



October 5, 2015

Weekly Report

Highlight of Departmental Activities

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Agriculture/Cooperative Ext.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Completed end-of-month reports.
- Updated files.
- Prepared October programs.

Cooperative Extension

- Participated in a regional meeting for agency personnel and poultry producers dealing with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.
- Met with Agriventures Innovation Council to discuss ongoing agricultural projects within the region and to define roles we can play in these, as well as look at opportunities for more agricultural development.
- Had a radio spot on WCAB to talk about the threat of Avian Influenza to commercial and backyard poultry owners.
- Continued to assist clients with technical problems through office visits, phone calls, emails, and site visits.

Airport

The Airport sold 394.9 gallons of 100LL to 15 aircraft and 1,237.0 gallons of Jet A to 6 aircraft.



PHOTOS: Tim filling up a USAF King Air that was here on a training flight last week.



Board of Elections



The Rutherford County Board of Elections hosted a district meeting this week in Lake Lure. Nine of the twelve counties in our district were able to attend and discussed upcoming changes to the elections process. We have begun testing the equipment for the November Municipal election.

County Manager and Commissioners

The County Manager and Commissioners began the week with numerous meetings, luncheons, and various other events. The Commissioners met individually with the County Manager in preparation for the Board of Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for October 5, 2015.

Clerk to the Board, Hazel Haynes, and Deputy Clerk, Kim Aldridge, traveled to Asheville on Wednesday for a half-day Public Records/Records Retention workshop. The Deputy Clerk also attended the JCPC orientation and council meeting on Thursday.

Pictured to right, Chairman Bryan King's daughter, Caroline, at the Tryon Equestrian Center this past weekend. Name in lights, 2nd Place Ribbon! Congratulations to Caroline.. and to 'daddy'.



The County Manager toured Cliffside Duke Energy Plant with Soil and Water Technician, Brandon Higgins. County staff attended Transit's 25th Anniversary celebration.

On Thursday, Facebook announced plans to expand their Data Center. County Manager Steve Garrison and Chairman King had the opportunity to visit one of the Facebook server rooms (**pictured above**). Also on Thursday evening, Commissioner Bryan King attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for a Rutherford County native, Dr. Ashley Lowery, who opened a new dentist office this week.

The week progressed with additional duties, consisting of numerous calls, interoffice meetings, conference calls, public relations, advising, project discussions, preparation for various responsibilities and meetings with Department Heads.

Economic Development

This week, the Economic Development Department conducted a pre-application conference call regarding a possible existing industry expansion, and attended various meetings with county departments and industry allies. Economic Development staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment prospects, working with the Department of Commerce and existing industry representatives regarding various grant reports, and working on website content in preparation for the upcoming launch of the redesigned EDC website. This week's schedule also included attending a Career Pathways Meeting at Isothermal Community College.

Finance Department

The Finance Office is working to complete items needed for the audit. The Finance Office Staff would like to congratulate Transit on their 25 years and wish them the best on 25 more! The Finance Office has processed accounts payable and payroll this week. Thanks again to all who helped to make the Relay For Life Flower Sale a success.

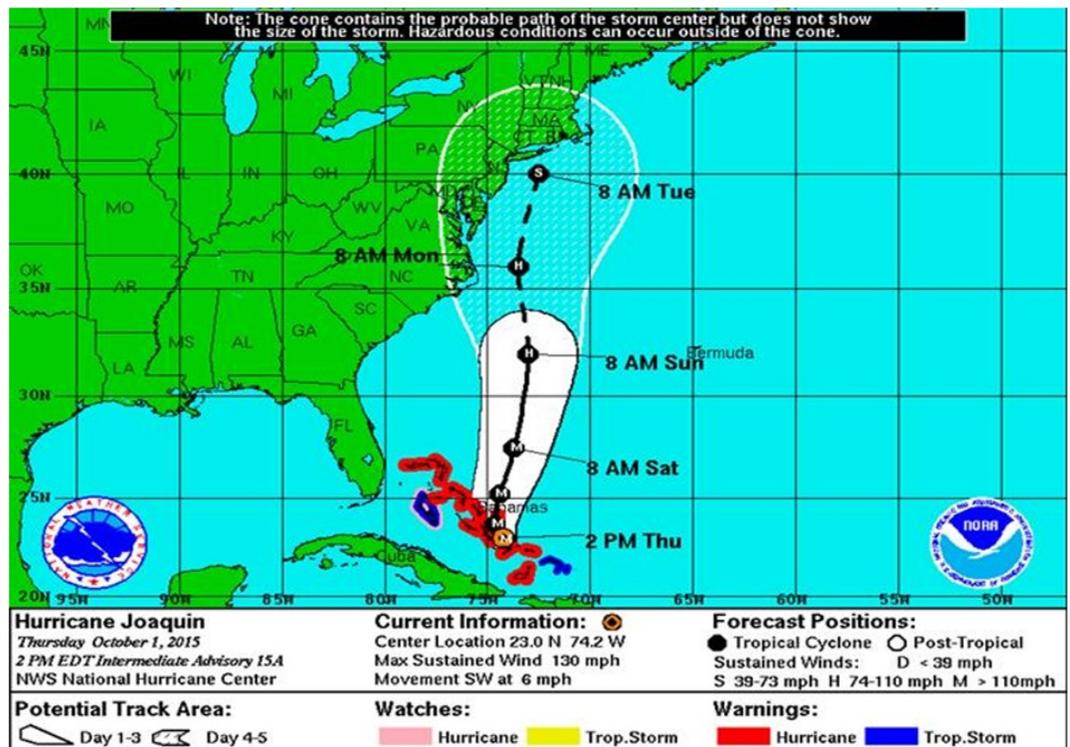
Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

Fire Marshal and staff:

- Responded to a search for a missing person who was located by quickly by Sheriff's Office K9.
- Met with Cliffside, Sandy Mush and S.D.O. fire department about proposed changes in fire service district lines.
- Coordinated a second meeting to prepare for an emergency tabletop exercise in November.
- Worked on various other projects.

Fire Marshal Roger Hollifield has been busy with early preparation for the severe weather threat and has all county fire departments on alert. While the track of Hurricane Joaquin remains uncertain, it looks like we will be impacted by significant rain. Maps are showing widespread rainfall amounts in the 4 to 8" range across the Carolinas through Sunday with some locally higher amounts that could exceed 10" in some areas. Along with the heavy rainfall, winds sustained in the 15 to 25 mph range with gusts 30 to 40 mph will develop by late Friday and continue through Sunday.

A special thank you to all our firefighters, servicemen and women and EMS workers.



Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. Last week the Director co-hosted a Supervisory Management training, along with Kelly Crawford, Health Department and John Carroll, DSS. Drake Maynard from the School of Government facilitated the training at the Foundation. The Director also attended a Human Services Basic conference in Asheville along with Clerk Hazel Haynes. The HR Department attended Transit's 25th Anniversary lunch, conducted several exit interviews and attended the JCPC meeting. Reminder: Open season will begin soon. Be watching for email alerts. Flu season is just around the corner-the Health Department will host a flu shot clinic on October 28 from 12:00-4:00 at the County Office Building.

FLU SHOT DATE

October 28, 2015 12:00 to 4:00

To: All Employees

From: Human Resources

Ref: Flu Shots

The Health Department will once again host the County flu shot clinic. The date is October 28, 2015 at the County Office Building from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. If you have BC/BS insurance you are eligible to receive a flu shot at no cost. Children under the age of 10 are not eligible to participate in the clinic.

Anyone wanting a flu shot that is not covered by BC/BS may participate at a cost of \$32.00 payable by check or cash to Rutherford Polk Health Department.

Retirees with BC/BS, United Health Care, Humana, Medicaid or Medicare may also participate.

There is a form that needs to be completed prior to receiving your flu shot. Forms will be available at the door. Please make sure you have your insurance card, form of ID, and completed form ready prior to getting in line.

Any general questions pertaining to the vaccination should be addressed to the Health Department at 287-6317.

The Health Department is asking for an approximate number of people who plan to participate. If you or a family member plan to take advantage of the flu shot clinic, please email Debra and let her know. Email address: debra.conner@rutherfordcountync.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact the HR Office.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Chris Francis Presents Deputy Allan Young with the Region C Award for Deputy Young's Life-saving Actions

On 08/06/2015 at 4:04pm, the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office and Rutherford County EMS responded to 2226 Harris Henrietta Rd in reference to a 20 year old female bleeding.

Deputy Allen Young was the first unit on scene.

The female was lying in a pool of blood and Deputy Young recognized that the female was suffering from arterial bleed in her left arm at the elbow.

Deputy Young reacted quickly by placing a Combat Application Tourniquet (which Deputy Young had purchased the prior week with his own money) on the female's arm in an effort to slow and stop the bleeding.

The bleeding slowed but Deputy Young and Deputy Jordan Chapman (who had arrived on scene by now) retightened the tourniquet, thus stopping the blood loss and allowing the female to remain conscious.

E.M.S and Fire Dept personnel arrived on scene and transported the female victim to Cleveland Regional Medical Center for treatment.



The female's condition did not deteriorate any further during the trip to the hospital and she was taken into surgery.

The doctor's at Cleveland Regional Medical Center credit the fact that she made it still in the condition she was in directly to the quick response of Deputy Young and the rapid application of the Combat Application Tourniquet.

Deputy Young is assigned as part of Courthouse Security, but on this day, Deputy Young was assisting the Civil Division and Road Patrol.

Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- continued working on Conservation Field Day planning and completing the District Meeting Agenda and meeting folders.
- attended a Farm City planning meeting and the District Board meeting.

The Soil and Water Technician:

- attended the District Board Meeting.
- had meetings with the Town of Rutherfordton about the Purple Martin Trail.
- toured Duke Energy Cliffside plant with County Manager.

Solid Waste

Customers 302

Loads hauled from convenience centers 44

Loads shipped to Lenoir 30

Recycling loads sent to Conover 2

Tire customers 22

This has been a very busy week. The director attended a luncheon with Polk county and attended several tours to which the state invited us. Also, Wes Scarlett has started the water well testing; however, it is a slow process due to the weather. The landfill operations have been slowed due to the weather also. Work continues at the airport. We have been working on a Mercury grant through the state. We will submit it in about two weeks. Staff has been preparing to pick up all the electronics bins this week.

Please continue to recycle!!!!!!

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

EMS has started the process of getting price quotes for furnishings for the new Southeastern Station. We will have three employees attending EMS Conference in Greensboro starting this coming Sunday. Staff has begun building the framework for the new Community Paramedic program. Also, congratulations to Lorie Roach for passing her state paramedic test, Morgan Reed for passing oral boards, and welcome Bradley Lowe, our new full time employee at EMS .

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Emergency Calls	169	168
Convalescent Calls	48	59

Transit Department:

Transit is currently celebrating our annual Driver Appreciation Week with our drivers and employees. This is a week spent recognizing the amazing job that all our employees do for all citizens of Rutherford County. Transit held a special luncheon on Tuesday, 9/29/15, at our facilities honoring the 25th Anniversary of Rutherford County Transit. Even though Mother nature was replenishing the earth with much needed rain, we were still honored and happy to celebrate this milestone with our employees and over 100 invited guests in attendance. After some brief words from our Director Kerry Giles, Board of Commissioner Chairman Bryan King, former Director Frankie McWhorter and PTD Director for NCDOT Debbie Collins, everyone enjoyed a barbecue and smoked chicken lunch. One fact that rings out through 25 years of service is that Transit has provided over **1,000,000** trips for passengers to and from different appointments. We are helping build a community. The Director also gave a radio interview on WCAB on Wednesday morning. **Below are pictures** from the luncheon.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,319	9,566
# of Local Trips	1,019	881
# of Out of County Trips	68	66
# Unduplicated Passengers	209	238
Total Revenue	\$15,236	\$14,549



Veterans' Services

Mail In	28
Mail Out	77
Fax	152
Phone Calls In/Out	94
Veteran Contacts	146

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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County Events



Attention: Rutherford County Employees

October is Corporate Month



Lifestyle Wellness & Spa

We are celebrating you! During the month of October, we want you to come experience what we have to offer.

Follow these simple steps to activate your membership:

1. Show proof of Rutherford County Employment.
2. Pay \$10.00 to activate your Membership Card.
3. Experience our large fitness area, group exercise classes, and swimming pool.

This is our way of giving back to you, our County workers.

No contract. No Hassle.

Come by today and start your journey to being healthier and happier.



*This offer is for New Members Only!



Cooking School

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

Scholarships are available to cover cost of program. Call Tracy Davis @ 287-6020 for information.

If you are tired of cooking and eating the same old dishes, looking for new recipes, want to improve your cooking skills or just want to eat healthier, Cook Smart is for you.

- Quick, easy, meals
- Basic equipment
- Simple ingredients
- Healthy foods



The Cook Smart Eat Smart Cooking School

Classes: Thursdays, October 8, 15, and 22

Cost \$ 25.00 per person for 3 classes

Choose times: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm or 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Register by October 1, 2015

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



Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Tracy Davis, Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences at 828.287.6010 or Tracy_Davis@ncsu.edu or fax – 828.288.4036, or in person at the County Extension Office at least 10 days prior to the event.

