Forum
- Agenda review with Commissioners regarding upcoming Board of Commissioners'
- Meeting with County Attorney
- Pangaea meeting
- Rutherfordton Hilltop Festival

Other activities and events were meetings with citizens, numerous calls, interoffice meetings, conference calls, public relations, advising, and preparation for various responsibilities.

## Soapbox Derby Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m., Downtown Rutherfordton

The Rutherfordton adult-only soapbox derby is the only one of its kind in the region and is a fabulous way to show your community spirit. Race organizers carefully pick two equally matched cars to compete side by side. This will be as much fun for the fans as it is for the participants, so join us as we support the participants in the *Race for the Gold!*



Among over a dozen competitors, Tonya Garrison, wife of County Manager Steve Garrison, is racing in her pink ribbon-shaped custom car. She is new to the competition this year, and decided, while attending last year's race, that she was going to enter the 2016 competition. She will be representing 'Breast Cancer Awareness' in observance of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Go, Tonya!!!!

## [Economic Development](#)



This week, the Economic Development Department responded to an industrial RFI and participated in various 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, communicating with the Department of Commerce and industry representatives regarding various grant reports and requests, and working to increase our social media presence. This week's schedule also included updating content on the Rutherford County Economic Development and Gateway West Commerce Park websites. Don't forget to check out our [current advertisement](#) in the September 2016 issue of Site Selection Magazine!

## [Finance Department](#)

The Finance Office processed accounts payable and payroll. Director Paula Roach and Assistant Director Apryl Tessener attended several interdepartmental meetings.

## [Fire Marshal/Emergency Management](#)

The Fire Marshal:

- assisted Rutherfordton Police Department with a planned event.
- worked on follow-ups on arson cases.
- moved equipment from the Ellenboro fairgrounds (**pictured right**).
- assisted with two missing person searches.



## Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. The HR Director attended meetings with DSS personnel, attended the Transit Appreciation Lunch, and attended the Human Resource Association meeting. HR is currently working on the EEO1 reports and Workers Compensation audit report. Colonial open enrollment will finish this week as the State Health Plan enrollment kicks off October 1. We wish to extend our gratitude to all involved in the officer shooting incident. Sheriff, EMS, and 911 personnel exceeded expectations. We currently have all job vacancies filled.

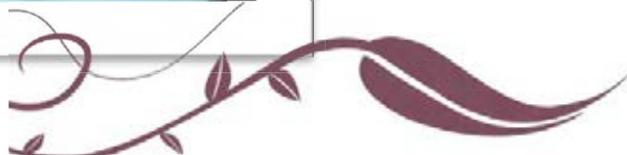
Please keep Philip Bailey (Sheriff's Dept employee) and his family in your prayers as he is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.



### **Introducing Macy Jayde Greene.....**

and proud grandparents,

Sgt. Bruce (Pop-pop) Greene (Sheriff's Dept.), Linda (Mimi) Greene (Revenue Office)  
and mommy and daddy (Cpl. Tyler Greene (Sheriff's Dept.).



## Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-09-19 00:00:00

To 2016-09-25 23:59:00

### Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-09-19	0	199	850	38	21	16	3586	4710
2016-09-20	1446	385	643	26	26	14	3847	6387
2016-09-21	50	256	447	27	37	12	4253	5082
2016-09-22	9181	236	580	17	29	7	3848	13898
2016-09-23	37	180	488	8	17	6	3236	3972
2016-09-24	2550	53	345	6	19	2	1151	4127
2016-09-25	236	59	447	0	5	6	887	1640
<b>Total</b>	<b>13500</b>	<b>1368</b>	<b>3801</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20808</b>	<b>39816</b>

### Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-09-19	10	0	60	0	0	1156	7	0	57	1290
2016-09-20	27	0	2	0	0	1168	5	0	303	1505
2016-09-21	0	0	30	0	0	988	11	0	218	1247
2016-09-22	0	0	31	0	0	947	9	0	278	1265
2016-09-23	9	0	0	0	0	1184	5	0	511	1709
2016-09-24	13	0	0	0	0	499	0	0	407	919
2016-09-25	16	0	30	0	0	396	0	0	556	998
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6338</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2330</b>	<b>8933</b>

## Library

**Mountains Branch Library:** Angie Turner has worked diligently with the boxes and boxes of DVDs and books we've had donated recently. Angie has literally added hundreds of books and movies to our collection, and donated the rest to our ongoing Friends of the Library Book Sale. Librarian, Joy Sharp, was honored to receive a national scholarship to attend the Association of Small and Rural Libraries conference in Fargo, ND in October.

**County Library – Maria Davis:** Maria has been working on new and upcoming adult programs as well as working with Kenneth and Nicole on children and teen programs. Check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RutherfordCountyLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/RutherfordCountyLibrary) or our website at [www.rutherfordcountylibrary.org](http://www.rutherfordcountylibrary.org) to see what we have new. We will host a table at the Rutherforddon Hilltop Festival on Saturday. Stop by and see us so we can tell you what the library has to offer YOU.

**County Library – Kenneth Odom –** Kenneth spent his week planning Makerspace activities and facilitating ongoing activities. Kenneth had 14 people in attendance for the light-up UFO project. We are excited to have Billy Salyers as a guest teacher for the Fusion 360 class. Space is limited...reserve your seat today. Kenneth has started a new text messaging service to promote library events and activities. If you would like to be kept up to date on library activities, please text @countylib to 81010. We will send out messages approximately once per week. Standard text and data messaging rates apply based on your cell phone plan. Call Kenneth at 828-287-6327 for more information. We are so excited to have a new way to communicate with the citizens of Rutherford County.

**County Library – Stephanie Long –** Stephanie sorted through four boxes of Christian Fiction donations and distributed those to Haynes and County Libraries collection. She is excited to have received these donations!

**County Library – April Young –** April ordered and processed new book requests for our patrons and they are almost ready to hit the shelves. Come by soon to see what we have new. April also filled the Little Libraries with new books.

**County Library – Nicole Morse--** Last week Nicole hosted a Princess Party for 21 young girls. Aerial came by for a visit while the girls made treats, painted their nails, and made their very own crowns! **(Pictured right.)**

Nicole has planned a "Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes" Book Launch Party for October 6, 2016 at 6:00. Registration is required for this AWE-SOME event. Call 828-287-6115 for more information or to reserve your spot.





## Apple Tasting and Apple Pie Craft



**Mountains Branch Library – Joy Sharp:** And the winner is.....GOLDEN DELICIOUS! Our September Crafternoon at Mountains Branch Library was an Apple Tasting and apple pie craft. Our kids tasted five different varieties of apple grown right next door in Henderson County - Gala, Cortland, Mutsu, Macintosh and Golden Delicious. We used graphs to compare which were sweet, sour, crispy or soft, as well as the most important factor – which one is YUMMIEST! The Golden Delicious was voted Best Tasting by a large margin! (Photos above.)

**Rutherford County Library's  
DBU Makerspace**

**FAMILY MAKER NIGHTS**

**Every Thursday, 6-8pm  
(unless otherwise noted)**

**Thursday, October 6**

**Robotics**

**Explore the world of robotics with the LEGO®  
Mindstorms EV3, Smart Machines, and Meccano  
Meccanoid.**

**Saturday, October 8, 10:30am -11:30am**

**Fusion360 Basics**

**Learn the basics of using Fusion360 for creating  
your own 3D designs. Space is limited, registration  
required.**

**Thursday, October 13**

**Paper Circuits**

**Want to make those homemade cards and crafts  
more interactive? Come learn how to create simple  
and fun paper circuits using copper tape, coin cell  
batteries, and LEDs.**

**Thursday, October 20**

**Open Night**

**The DBU Makerspace is open for anyone to drop in  
and use to work on their own project.**

**Thursday, October 27**

**\*\*\*Information Coming Soon\*\*\***

Teen Tech Thursday is back and better than ever! Come on in and use the Makerspace materials, read, hang out with friends, or do whatever you enjoy. Call Nicole at 828.287.6116 for more information.

Rutherford County Library / 4:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. ★



# Teen Tech Thursdays

## TEENS @ THE LIBRARY

*Teen Tech Thursdays is a new activity sponsored by the DBU Makerspace. It will run every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and is geared for 13—18 year olds in Middle and High School.*

*There will be free time to work on projects of your choosing as well as some planned group and individual projects.*

### A Small List of Items in our Makerspace

Teens are welcome to use any of the Makerspace materials or just hang out.

- 3D Printer
- Weaving looms
- Programmable Robots
- Legos/ K-nex
- VHS to CD converter
- Art supplies
- GoPro Camera
- Green Screen
- Dremel Tool
- ...and lots more

### Rutherford County Library

(next to the Health Dept)  
255 Callahan Koon Rd.  
Spindale, NC 28160

#### Contact Info:

nicole.morse@rutherfordcountync.gov  
828-287-6116

*Flyer submitted by Maria Davis, RC Library Marketing and Programming Coordinator*

# Mini-Maker Building Club

What can YOU build with Legos®?  
Would you like to get together with other boys AND girls to find out what all you can build? Well, here's your chance!

Join Miss Nicole  
to learn and build using Legos®.

**Mondays 4:00—5:00**  
Rutherford County Library  
255 Callahan Koon Rd.  
Spindale, NC 28160  
828-287-6116

**Tuesdays 3:45—4:45**  
Mountains Branch Library  
150 Bill's Creek Rd.  
Lake Lure, NC 28746  
828-287-6392

**FREE!**  
APPROPRIATE  
FOR EVERYONE!



This FREE program is appropriate for ages 4-12.  
Children 4-9 are required to have a parent / guardian  
over the age of 16 present for the program.

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## Revenue Department

Collections has sent out letters on newly transferred properties which were transferred after January 1, 2016. These letters will let the new owners know that they still have outstanding taxes due for the current year.

We are glad that Susan Shelor surgery went well and she should be back with us very soon. Take care and we will see you soon, Susan.

Congratulations are in order. We told you last week we were on baby watch. We are proud to tell everyone that Linda (Mimi) and Sgt. Bruce (Pop-Pop) Greene, along with the proud parents, Whitney and Cpl. Tyler Greene welcomed a new baby girl last Wednesday. Miss Macy Jayde Greene made her arrival at 1:44 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. Our big girl weighed in at 8 lbs 2 oz and 21 inches long. Great to have a very healthy new addition to the county family. **(Photos on page 5.)**

<b>Customer Service</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Phone Calls	393
Information Data Requests	5
Website Hits	3,057
<b>County Growth Indicators</b>	
Building Permits Reviewed	11
Deeds Recorded	28
<b>Collections Progress</b>	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	31
Total Taxes Collected	\$338,778.16

## Senior Center

The Senior Center had a special speaker, Vanessa Parton, on Monday. Vanessa shared information about the new community support group of “Relatives as Parents”.

RAP understands that when relatives raise children who are not their own, they often feel overwhelmed, stressed, and frustrated by the lack of support they receive. They also know relatives love and care for those children as though they are their own.

RAP provides a space for guardians to share stories (both good and bad), obtain information and resources to help inform decisions, and ultimately, receive encouragement and support from other caregivers in similar situations. For additional information, call 828.247.1400.



On Tuesday, our Walking Club traveled to the ICC trails for a change of scenery and Tish Zimmerman from Brookdale demonstrated a fun exercise session called “Be Fit”.

Our seniors enjoyed craft time on Wednesday by making a scarecrow magnet.

On Thursday, Kirk and Nancy Milleman demonstrated and assisted with the fun activity of garden rock painting (**pictured below**).

Lastly, on Thursday and Friday, several of our seniors traveled to Raleigh for the State Final Senior Games. Good luck to all of our seniors—Bring home the gold!

Upcoming:

Zumba October 3, 10, 24 6:00 p.m.

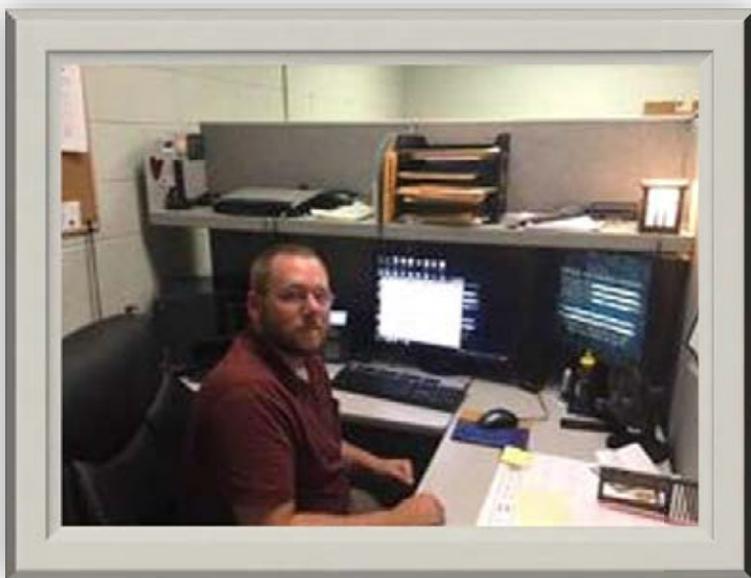


## Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Chris Francis and the North Carolina Justice Academy are proud to announce that Deputy Christopher R. Lee of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office recently completed the School Resource Officer Certificate Program at the Academy. Deputy Lee is the one hundred and sixty-fifth (165) officer to receive the certificate since the program's inception. **(Pictured right.)**

The School Resource Officer Certificate Program is designed to recognize the achievement of law enforcement professionals who have dedicated themselves to making the schools safer for our citizens. Officers, upon completion of the program, will have mastered several important aspects of School Resource Officer training and related topics, thus achieving a high level of professionalism for themselves as well as their agency.

The School Resource Officer Certificate Program requires the participants to be sworn law enforcement officers of a law enforcement agency and be assigned as a School Resource Officer or have previously assigned as a School Resource Officer. In addition, participants are required to have their agency's head approval to participate in the program due to the time spent away from the agency in efforts to obtain the training needed to complete the program. The certificate program requires four hundred (400) hours of training with the focus on School Resource Officers. The core requirements for the program consist of the basic School Resource Officer training in addition to advanced legal training and School Resource Officer ethics. All other hours needed to complete the program are related electives offered through the North Carolina Justice Academy.



On behalf of Sheriff Chris Francis and the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office personnel, we want to thank everyone for your prayers for Detective Patrick Wiseman and his family.

Detective Wiseman has been released by the doctors and returned back to work on light duty at the Sheriff's Office on September 28, 2016. **(Pictured left.)**

*Sheriff's Department continued from page 14*

The Rutherford County Sheriff's Office has opened a satellite station in the Cliffside Community of Rutherford County. The new satellite station is located at 258 Old Main Street, Cliffside.

Deputy Joey Brandle and Amy Drum, who own the building, have been discussing ways that the Sheriff's Office could better serve the Cliffside Community.

Ms. Drum offered the Sheriff's Office some space to open a Satellite Station, which was accepted by Sheriff Chris Francis.

"We are proud to welcome the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office and are pleased to have a permanent Satellite Station here in the southern end of the county. The community is appreciative of the Sheriff's Office and their presence here will certainly be an asset" said Amy Drum.

"I am appreciative to Ms. Drum for reaching out to the Sheriff's Office and donating space in her building at no cost. The satellite station will afford the deputies more time in the Cliffside Community, provide a space for breaks and paperwork, and better serve the citizens" stated Sheriff Francis.

Pictured are: Amy Drum, Deputy Joey Brandle and Sheriff Chris Francis



A young man, at the Ellenboro Fair, offering his appreciation and prayers for our Law Enforcement.  
Picture taken by Selena Byrd.  
Pictured left to right: Officer Snyder and Officer Padgett.



## Social Services

The Director and staff attended several regular meetings over the past two weeks including NC FAST conference calls, conducted internal unit meetings, Youth Empowerment Board Meeting, and the Statewide DSS Director's conference call.

The Director also met with the County Manager to discuss agency issues, goals, and plans.

The single auditors were in the office this week reviewing Medicaid records. They were very complimentary regarding our processes and policies. Thanks to all the staff that work so hard in all of our many programs!

The DSS Board held its regular monthly meeting on September 21st with all board members in attendance.

In addition to their regular agenda items, they heard updates on the Children's Services state program development plan, the DSS and Community College Partnership with Income Maintenance, and the State Medicaid Audit.

The agency recently began the "Honk, Honk" program, which gives employees the opportunity for all employees to share praises, compliments, and say thank you to each other via e-mail to the entire agency. This program is based on the reasons that geese fly in a V formation. This has been well received and a huge success. Thanks to Kerry Giles and EMS for sharing this great idea! A big "Honk, Honk" to them!

Representatives from Rutherford Life Services and the Rutherford County Aktion Club came by the office last Friday to promote a dance at the Senior Center held later that day. **(Pictured right.)** The dance, sponsored by the Aktion Club, was held to raise money to purchase teddy bears for all Spindale Police cars to be given to children that may be involved in police calls, or otherwise need to be comforted, and for other club projects. They collected over \$200 from DSS employees. The Aktion Club purchased 73 bears and raised over \$400 for future projects.



Amanda McGee, Social Work Program Manager, attended the North Carolina Family Impact Seminar, *Intersections of Child Welfare and Substance Abuse*, on September 22, 2016 at the Kids Marbles Museum in Raleigh. The event included a select group of public policy leaders and experts from North Carolina and the United States to discuss issues related to working with families with substance abuse challenges. The event was hosted by Duke University School of Public Policy, Sanford School of Public Policy and Public Consulting Group.

## Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- worked on Farmland Preservation ordinance.
- worked on District Meeting minutes and notices.
- worked on Farm City Assemblies scheduling.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- worked on Watershed Commission work.
- monitored progress at the western NC Steam initiate site.

## Solid Waste

Customers served 408

Loads hauled from convenience centers 57

Loads shipped to Lenoir 37

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 3

Tire customers 26

The director has been working on the Cliffside Mill Dump while continuing to hold meetings with staff. The director continues to work on the capital facilities/equipment/vehicle replacement plan. The office staff has been busy waiting on customers and working on reports. The transfer station staff has been processing all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff has been busy processing the C&D tonnages that are coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The shop staff has performed preventative maintenance on equipment and vehicles and performed necessary repairs. The center supervisor has spent most of the week wrapping hydraulic hoses at the centers. The airport staff continues to bush hog the central landfill while keeping an eye on the airport. Wes Scarlett has finished the well water sampling. **The pictures at right and on page 19 are of the new building provided by a state grant that will help us with mercury recycling.** These items consist of thermostats and light bulbs. This was the last year that the state offered this type of grant due to budget reasons.



Please continue to recycle!!



[www.WeSortForYou.com](http://www.WeSortForYou.com)

**ENHANCED COMMINGLED RECYCLING**  
Available at Convenience Centers and Curbside in Town



# Tourism Development Authority



## Monthly Report / September 2016

### TDA General Updates:

- TDA Welcome Center Hostess, Kayley Hargett, was recognized for her completion of the Pre-Apprenticeship Program through ICC's Hospitality and Tourism Institute. Kayley is the second in the state of North Carolina to complete this Pre-Apprenticeship program and receive the certificate. Congratulations Kayley!



- Staff hosted Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the Rutherfordton Welcome Center on September 20th 2016.



- Staff hosted quarterly coffee talks on September 22nd 2016 in Lake Lure at 9am and in Forest city and 2pm.

### Welcome Center Updates:

- Rutherfordton Self-Serve Welcome Center is officially open.
  - 146 N. Main St. Rutherfordton, NC 28139
  - Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

### Visitor Activity

- Lake Lure: 8,300 visitors in August
- Website: 4,746 visitors in August

### Direct Marketing (August):

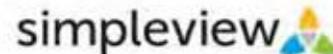
- 106 travel guides were ordered online
- 26 travel guides were ordered by phone
- 5 boxes were mailed out to individual welcome centers

### Media (August):

- 7,515,177 total press impressions
- 5 media tours took place

### Website Committee:

- Simpleview selected to develop State of the Art website for Rutherford County
- Projected live date of May 2017



### Wayfinding:

- Vendor Selected (ACSM)
- Towns and County in process of approving and appointing committees to determine information
- Installation projected completion date: June 2017



### County - Wide Tourism Strategic Plan:

- First meeting of the Tourism Advisory Committee to be held on October 12th
- Committee will be finalized this coming week.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Chimney Rock**
  - Fall Leaf Peeping - Oct. 15th
  - Naturalist Niche Series - Fall Ridge Hike - Oct. 22nd
- **Lake Lure**
  - Vintage Tin Car Show - Oct. 1st (Rumbling Bald Resort)
  - Arts and Crafts Festival - Oct. 15th-16th
- **Rutherfordton**
  - 11th Annual Tour de Pumpkin
  - Hilltop Festival - Oct. 1st
  - F.U.N.C - Oct. 7th
- **Spindale**
  - Weekly Live Music at Rocky's Bar and Grill and Barley's Taproom
  - Russian Grand Ballet - Swan Lake - Oct. 2nd (The Foundation)
  - Keb' Mo' Band - Oct. 15th
- **Forest City**
  - 4th Fridays on Main - Oct 28th (The Foundation)



Russian Grand Ballet presents  
Swan Lake

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS AND TIMES AT: [TIMEOFOURLIFENC.COM](http://TIMEOFOURLIFENC.COM) OR CALL OUR WELCOME CENTER AT 828-287-6113

If you have questions about this document please contact Taylor Hardin, Administrative Assistant for the TDA at 828-287-6013 or by email at [taylor.hardin@rutherfordcountync.gov](mailto:taylor.hardin@rutherfordcountync.gov)

If you need to pick up travel guides for your business or you would like to be added to the newsletter distribution list please contact Project Manager, Karen Tegen at 828-287-6130 or by email at [karen.tegen@rutherfordcountync.gov](mailto:karen.tegen@rutherfordcountync.gov).



## Transportation Services

### Emergency Medical Services:

EMS staff worked through several operational strategies for emergency preparedness for future use. Staff also has worked to consolidate collections for outstanding balances. Upcoming training courses for staff include:

- AHA BLS Healthcare Provider Course (CPR) Monday, October 17, 2016
- AHA BLS Healthcare Provider Course (CPR) Monday, November 14, 2016
- AHA BLS Healthcare Provider Course (CPR) Monday, December 12, 2016

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	158
Non-Emergency Calls	23

### Transit Services:

Transit finished their Employee Appreciation Week with a catered meal on Friday. Along with our employees, we were happy to have Commissioners Mike Benfield and Eddie Holland, County Manager Steve Garrison, Debra Conner and Brooke Watson from HR, Hazel Haynes Clerk to Commissioners and Roger and Frankie from the Fire Marshal's office. Transit was pleased to offer and provide transportation to Raleigh, NC for twelve county and city dignitaries to attend the banquet and receive the Small Town of the Year award for the Town of Rutherfordton. Congratulations to the Town of Rutherfordton on this award in recognition of their hard work. Operations Manager met with a representative from Performance 1 Security Solutions to solicit a quote for an access control security system.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	10,997	9,499
# of Local Trips	1,243	1,147
# of Out of County Trips	52	56
# Unduplicated Passengers	242	237
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$19,778</b>	<b>\$17,694</b>

## Veteran Services

<b>Mail In</b>	136
<b>Mail Out</b>	37
<b>Fax</b>	152
<b>Phone Calls In/Out</b>	66
<b>Veteran Contacts</b>	200



‘Salute to Veterans, Rutherford County, NC’ Facebook page shared two Korean war POWs, who haven’t seen each other for many years, having lunch. <https://www.facebook.com/Salute-To-Veterans-Rutherford-County-NC-587593121283677/>



## County News

### **The Trail Run is Coming! 5k Trail Run on November 5**

And this year will be better than ever.

In addition to your race shirt, drawstring backpack, and runner's packet filled with goodies, this year we are making even more improvements including disposable chip timing and more upgrades to the course.

Needless to say, you don't want to miss out. Registration is open now at [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com) or through [SouthoftheMountainTrailRun.com](http://SouthoftheMountainTrailRun.com)

### **Meet the Candidates Forum**

The "MEET THE CANDIDATES" forums are designed to inform voters about candidates running for office before they vote. What do you know about the candidates? Come out and hear what each candidate has to say so we all can make an educated choice at the ballot box.

These events are open to the public.



#### Schedule of Forums

October 4th, Lake Lure Town Hall  
October 11th, Ellenboro Fire Department

All meetings run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for program flyer.



# Hilltop

## Fall Festival

presented by:  Rutherford Town  
REVITALIZATION

**October 1st**

**8:30AM-5:00PM**

Main Street, Rutherfordton

### Entertainment

**BB3**  
from 11-1  
**Toxaway**  
from 3-5  
kids play area

### Don't miss out!

<b>Mechanical</b>	<b>Arts</b>
<b>Bull Rides</b>	<b>Crafts</b>
	<b>Food</b>
<b>5K Race</b>	<b>Tour-De</b>
<b>and</b>	<b>Pumpkin</b>
<b>Fun Run</b>	<b>Bike Race</b>

For more information visit Rutherford Town Revitalization  
828-287-2071 [www.rutherfordtown.com](http://www.rutherfordtown.com)

# Upcoming Events



## Autumn Arts & Crafts Festival

Saturday, Oct. 15th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, Oct. 16th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Arcade Plaza, Lake Lure

Annual event featuring over 80 artisans, live music, food & beverage vendors plus family activities!



## Naturalist Niche Series: Fall Ridge

### Hike

Saturday, Oct. 22nd

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Chimney Rock State Park

Follow an expert naturalist hiker through trails of beautiful fall colors.



## Keb' Mo' Band

Saturday, Oct. 15th

8:00 - 10:00 PM

Foundation Performing Arts Center

Live blues concert by singer, songwriter and guitarist Keb Mo



## 4th Friday's on Main

Friday, Oct. 28th

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Main Street, Forest City

Live music, street vendors & kids activities!



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**

The county will continue to use a combination of sales tax and property tax for school facilities but the additional sales tax will help relieve some of the burden from 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.aldridge@rutherfordcountync.gov](mailto:kim.aldridge@rutherfordcountync.gov)

The Healthcare Professional Network Group of Rutherford, Polk, and Cleveland County, along with Beta Sigma Phi, would like to honor all of our First Responders with a Soup Supper on Tuesday, October 11 from 5-7 pm.

We have several locations set up. Meal will include, homemade soups, bread, tea, and dessert.

Locations are:

First Baptist Church Forest City,  
Annex Building on Main Street Rutherfordton  
and Ellenboro Fire Department.

Please choose a location that is convenient for you and join us, as we say THANK YOU for all you do!





## 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.

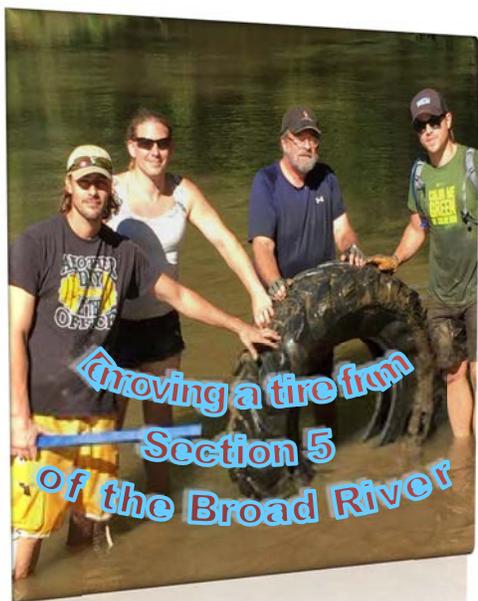


## Details and Photos from Saturday's ROC Broad River Fall Sweep

On Saturday, Sept 24th, the Rutherford Outdoor Coalition (ROC) held their annual Broad River Fall Sweep. The weather was perfect and we had a great turn out with several new participants from Rutherford and Cleveland Counties. The clean-up covered four sections of the Broad River in Rutherford County from Rock Springs Church Rd to Coxe Rd. Over 500 lbs of trash, including 13 tires and one tractor tire, were removed as well as several trees and limbs that were blocking passage through

the river. It was great to see so many people that care about the river come out and spend their day helping to improve

it. The water level was low and which allowed us to dig out cans and other debris from the bottom of the river that continues to wash up to the surface. A large amount of the trash we remove has been there for years, although we do find litter and debris from recent months as well. The volunteers had a great time and a few new friends were made along the way. These clean-ups are such a great way to meet other people from the community that enjoy being on the river.



Our next clean-up on the Broad River will be in the spring and we hope you all can join us! ROC leads many group river floats as well. Our next group float is coming up on Sunday, October 23, and we will be floating the Grays Road to Coxe Road section in Rutherfordton. Let us know if you would like to join us!

For more information about ROC's river clean-ups, group hikes and river floats, or to learn more ways you can get involved, email Hallie Zeedik at [trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org](mailto:trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org) or call (828) 625-9983 ext. 505. A listing of all the events ROC has coming up can be found on the Weekly Outdoor Schedule that is put out every Monday. These schedules can be found on the Rutherford Outdoor Coalition Facebook page and on their website at [www.rutherfordoutdoor.org](http://www.rutherfordoutdoor.org).



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**Saturday, October 1st:**

- ROC Race Series: Overmountain Victory 5K

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, clean-ups, or group hikes/river floats.



On Tuesday, September 13th, the Town of Lake Lure presented Dana Bradley with a certificate of appreciation for her two years of service working on the trails. **Pictured above, Lake Lure Mayor Bob Keith and Ed Dittmer, who serves on the Lake Lure Parks and Recreation committee, presenting Dana with certificate.** Later that evening, Dana expressed, *“My 2 years in AmeriCorps Project Conserve, serving as the Trails Coordinator, are over. I enjoyed every minute of it. I'm currently working as a Rutherford Outdoor Coalition (ROC) employee. We have applied for a grant that would fund a new outdoor position with ROC and I hope to apply for that in October. I have fallen in love with Rutherford County and I definitely intend on staying here. I couldn't ask for a better place to call home.”* Congratulations, Dana, on a job well done.

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