



September 26, 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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*Say goodbye to summer
and
welcome to fall!*



The Northern Hemisphere's autumnal equinox—the first day of fall—occurred Thursday, September 22. With its brilliant colors and crisper days, autumn is a favorite season for many.

Happy Fall, y'all!



Airport

Over the past two weeks, the Airport has sold 1,970.0 gallons of Jet A fuel to 8 aircraft and 1,747.0 gallons of 100LL fuel to 59 aircraft.

PHOTOS:

Skymaster Sunset at the airport - **pictured right.**

NetJets Departing Rutherford County Airport - **pictured middle right.**

(N121NC) NC Department of Transportation Sikorsky S-76 on the ramp for fuel at Rutherford County - **pictured below.**

(N129NH) 1958 Sikorsky S-58 landed at Rutherford County for fuel - **pictured middle left.**



Building Inspections

The Building Inspections Department has issued 38 permits in the last week with four of those being new house starts with just over 10,000 square feet of living space. We are reviewing plans for a major church remodel and a new fire department. The work on all 38 permits is valued at \$2.6 million.

Our inspectors have issued 15 Certificates of Occupancy in the past week.

Board of Elections

During the last two weeks our teams have visited White Oak Manor, Henderson Care and Autumn Care to assist residents with registering and requesting absentee ballots. In addition, a separate team registered students at ICC, Reach, Thomas Jefferson, Chase, East and RS Central.

We have started the long process of logic and accuracy testing of the election equipment. Staff has been very busy with processing registrations, absentee ballots by mail and questions from the public proving that this election, as expected will have higher levels of participation.

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, IT, Airport, and EDC
- ARC Grant Conference Call
- DSS Board Meeting
- Pangea CrowdFiber Review
- TDA Welcome Center Ribbon Cutting
- Airport Authority Meeting
- EDC Board Meeting
- Meeting with County Attorney
- EMS A/R Meeting
- Henson Builders Customer Appreciation Event

Events that took place this 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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with County Manager Steve Garrison and family in the death of a very special uncle. Mr. Garrison traveled to Tennessee on Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral and returned Wednesday night. Our heartfelt condolences are with the family.

Economic Development



This week, the Economic Development Department participated in various meetings with county departments and industry allies, including the monthly EDC Board Meeting and the EDPNC Recruitment Team Familiarization Tour in Hendersonville.

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

This week's schedule also included viewing a free marketing webinar entitled "Building Your Economic Development Brand."

Finance Department

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

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

The Fire Marshal:

- responded to a structure fire to conduct an origin and cause investigation.
- delivered equipment to the Ellenboro Fair to support Ellenboro Fire Department.
- assisted Rutherfordton Fire Department with a vehicle extrication call.
- provided updates to key leaders about the fuel shortage.
- sorted and delivered fire safety materials in advance of fire prevention activities scheduled for next month.
- performed maintenance on equipment.
- attended various meetings including a grant workshop in Statesville.

Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health Department



**RUTHERFORD
POLK
MCDOWELL** HEALTH DISTRICT

The Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health District is pleased to announce its recent hire of Dr. Susan Olcott, who has joined the RPM team as a Dentist at the Collins Dental Center in Columbus, NC.

Dr. Olcott comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience within the industry having worked in private practice for the last 18 years, of which 9 years were spent running a practice of her own.

Olcott received her undergraduate degree from Winthrop University in South Carolina and received her graduate degree from the University of Florida. She has worked in many different sectors including the school system and health system across North Carolina and Alaska providing general dentistry services. **(Pictured right.)**



Part of our celebration for National Public Health Week this past April was to reward one of our employees who completed every one of the scheduled activities throughout the week. The employee who participated in all of the activities was able to enter a drawing to win a share from Community Supported Agriculture for a certain number of weeks. A share is a basket of fresh, locally grown, fruits and vegetables that you can pick up on a weekly basis (for a period of 6-12 weeks) from local farmers.

Sherri Chesney, WIC Nutritionist, was the lucky winner. She picked up her first share this past Tuesday, which included Arugula, Dandelion greens, radishes, squash, bell peppers and much more. These vegetables are locally grown at Deer Valley Farm in Rutherfordton. Congratulations Sherri! **(Pictured above.)**

Information Technology

Traffic Summary - BarracudaSF.rutherfordcountync.gov [172.16.10.29]

From 2016-09-12 00:00:00

To 2016-09-18 23:59:00

Inbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Bad Recipient	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Allowed: Tagged	Allowed	Total Received
2016-09-12	47	277	808	28	22	10	3216	4408
2016-09-13	580	1822	524	40	42	9	3711	6728
2016-09-14	228	333	601	20	34	19	3260	4495
2016-09-15	21	987	732	51	69	10	3773	5643
2016-09-16	215	993	615	29	74	4	3082	5022
2016-09-17	452	450	352	19	12	2	1588	2873
2016-09-18	171	50	365	10	12	2	1354	1964
Total	1714	4912	3997	197	365	56	16002	31133

Outbound Traffic

Day	Rate Controlled	Blocked: Policy	Blocked: Spam	Blocked: Virus	Quarantined	Sent	Encrypted	Redirected	Authentication Failure	Total Received
2016-09-12	10	0	1	0	0	1073	3	0	130	1217
2016-09-13	86	0	1	0	0	1027	13	0	254	1381
2016-09-14	0	0	1	0	0	1003	5	0	256	1265
2016-09-15	0	0	1	0	0	898	2	0	15	908
2016-09-16	0	0	0	0	0	904	14	0	125	1043
2016-09-17	42	0	2	0	0	493	2	0	107	646
2016-09-18	10	0	1	0	0	554	0	0	109	673
Total	148	0	7	0	0	5942	38	0	995	7131

Library

Kenneth Odom - The DBU Makerspace's first Family Maker night last Thursday (September 8th) went well with five people working together to build Tin Can Robots. Everyone had a good time and said they were excited to return for future programs. Maker Night in the DBU on September 15, 2016 was a demonstration for the 3D printer. Several were in attendance and enjoyed the printer. Remember, everything in the DBU Makerspace is available to all patrons free of charge. **(Flyer on page 10)**

Maria Davis – The Summer Book Sale was a success. We had over 100 customers who scored big savings. This was the cheapest book sale we have ever had at \$0.25 per item! We try to have at least four sales a year, so keep an eye out for the next one.

Thanks to Debra Conner for making Rutherford County Library a stop for the Employee Health Fair. We enjoyed seeing coworkers come in and hope to see them again soon!

Our new hours started on September 6th and they seem to be a hit with our patrons. We have had numerous patrons express their pleasure at the library being open late one evening a week and longer hours on Saturday.

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 was another Adult Coloring Session. We colored plastic Library Book Bags for our patrons to take home.

The Meet and Greet at Haynes Branch on September 9, 2016 turned out wonderful. We had about 40 people in attendance to meet Ben Edwards, David Rogers, Eddie Holland, and Christie Wenger. Being able to get up close and personal with your candidate is a good thing!

Nicole Morse – Nicole's first Friday Crafternoon was well attended and the children loved painting blank puzzles. They were able to take their puzzles home with them and have a unique jigsaw puzzle of their own.

Miss Nicole made Dream Catchers with the children for Friday Crafternoon last week. They had a great time and were able to take their Dream Catchers home with them.

The first week of **Mini-Maker Building Club** was AWESOME! Twelve children attended the program at County Library and ten children attended the program at Mountains!! They used Lego bricks to challenge themselves and one another with their creations. One family said on Monday that they would be travelling to the Mountains Branch program on Tuesday just so they could do it again! Way to go, Nicole! **(Pictures below and on page 9, and flyer on page 13.)**





Mini-Maker
Building Club
Mini-Maker

**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*****

Library continued from pages 8 - 10

April Young – April did a final walk-through at the Haynes Branch with Branch Manager Deb Womack. April was looking for anything that needed to be fixed, completed, or tweaked before our year was up. All items will be submitted to the builder. We are still so proud of our new facility! If you haven't visited yet, feel free to come by.

April filled the Little Libraries and was very pleased concerning how well and how often they seem to be used.

April also spent time brainstorming with staff members concerning fundraising, future programming, and library needs.

April also ordered new DVDs and processed new books. There is always something new at the library, so take some time to come in and see what all is new.

Rutherford County Library will be at the Hilltop Festival on October 1, 2016. Stop by and visit for a while and let us tell you what the Library can offer you.

Joy Sharp - Mountains Library is thrilled to announce our first “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” goal achievers! Kayleigh and Ryleigh have each read 1000 books and are on their way to thousands more.

We are adjusting to our new operating hours and were very pleased to have lots of patrons for our first extended Saturday hours. It was exhilarating to see kids using our ABC Mouse program and creating Lego creations with our new Lego kits.

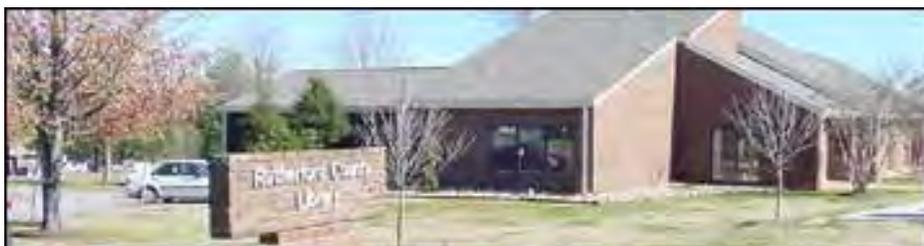
Joy Sharp attended the Friends of the Library Books & Bites author event at the Lake Lure Inn with local writer, Rose Senehi. She also helped with promotion of the Friends 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held Saturday, October 29th. We're looking for chili competitors!

Mountains Branch Library has been up to their eyeballs in donations of books and movies! Angie Turner has been working non-stop sorting through the donations to add to our collection or donate to the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

We enjoyed another good turnout for Lego Club this week! The kids – and parents – really enjoy creating and sharing their work.

Stephanie Long - Circulation Manager answered questions about being a librarian for a local student doing a report on career choices.

Circulation Manager created a display of frequently challenged books to highlight ALA's upcoming Banned Books Week.



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

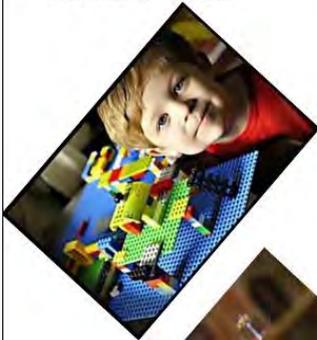
What can YOU build with Legos®?
Would you like to get together with other boys AND girls to find out what all you can build? Well, here's your chance!

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.

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

Public Works and Planning

Another difficult week where our department sustained high tempo operations despite the heat and demands on all facets of our department including gas shortages; Garage, Maintenance, Grounds-keeping, Planning and Project management. All of our guys work very hard and are dedicated to getting the job done and keeping all of the County's vehicles, facilities, parks and projects in good condition. Thanks to all the maintenance and garage staff for their hard work!

Revenue Department

The Revenue Department will have two new employees starting on Monday, September 26th. Welcome to Monica Cochran in Appraisal and MaryAnn White in Collections. Janet Lovelace has returned from her surgery and recovering well. We are happy to have her back and glad she is feeling better. Susan Shelor will be having surgery next week. Please keep her in your prayers next week. Hurry back, Susan. If you don't know yet, Linda and Bruce Greene are on baby watch for their first Grand. New baby Greene is on the way this week. More details next week about our new addition.

Customer Service	Totals (2 weeks)
Phone Calls	902
Information Data Requests	3
Website Hits	3,569
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	97
Deeds Recorded	78
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	45
Total Taxes Collected	\$746,029.14

Senior Center

Week of September 12-16

The Senior Center hosted the monthly blood pressure clinic on Monday. Representatives from White Oak of Rutherfordton conducted the Senior Center's monthly blood pressure checks. Forty-seven clients took advantage of this service.

On Tuesday, Leah McGrath, RD, LDN (corporate dietician for Ingles Markets and host of "Ask Leah!") shared how to be a smart shopper and food myths that are costing us money. Then on Tuesday afternoon, the seniors enjoyed Bingo. September is National Coupon Month so the Center hosted an activity called "Coupon Savings Tips".

The Senior Center also provided a trip to Hamrick's in Gaffney on Wednesday afternoon.

The Director and Activity Coordinator attended the Prime of Life Festival at the Foundation at ICC on Thursday to provide information about our programs. Lastly, several seniors met at Don's Italian on Thursday evening for "Meet & Eat".

Week of September 19-23

The Senior Center's Recipe Club met on Monday morning and we hosted our last Ice Cream Shop for the season on Monday afternoon.

We held our first Pen Pal meeting on Tuesday and assigned the student pen pals from Spindale Elementary to a senior pen pal.

Due to the fuel shortage, we delivered our home delivered participants a pre-packaged meal along with their hot meal on Tuesday so that we did not have to deliver meals on Wednesday. The Center hosted "Bring a Guest Day" on Wednesday. Participants were encouraged to invite a guest to the Senior Center to see the many programs, activities, and services we provide.

Anita Phillips, RN & RRHS Diabetes Program Coordinator, presented information on Thursday about how to recognize foods that contain saturated fat as well as what the good fats are.

Lastly, on Friday afternoon the Kiwanis Aktion Club of Rutherford County sponsored the "Senior Bear Dance" at the Senior Center to benefit the Spindale Police Department. All proceeds will be used to purchase teddy bears for the Spindale Police officers to carry in their patrol cars to offer comfort to frightened children they encounter during their course of work.

Upcoming:

Zumba September 26 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's July 2016 Report	
Calls for Service	5030
Warrants Served/Total Arrest	353/237
Domestic Calls	157
Involuntary Commitments/Hours	16/41.75 Man Hrs.
Civil Papers Served	347
Ex parte Served	29
Evictions	22
Animals Pickup/Surrender	166
Animals Returned to Owners or Rescued	104
Animal Control Calls for Service	372
New Cases Assigned to Detectives/Road Patrol	216/23
Pill Drop Collections	10,891 Doses Units/30.0 ML
Average Daily Inmate Confinement	198
Gun Purchase Permits Issued	107
Carry Concealed Permits Issued	33
Project Lifesaver Clients/Contact Hours	2/4.0 Man Hrs.
Registered Sex Offenders/Contact Hours	192/9.0 Man Hrs.
Litter Control Calls/Cases Assigned/Closed	0/12/0

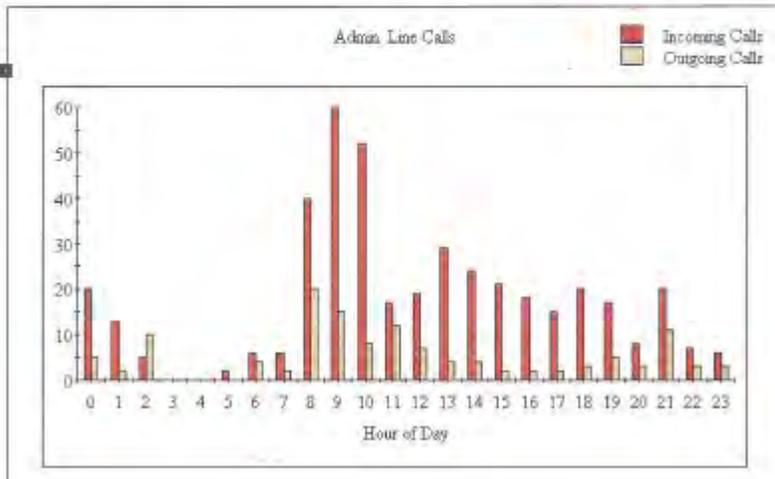
Personnel Actions
Cody Keck, full-time Detention Officer, effective 07.28.16.
Andrew Owens, part-time Telecommunicator, effective 07.28.16.
Jennifer Valdez, part-time Telecommunicator, effective 08.01.16.
Bill Short, full-time Telecommunicator, effective 08.09.16.
Deputy Jeff Burgess laterally transferred to Road Patrol, A-Crew from Animal Control, effective
Deputy Steven Holland laterally transferred to Animal Control from FTO Road Patrol, effective
Officer Paul Robbins resigned from RC Sheriff's Office effective 08.16.16.

911 Communications

911 Communications had a very busy week with Saturday being the busiest day. This was a very busy, stressful, and emotional day for our Telecommunicators. We would like to give a big shout out to Sgt. Laurel Messer, Cpl. Marie Rhymer, Telecommunicators Bill Short and Candie Lancaster for working so hard to get officers the help they needed while fielding a very heavy call volume (**see left**). This was the first time in my career that I have ever come to work without combing my hair, but thankfully my observant husband asked me, before I ran out the door, “*Honey, do you want me to get you a ball cap?*”

Call Load Report

Report Date: 09/21/2016
 Report Interval: From 09/17/2016 to 09/17/2016
 Time Base: Hour of Day



As a Telecommunicator, what happened Saturday is one thing you never want to hear, and it’s very difficult to be completely prepared. F/Sgt. Roman Scruggs took care of calling extra staffing. They quickly arrived, so a second big shout out to Sgt. Jessica Quinn, Cpl. Susan Lawter, Telecommunicators, Lindsay Chapman, and Carrie McBrayer who helped relieve Sgt. Messer’s crew. We are very thankful that Detective Patrick Wiseman is at home and recovering.

Thank you Rutherford County 911 for the life saving jobs you do every day. You are truly special heroes! *Tammy Aldridge, Director*

A very special congratulations to

Director Tammy Aldridge

who was sworn in as

North Carolina’s APCO’s (*NC Chapter Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials*) Region F Ambassador

for the western region of North Carolina while at Conference last week (**pictured right**).

<http://www.ncapco.org/chapter-officers>



Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- attended a Farm City Program and Poster Contest planning meeting.
- worked on Conservation Field Day and Education activities planning.
- completed and submitted the Sunshine Elementary OELC Grant quarterly report.
- worked on display information for the Ellenboro Fair and worked at the Soils Trailer Booth

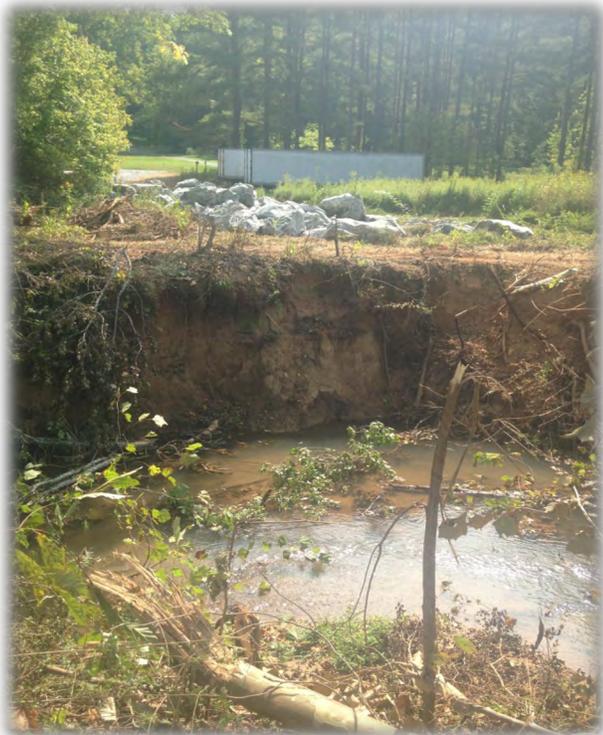
It was Fair weekend this past week and **pictured right and below** is Brandon Higgins' daughter, CJ and her Jersey calf, Biltmore Libby.



The Ag Cost Share Technician:

- spent time on a stream construction jobsite at Cleghorn Creek. North State Construction has been there stabilizing stream banks and putting structures in-stream to control future erosion to surrounding farm land. **(Pictured right, below and page 19.)**





Solid Waste

Customers served 428
Loads hauled from convenience centers 57
MSW loads shipped to Lenoir 40
Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2
Tire customers 32

The director's week consisted of dealing with a shortage in gas, meeting with Danny Searcy on Rails to Trails, changes at the Cliffside Mill Dump and discussing recycling with a nearby county at their request. The office staff continues to work on reports and payroll while assisting customers. The transfer station staff continues to process all the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D staff continues to process all the C&D tonnages coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The airport crew is mowing at the airport this week. Wes Scarlett is in town this week testing the water wells. Staff has met our new landfill inspector. Also, we have sent three employees to Shelby landfill for training so they will receive their certifications.

Please continue to recycle!

Tourism Development Authority

Visit our website for a full list of events and times at: timeofyourlifenc.com or call our Welcome Center at 828.287.6113. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact Taylor Hardin, Administrative Assistant for the TDA at 828-287-6013 or by email at 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.

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

The quarterly Peer Review Quality Management committee meeting was held where all medical agencies meet to discuss system improvements. We appreciate all of our employees working through the fuel shortage and striving to keep the ambulances with full tanks of gas. EMS would also like to welcome new employee, Leslie Lewis, who is our new Billing and Compliance Officer.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	143
Non-Emergency Calls	33

Transit Services:

Transit continues to celebrate this week with our employees during our Employee Appreciation Week (**pictured right**). We are very proud and thankful for ALL our employees for their dedication and commitment to all our citizens in Rutherford County. If you have see one of our drivers or other employees, please give them a word of appreciation for their work.

Transit is also handing out magnetic clips to all passengers this week as an extra thank you. Transit employees have worked very hard this week with the fuel shortage to provide all our services without interruptions. It has been trying at times, as it has for everyone, to be able to wait in lines for fuel just to get enough to continue to work. We will continue to monitor this situation and follow the County's direction for fueling until this shortage is ended.



TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	11,352	9,384
# of Local Trips	1,317	1,140
# of Out of County Trips	68	56
# Unduplicated Passengers	263	236
Total Revenue	\$21,732	\$17,533

Veteran Services

Our first *Coffee and Conversation* was a success. The veterans enjoyed coffee, donuts and great fellowship. Thank you to all who helped us promote this event. We will be having *Coffee and Conversation* the third Thursday of every month. More details about October's event will be available soon. A special thank you to Beverly for working so hard to make it a success.

I received my certification from the NCDVA last week as a certified Veteran Service Officer. We will kick off our partnership program next month!
Susan Hall, Director

Mail In	153
Mail Out	42
Fax	152
Phone Calls In/Out	120
Veteran Contacts	231

Congratulations to Director Susan Hall for acquiring her NC Veterans Officer certification in just seven months. County Manager Steve Garrison, Commissioners, staff, and all county employees thank you, Susan, for your service and dedication to Rutherford County government and to our veterans.





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 or through SouthoftheMountainTrailRun.com

Why Should Kids Have ALL the Fun?

Our adult only soapbox derby is the only one of its kind in the region and is a fabulous way to show your community spirit. Have you ever dreamed of owning your own NASCAR team? This is your big chance as companies, churches, schools and other organizations build their own cars to compete or sponsor independent teams. What a unique and high impact promotional opportunity!! Local sportsmen can build their own cars, too (refer to the rules page document for all the particulars).

Race organizers carefully pick two equally matched cars to compete in side by side, do or die heats until a winner is declared. Don't be surprised if you see a water gun or two or other crazy antics as teams do whatever they can to make it to the end of the race course and to the top of the winner's podium.

As much fun for the fans as it is for the participants, this events appeals to both young and old and will produce a ton of smiles!

Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m., Downtown Rutherfordton

For more information visit : <http://www.rutherfordtown.com/derbyrules--registration-forms.html>



Litter Sweep

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NORTH CAROLINA!

https://www.ncdot.gov/doh/operations/dp_chief_eng/roadside/Beautification/download/LitterSweep/LitterSweep_Web_Poster.pdf



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

September 13th, County Annex, Commissioners Room
September 20th, Golden Valley Club House
September 27th, Cool Springs Building, Forest City
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.

Colfax Free Fair

Ellenboro School Carnival

"LOTS TO LEARN AT A COUNTRY FAIR"

September 20-24, 2016

Old Ellenboro School Fairground

RIDES-GAMES-FOOD

Armbands on Saturday unlimited rides 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Carnival Info. 828/453-8185 Exhibitor Info. 828/453-7768

Live Music Friday and Saturday Nights 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Friday—"Southern Sounds" (Gospel)

Saturday—"Shady Oak Ramblers" (Bluegrass)

Old Engines-Tractors-Farm Machinery on display Tuesday thru Saturday

Trophies presented 4:00 p.m. Saturday

Classic Car and Truck Show 2:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday

Trophies presented 6:00 p.m. Saturday

1. Canned Goods, also Jam, Jellies, etc.
2. Horticulture: Apples, Potatoes (Sweet & Irish), Watermelons, Pumpkins, Cantaloupes, Peaches, Tomatoes, Onions, Corn, etc.
3. Field Crops
4. Potted Plants & Cut Flowers
5. Art & Photography
6. Sewing & Needlework
7. Metalwork, Woodwork, etc.
8. Baked Goods & Candies
9. Youth Division: Ages 5-19



Competitive Exhibits Information Books will be available at Ellenboro Town Hall and Colfax Gin.

Please bring exhibits to the gym on Monday, Sept 19, from 9 a.m.—7 p.m.



COLFAX FREE FAIR CAR SHOW

**Saturday, September 24, 2016
Old Ellenboro School Ball Field
171 Cherry Mtn. St., Ellenboro, NC**

**Registration 2:00 –5:00 PM
People’s Choice Voting 3:00 – 5:30 PM
Professional Judging 5:00 – 5:30 PM
Awards Presented at 6:00 PM**

**1st Place Trophy – Each Category
2nd Place Plaque – Each Category
Dash Plaque for All Entries**

**Category I: 1945 and Earlier
Category II: 1946 to 1959
Category III: 1960 to 1980
Category IV: Special Interest**

NO ENTRY FEE

Upcoming Events



Hilltop Fall Festival

Friday, Sept. 30th - Saturday, Oct. 1st
Main Street, downtown Rutherfordton
Soap Box Derby, live music, street vendors, arts & craft vendors, kids activities & amusement rides.
Plus the Overmountain Victory Trail 5K & Tour de Pumpkin Bike Ride!



Vintage Tin Car Show

Saturday, October 1st
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Rumbling Bald Resort
Featuring over 250 vintage automobiles competing for top prizes. Plus many scheduled activities!



Russian Grand Ballet presents

Swan Lake

Sunday, Oct. 2nd
4:00 - 7:00 pm
Foundation Performing Arts Center
Classic production of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake



F.U.N.C.

Friday, Oct. 7th
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Central Street, Rutherfordton
Live music, kids activities, food trucks, local vendors, face painting, adult beverages, and local eateries

Upcoming Events continued



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!

Relay for Life

Listed below is our fall plant sale order form. You may email, fax or send to Finance your order by Friday, September 23rd. Please contact Jeanette Bosgra by phone at 828.287.6211 or by email at jeanette.bosgra@rutherfordcountync.gov if you have any questions. Feel free to share with any friends, relative or neighbors.

2016 Relay for Life Fall Plant Sale			
* \$13 per flat of 36 plants * \$6 for 8 inch mums * (Colors May Vary)			
ORDER DEADLINE: 9/22/16			
Delivery date Thursday 9/30 (time will be late afternoon - please give contact #)			
Name	Department		
Phone #	Fax	287-6210	
Pansies			
<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Color</u>		
	Delta Pure Red		Matrix Citrus Mix
	Delta Premium Neon Violet		Matrix Coastal Sunrise Mix
	Delta Rose Blotch		Morpheus Matrix
		quiv="refresh"	
	Matrix Autumn Blaze Mix		Panola Deep Orange (panolas are smaller than pansies)
			
	Matrix Blotch Mix		Panola True Blue
			
MUMS - 8 inch pots \$6 each			
# Flats (\$13 each)	\$	Color	Quantity
		Yellow	_____
# Mums (\$6 each)	\$	Orange	_____
		Red	_____
Total Due	\$	Purple	_____
check or cash - prefer prepaid			
Checks Payable to ACS - American Cancer Society			



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?

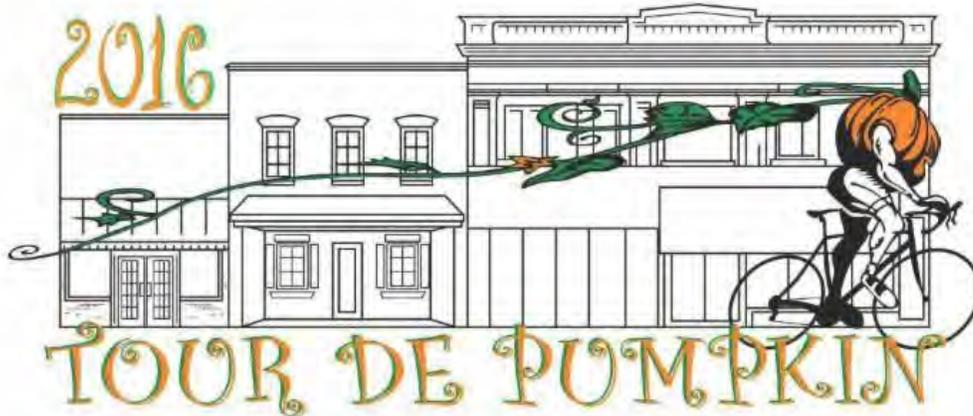
If you have questions or concerns, email: kim.aldridge@rutherfordcountync.gov



The 11th Annual Tour de Pumpkin is fast approaching. Registration is open. Get signed up early for the best ride for money in the Southeast!

If you registered for last year's event and chose to carry over your registration to this year, please let us know if you plan to ride so we can reserve your shirt. If you are unable to ride this year, we will honor that registration in any future year.

Hope you can join us this year!



50K and 100K

October 1, 2016

Rutherfordton, NC 9:30 a.m.

Sign-in: 8 to 9:15 a.m.

- Great end-of-season roller coaster rides.
- Event t-shirt.
- Best deal in WNC for a high quality ride.
- Door prizes and post-ride meal.
- Proceeds benefit Rutherford Housing Partnership.

Fee: \$25 (or \$20 with advance registration by Sept. 30)

For more information, to register, and to see course maps, go to www.rutherfordoutdoor.org

ROC Broad River Fall Sweep

**Saturday September 24,
2016
9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**ROC is putting together
another Broad River clean-up
and we need your help!**



People with canoes as well as kayaks are asked to join us on this beautiful float down the Broad River. Along the way we will be collecting any trash that we see. ROC will provide gloves, trash bags, and a few trash grabbers. There may be a few extra kayaks or canoes for people that want to help but do not have a boat of their own. We are planning to clean the following sections:

In Rutherford County:

- Section 2 (Rock Springs Church Road to Clark Road)
- Section 3 (Clark Road to River Road)
- Section 4 (River Road to Grays Road)
- Section 5 (Grays Road to Coxe Road).

**** Each group of volunteers will float 1 section of the river. We will need the most help on Sections 4 and 5.**

The Sweep will be followed with an After Party-Cookout for participants @ 6:30 pm

If you are interested in participating, contact Hallie Zeedik at trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org or (828) 625-9983 ext. 505.

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Saturday, September 24th:

- **ROC Broad River Fall Sweep:** We will meet at 9:30 am and plan to get started by 10:30 am. These clean-ups are always a ton of fun and you will be helping to ensure that our river stays beautiful! Email us for more details or to sign up.
- **Take a Child Outside:** Woodland Adventure: 10:00 am - 11:00 am at *Chimney Rock State Park*.
- **Take a Child Outside: Family Animal Encounters:** 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm at *Chimney Rock State Park*.
- **Take a Child Outside: Outdoor Essentials:** 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday 9/25:

- **Take a Child Outside: River Watch:** 10:00 am - 11:00 am at *Chimney Rock State Park*.
- **Take a Child Outside: Family Animal Encounters:** 2:00 - 2:30 pm at *Chimney Rock State Park*.
- **Friends of Chimney Rock Four Season Hike: Round Top Mountain:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at *Chimney Rock State Park*.

Saturday, October 1st:

- ROC Race Series: Overmountain Victory 5K

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.

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