

Rutherford Monthly



MARCH 2024

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Monthly Newsletter

showcasing activities and accomplishments of the departments within Rutherford County Government.

Airport

The March Airport Authority meeting was held on March 4, 2024. Highlights from the agenda are as follows:

Director and Financial Report

Airport Director Devon Raisch reported on the Financial Report and noted all was trending well to date.

Informational Updates

Airport Director Devon Raisch gave updates regarding ongoing plans and projects.

New Business

- **Hangar 3A/3B Transfer** - Director Raisch presented a resolution for transfer of Hangar 3A and 3B from Philip O'Reilly to Casey Keating for the Board's consideration.
- **Commemorative Bench Policy** - Documents that supported the Commemorative Bench policy, providing a guide for placing and installation of dedication markers, plaque or memorials, and an outline collection of the marker and maintenance were presented to the Board for their consideration and approval.
- **Application for Commemorative Bench with Plaque** - An application to place a commemorative bench in honor of Edward N. Washburn, III, who served as a member of the Airport Authority from 1979 to 1995, was presented to the Board for their consideration and approval.
- **Fee Schedule** - The current fee schedule with additional Box Hangar Fee and Rate was presented to the Board for consideration.
- **Box Hangar Lease Draft Document** - A draft document of the Box Hangar Lease was presented to the Board for consideration.



Board of Elections

From Director Dawn Lovelace:

- It was a busy March for the Elections Office. Tuesday, March 05, 2024, Rutherford County held its 2024 Primary Election.
- Voter turnout for the Primary was at 25.84%, with voter registration at 46,482 registered voters.
- You can find official results at [NC SBE Contest Results](#).
- Special thanks to IT Department, Maintenance Department, Emergency Management and the staff at the County Administration Building for their assistance during the election process and for helping to make our Early Voting and Election Day run smoothly.
- Two contests will have a Second Republican Primary on May 14, 2024, NC Auditor and NC Lieutenant Governor. More information to come!



- We would like to say a big thank you to Short Time Moving Company for moving our equipment out to all the polling locations throughout the County. We wouldn't be able to do it without these awesome guys!



Cooperative Extension

Nineteen 4-H members represented Rutherford County at the NC 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests in Raleigh on March 9. We had a total of 19 students competing in the two events. Congratulations to the following:

- Mixed Age Horse Bowl Team: 4th Place team (Emma Horton, Mackenzie Green, Greg Tice, Demi Terry, Stella Taruscio) Coached by Misty Yelton.
- Mixed Individual Overall 4th Place: Emma Horton

The Hippology Contest consists of a written exam, identification stations, judging classes, and a team problem.

The Rutherford Junior Team placed 2nd in the Team Problem and 1st Place Overall in the Junior Division. Team members were: Emma Horton, Avery Hudson, Demi Terry, Sophie Malone. They were coached by Misty Yelton and Cynthia Robbins.

The Senior Hippology team placed 5th in Team Problem and 5th Overall. Team members were: Caroline Hall, Greg Tice, Mackenzie Green, Anna Tate. In the Senior Rookie division, Emma Herndon placed 9th overall. They were coached by Misty Yelton.

Our annual 4-H Small Fruit Plant Sale is going on now. We are taking orders through March 27. Plants will be available for pick up on April 11-12 at the Cooperative Extension Center. We are selling the following plants: blueberry, blackberry, raspberries, grape, muscadine, strawberry, asparagus, apple trees, and fig trees. For more information, visit www.go.ncsu.edu/rutherfordplantsale. There is also an online order form on the website.

The Electricity Group wrapped up this month where boys and girls enjoyed learning about electricity. They learned about circuits, conductivity, safety, and careers. They made paper circuits, electronic circuit boards, and lamps (**pictured below**).

Eight youth attended the West District 4-H Winterfest in Waynesville where they participated in service projects, science and craft stations. They also had the opportunity to enjoy snow tubing!



County Manager/Commissioners

The County Manager, Commissioners and staff were involved in several resourceful telephone conference and in-person meetings involving the following individuals, departments, boards, and businesses:

- Community Health Council
- NCACC Call for County Managers
- March Board of Commissioners' Meeting
- Airport Authority
- Monthly Team Department Head Meetings
- NCACC Opioid Meeting
- Board of Education
- Budget Meetings with Department Heads
- Tourism Development Authority
- Local Government Town Hall Event
- Finance
- JCPC
- 911 Communications
- Budget Requests Review
- Polk/Rutherford Steering Team
- ICC Health & Sciences Building Presentation
- Public Works and Planning Department
- RFA Subcommittee
- Keep Rutherford County Beautiful Committee
- Soccer Complex Groundbreaking
- NCACC District meeting
- Rutherford Housing Partners
- Foothills Regional Commission
- RRDC Meeting
- Economic Development Board
- Pangaea Board
- Partners Board
- Dogwood Health Trust
- DSS Board
- Library Trustees
- Senior Center Advisory Board
- Broad River Water Authority
- Board of Commissioners Agenda Review for April meeting



The March Board of Commissioners' meeting was held on March 4, 2024. The meeting was also livestreamed and can be seen by visiting the Rutherford County webpage at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.

**The next Board of Commissioners' meeting will be held
Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

Highlights from the RC Board of Commissioners' March Agenda

- **Commissioners' Appointments**

- * ICC President Margaret Annunziata requested that April 2024 be recognized as Isothermal Community College Month and April 20, 2024 as "Paint the Community Isothermal Blue" Day. A resolution depicting this request was presented to the Board.

- (Pictured right: President Annunziata)

- * Appointment to Farmland Preservation Advisory Board

- **Budget Amendments and FY 2024 Audit Contract/Engagement Letter** presented by Finance Director Paula Roach **pictured below left.**

- **Senior Center's Title VI Plan** presented by Senior Center Director Tammy Aldridge (**pictured below middle**).

- **Resolution Awarding Detective Adrienne Wallace and Lieutenant Allen Hardin Their Side Arm and Badge** presented by Sheriff Aaron Ellenburg (**pictured below right**).



Economic Development

On Friday, February 23, 2024, Jessica Keever with Economic and Development of Rutherford County hosted a visit to BEFESA a metal recycling company (formally known as AZP). Annette Staley, Foothills Workforce Board Director, and Cindy Cobb, Executive Director of Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce attended as well. They were able to tour the facility and discuss different services that are available to BEFESA. **Pictured L-R: Jessica Keever, Annette Staley, Cindy Cobb**



Emergency Medical Services

EMS celebrated the following staff members' March birthdays:

- Cody Brackett
- Christina Conner
- Josh Hendrix
- Emma Langley
- Lori Migala
- Hanna Monteith
- Christian Mooney
- Jordan Radford

EMS Administration conducted our "State of the Union" for EMS staff where we took feedback of our progress, as well as discussed important issues like Standards, Compliance, Privacy, Safety, Staffing, and the Future! We did this while soliciting recommendations for improvement and positive ideas.

A big welcome to Payton Teague to our full-time staff and as our newest EMT. Also, welcome to Samantha Stapleton as a new part-time EMT.

Other congratulations go out to FTO Cody Brackett on completion of his Tactical and Medical Practitioner and Operations Supervisor Luke Jenkins on completion of the UNC Charlotte EMS Management Institute. Working to raise the standard!

Monthly Response Information

EMD Complaint	Details
Sick Person	199
Falls	140
Transfer/Interfacility/Palliative Care	131
Traffic Accident	90
Breathing Problem	70
Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic)	68
Unconscious/Fainting	56
Hemorrhage/Laceration	33
No Other Appropriate Choice	33
Unknown Problem/Person Down	28
Psychiatric Problem/Abnormal Behavior/Suicide Attempt	27
Convulsions/Seizure	25
Stroke/CVA	23
Cardiac Arrest/Death	22
Diabetic Problem	22
Overdose/Poisoning/Ingestion	21
Heart Problems/AICD	17
Abdominal Pain/Problems	15
Standby	13
Traumatic Injury	12
Medical Alarm	10
Assault	7
Assist Invalid	7
Allergic Reaction/Stings	5
Pregnancy/Childbirth	5
Headache	4
Fire	3
Altered Mental Status	2
Automated Crash Notification	2
Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	2
EMS Special Service	2
Animal Bite	1
Burns/Explosion	1
Carbon Monoxide/Hazmat/Inhalation/CBRN	1
Pandemic/Epidemic/Outbreak	1
Disposition	Total
Assist, Agency	1
Assist, Public	8
Cancelled (No Patient Contact)	18
Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)	49
Cancelled on Scene/No Patient Found	5
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required	13
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (With Transport)	1
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	127
Patient Treated, Released (AMA)	28
Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)	3
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Professional/Unit	2
Patient Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement	2
Patient Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle	2
Transported Lights/Siren	23
Transported Lights/Siren, Downgraded	3
Transported No Lights/Siren	763
Transported No Lights/Siren, Upgraded	7

HR Director and HR Analyst:

- Held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements.
- Attended the following meetings:
 - * Board of Commissioners
 - * HR Association
 - * JCPC
 - * OSTAT (Opioid Settlement meetings)
 - * Risk Control meeting
 - * ESC Appeal meeting
 - * Budget meetings with department heads
- Completed payroll changes
- Conducted monthly orientation
- Held interviews for several positions



NEW EMPLOYEES

Full-time

- Donny Beeson (Solid Waste)
- Miranda Ingle (Revenue)
- Jamie Osborne (DSS)
- Jordan McBrayer (DSS)
- Isabella Delagarza (911)
- Angel Willette (Detention)

Part-time

- Raymond Maxwell (Sheriff)
- Payton Teague (EMS)
- Samantha Stapleton (EMS)
- Samuel Chapman (EMS)

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers continue for employees and families listed below:

Angela Ezell (former employee Finance Department) in the recent passing of her husband, Dr. Keith Ezell, on March 13, 2024.

Mickey Cochran (Airport) in the loss of his mother, Betty Cochran.

Kim Aldridge (Governing Body) in the recent loss of her sister-in-law, Diane Aldridge Lassiter on March 24, 2024.



CURRENT JOB POSTINGS

- Part-time Equipment Operator (Solid Waste)
- Part-time HDM Driver (Senior Center)



Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less for Summer!

Help your employees gear up for summer by learning healthy habits! HBRs are encouraged to share this information with employees: [Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less](#) is a 15-week weight management program delivered online in real time by a live Registered Dietitian (RDN) instructor. Lunchtime and evening classes are available beginning the week of April 21.

Active State Health Plan members are eligible to **participate at no cost** with the code **GNC2024***. Note: Retirees on the Base PPO Plan (70/30) and Enhanced PPO Plan (80/20) may also participate at the fully covered cost, as long as the State Health Plan is their primary coverage. [Click here](#) to register.

For employees who have already completed the Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less program: They can continue their healthy journey with **Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less 2!** Lunchtime or evening classes are available and begin the first week in June. Active State Health Plan members can **participate at no cost!**

[Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less 2](#) is a 12-week program intended for those who have completed the Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less program. Classes are held **online with a live instructor** and are accessible on a computer or mobile device. Lesson topics go more in depth and include Choose Healthy Fats, Manage Stress, Control Sugar, and **more**. As noted above, State Health Plan members are eligible to **participate at no cost** with the code **GNC22024***. Retirees on the Base PPO Plan (70/30) and Enhanced PPO Plan (80/20) may also participate at the fully covered cost, as long as the State Health Plan is their primary coverage. [Click here](#) to register.

**Retirees covered by Humana are not eligible for the discount. Employees will be asked to enter their State Health Plan ID number and a claim will be filed for their participation in the program.*

Information Technology



Congratulations to
Vicki Edwards,
Assistant IT Director,
on the birth of her first
grandbaby,
Elijah James.

Library

We had an awesome time at the County Library on May 9th during our Mario Tournament! Contestants were divided into three separate brackets, depending on age, with a winner in each bracket. The winners took home golden star trophies and Mario Brothers Uno! In between races, attendees enjoyed snacks, a Mario-themed selfie station, coloring and activity sheets, and a treasure chest with treats and Mario toys in it! Due to the popularity of this program, we will be turning it into a quarterly event—be on the look-out for a Super Smash Brothers or Mario Party tournament within the next few months (pictured right and below).



Rutherford County Library System

Seed Library

Exciting news! Now that spring is here, we are happy to announce that our seed library will be returning very soon! This year, all three branches will have seeds packets available for “check out!”



www.rutherfordcountylibrary.org

We are excited to announce that our Seed Library is making a comeback! This year is bigger and bolder, with seeds available at all three branches. We'll also offer gardening-related programming throughout April, including arts and crafts as well as a “Beginning a Vegetable Garden” presentation at all three branches, courtesy of the Cooperative Extension! The Seed Library will be available to patrons with a valid Foothills Library Consortium card in good standing. Keep an eye on our social media for the official start date!

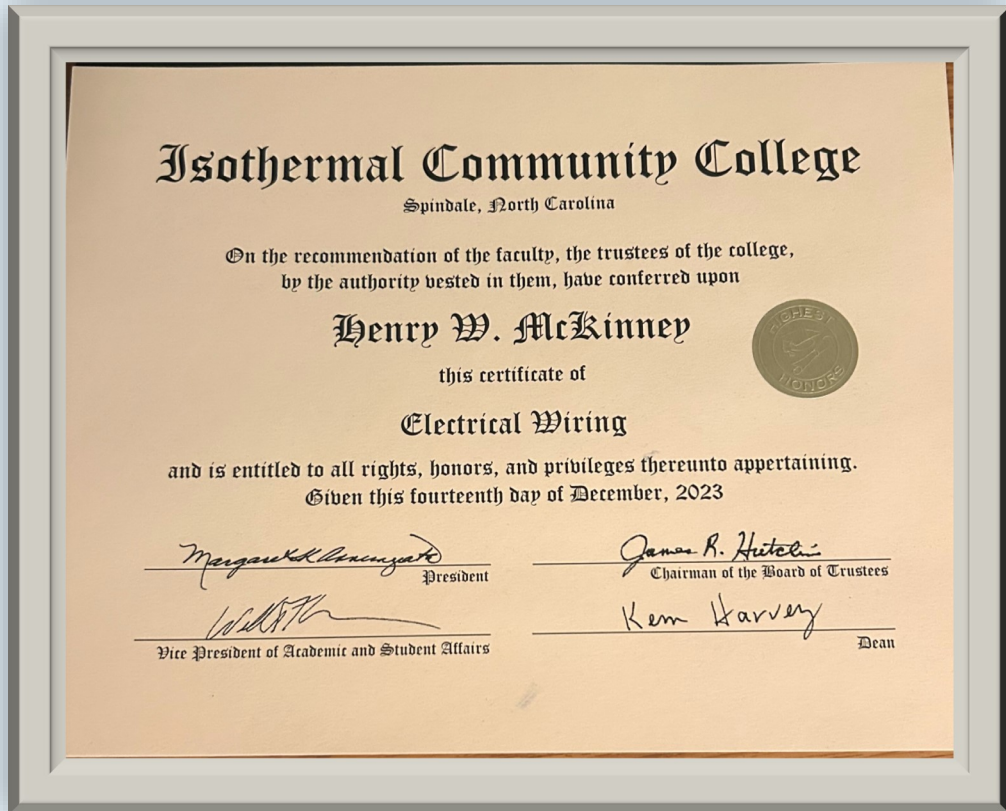
Speaking of exciting news... our **BOOKMOBILE** is getting closer and closer to hitting the streets of Rutherford County! Employees of the Rutherford County Library System recently submitted a graphic design draft for the exterior of the bookmobile, which means that we are getting close to the finish line! Our hope is to have the bookmobile out on the road this summer, just in time for our “Adventure Begins at Your Library” summer reading program!

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



Planning and Projects

The Planning and Projects Department is extremely proud of Henry McKinney with County Maintenance for his significant self-improvement and expanding his education and skill set through classes at ICC. He continues to take electrical classes and has most recently completed and earned his Electrical Wiring Certificate.



Pictured below: Plumbing Technician Tim Culler testing repairs made to Senior Center kitchen.



Register of Deeds

Assumed Business Names	13
Certificates of Satisfaction	113
Deeds	260
Deeds of Trust	123
Plats/Surveys	39
Powers of Attorney	43
Various other documents	105
Certified Vital Records Issued	718
Marriage Licenses Issued	18
Notary Public Oaths	13

SENIOR CENTER RUTHERFORD COUNTY



FEBRUARY REPORT

<u>SERVICE TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEALS</u>
SPINDALE DINE-IN MEALS	2,446
ELLENBORO MEAL SITE	603
HOME DELIVERED MEALS	3,864
Total February Meals	6,913

SENIOR CENTER TITLE VI PLAN

The Board of Commissioners approved the Title VI Plan at their March meeting.

NEW PARTICIPANTS

The Senior Center has been growing with new participants both at the Center and to our Home-Delivered Meals Program. In February, we gained 54 new participants. This includes a mixture of congregate and home-delivered meal participants.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

The Senior Center had 40 volunteers in February, and they logged a total of 231.16 volunteer hours.

EMPLOYEE WORK ANNIVERSARIES

**HAPPY
4TH YEAR WORK
ANNIVERSARY
CINDY HILL!**

Cindy is a floater who does whatever is needed. She is a hard worker and so dependable!



**HAPPY 2ND YEAR
WORK
ANNIVERSARY
SHAWNA HENSLEY!**

SHAWNA TEACHES AEROBICS AND HER PARTICIPANTS LOVE HER & HER CLASSES!



2024 SENIOR GAMES

We are ready for the 2024 Senior Games. Registration was held March 1-15, and we had a total of 131 participants sign up this year. There were 45 first-time participants.

We will have our SilverArts Competition March 26-28, and SilverArts Awards & Recognition will be held on March 28 at 11:00 am. Performing Arts and Sports will continue into April, and our closing ceremony will be held May 3, 2024.

SECOND HARVEST AGENCY DAY CONFERENCE

Senior Center Director and Nutrition Manager attended Second Harvest Agency Conference on March 7th in Hickory. This is mandatory annual training for the Commodity Supplemental Food Box Program.

NORTH CAROLINA AREA AGENCY ON AGING (NCAOA) STATE AGING CONFERENCE

Senior Center Director and Nutrition Manager also attended the NCAOA State Agency Conference in New Bern March 12-14.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Rutherford County Transit Operations Manager, Jeff Hill, taught a Defensive Driving class to the seniors during the month of March. The seniors gained valuable knowledge from this informative program. Thanks, Jeff, for your time and presentation.



BREAKFAST AT STRAWBERRY HILL



Soil and Water

Rutherford County Soil and Water had the opportunity to partner with Norris Library and a few second grade classes across the County to bring them the Animals in Winter Program where the students were able to learn all about what animals do in winter. Also, they enjoyed making bird feeders (pictured right).

Rutherford County Soil and Water brought a lesson to Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy on Soil Conservation and All the Best Management Practices that can be used in farming.



Rutherford County had four teams travel to Waynesville, NC to participate in the Area 1 Envirothon. Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy had a high school team (Echo Chicks) that placed third overall and advanced on to state level. Lake Lure Classical Academy also had one middle school team to place second in the middle school division, and a high school team to place fourth. Both teams from Lake Lure will also be advancing to state level competition.

Rutherford County Soil and Water was also able to attend two Career Days this month at Chase Middle and Rutherfordton Elementary to share all the career options available in Natural Resource Conservation. Staff also finished out the month by attending Heritage Day at Sunshine Elementary School.



Solid Waste

Tonnage Intake

Material	Weight
MSW/Household Garbage	3,373.63
Construction/Demo Debris	517.84
Metal	88.26
Recycle	190.57
Electronics/TV	2.36
Tires	18.52



Avondale Center: 2310 Ellenboro-Henrietta Rd. Ellenboro, NC 28040
Bills Creek Center: 2130 Bills Creek Rd. Lake Lure, NC 28746
Colfax Center: 1676 US 74 Business Ellenboro NC 28040
Danieltown Center: 1381 Bethany Church Rd. Forest City NC 28043
Gilkey Center: 2489 HWY 221 N, Rutherfordton NC 28139
Golden Valley Center: 6075 Bostic-Sunshine Hwy. Bostic NC 28018
Pea Ridge Center: 3892 Pea Ridge Rd. Bostic NC 28018
Green Hill Center: 204 Rainbow Rapids Rd. Rutherfordton NC 28139
Hollis Center: 4480 Hollis Rd. Ellenboro NC 28040
Shiloh Center: 152 Richland Dr. Forest City NC 28043
Landfill: 656 Laurel Hill Dr. Rutherfordton NC 28139

828-657-6952
 828-625-8516
 828-248-1268
 828-245-6524
 828-286-8829
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Tourism Master Plan

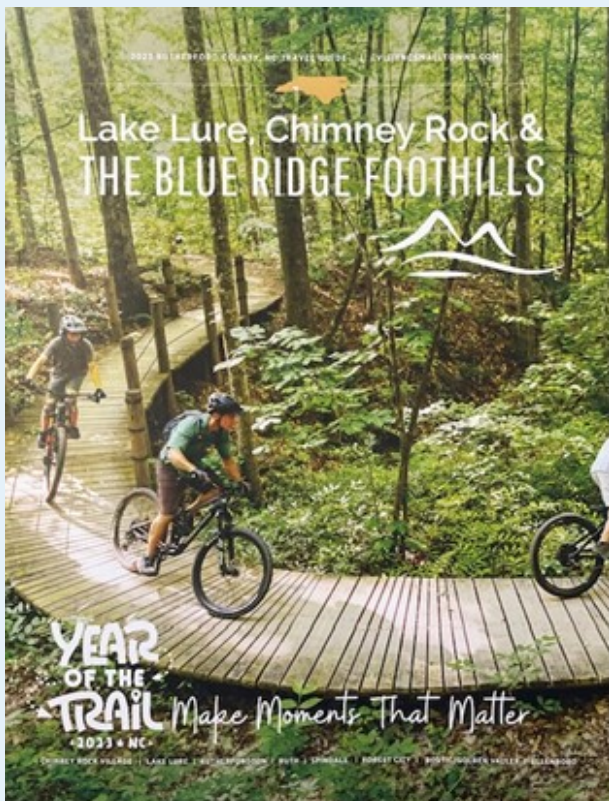
- The Towns, County and the TDA continue to move Rutherford Bound forward.
- Rutherford Bound has completed 9 projects and has 14 projects in process for a total funding raised of about 21 million.
- Legacy Soccer Park construction began.
- Chimney Rock Streetscapes Phase II construction started March 20. Groundbreaking scheduled for April 16th at 11 am.
- TDA/RB/DbD/Towns applying for a number of grants for tourism asset projects.
- Tourism Advisory Committee to meet on March 26, 2024 for RB update.
- Be sure to follow us at: [Rutherford-Bound.com](https://www.Rutherford-Bound.com)

Welcome Center Updates

- The Lake Lure Welcome Center’s monthly visitor traffic total for February was 1,992.

Marketing

- 2023 Travel guide is available!



If you would like a case of guides, please contact Elizabeth Randall, Administrative Support for the TDA by email: elizabeth.randall@rutherfordcountync.gov

Agri-Tourism

- TDA has a partnership with People 1st Tourism to help with agritourism efforts in Rutherford County. 3-4 events each month.

Relocate to Rutherford County

- Various meetings with Rutherford County Chamber & EDC. In process of developing a program to be implemented.

Trails Committee

- Committee is working with the state and TDA marketing team for trail marketing.

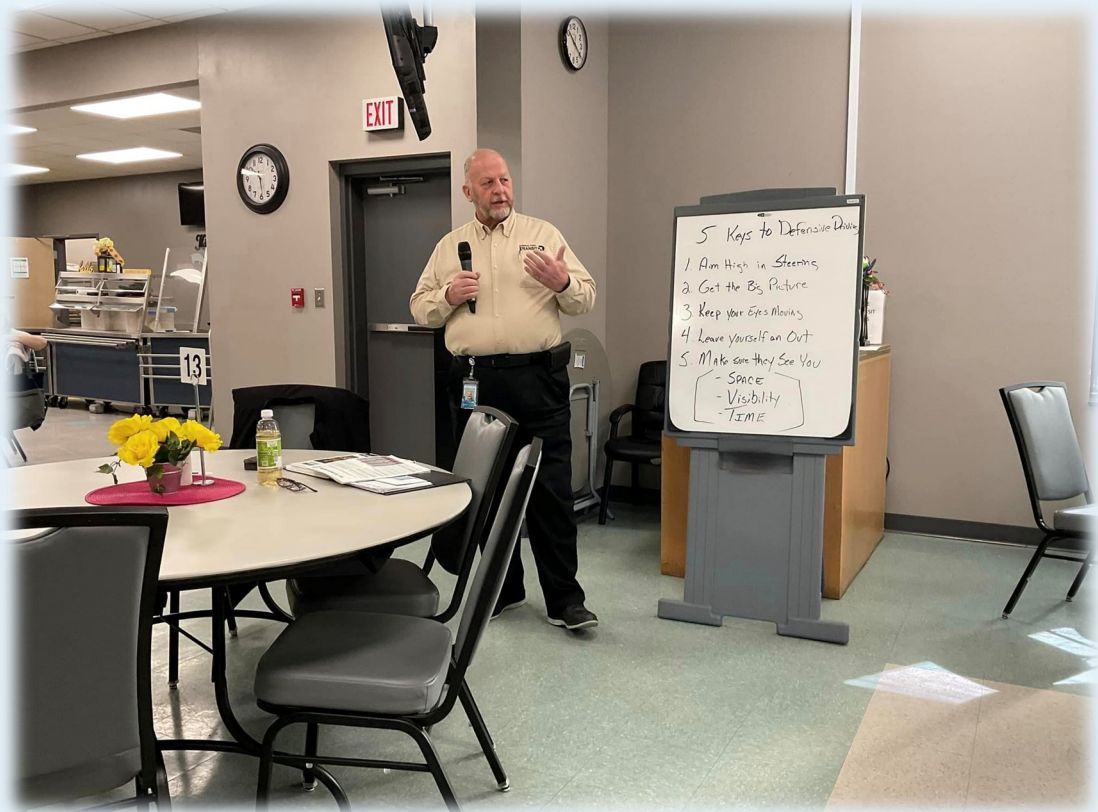
Keep Rutherford County Beautiful

- There are a number of ways to get involved in Keep Rutherford County Beautiful’s cause, including Adopt/Sponsor-a-Highway sign-ups, independent litter pick-ups, and donations. Please visit the KRCB website for more information. <https://www.KeepRCNCBeautiful.org/>
- Spring Litter Sweep: April 8th-30th.



Transit

- Transit is pleased to see that our work with DSS and the Medicaid brokers is showing signs of revenue growth.
- Our driver pool has stabilized but we continue to accept applications for additional part-time driving positions.
- Excited to have received a new wheelchair lift van that was ordered in 2023. The backlog in national procurement has been an issue as Transit is still waiting on four more vehicles that have been ordered.
- Meetings attended: NCDOT-IMD monthly meeting, 2024 Carolina Foothills Foundation Orientation at Hospice, quarterly Rural Planning Organization (RPO), Impact Health presentation, and National RTAP on "Updated Medicaid Transportation Guidance and What it Means for Transit Agencies and State DOT".
- Completed the FY 2024-2025 Budget Proposal and attended budget meeting.
- Transit Operations Manager presented a program on Defensive Driving to Senior Center attendees and staff. Program was the Smith Systems "5 Keys to Defensive Driving."



- Transit completed two random drug and alcohol tests since our last report.
- March Safety Meeting covered a growing national problem and new annual initiative from NCDOT on Human Trafficking Awareness. Video discussed human trafficking and how easy it is to fall prey to trafficking as lived by a survivor. Employees were very engaged and appreciative of the session.

FY 23-24 February Transit Numbers

Operating Week	# of Total Miles	# of Local Trips	# of Out of County Trips	# of Unduplicated Passengers	Total Revenue
Feb 05 - Feb 11	8937	1235	57	171	\$ 15,704
Feb 12 - Feb 18	9044	1257	57	168	\$ 16,260
Feb 19 - Feb 25	9801	1238	83	166	\$ 17,967
Feb 26 - Mar 03	9097	1242	82	166	\$ 17,046
Average	9220	1243	70	168	\$16,744



Looking for a new job or career opportunity? [Click here](#) for current opportunities available with Rutherford County.



IMPACT HEALTH

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wnc-hop.org

If you are enrolled in NC Medicaid Managed Care, you may be eligible for services to support your wellbeing at no cost to you.

United Way of Rutherford County

Services we provide include:

- Peer support specialists/community health workers to navigate systems
- Peer-led groups for social connection and healthy engagement, including support for families with loved ones who struggle with addiction
- Linkages to care (substance use, mental health, medical)
- Financial assistance for transitional housing for reentry and recovery clients
- Work shoes and clothing for reentry and recovery clients
- Driver's license restoration, ID, and SS card replacement assistance
- Care bags with hygiene, basic first aid, and cold weather supplies
- Coats and emergency blankets for people experiencing homelessness
- **Mobile Harm Reduction Team** provides **free** services: including syringe services program, Narcan distribution, minor wound care, HIV/HEP testing, and other screenings
- Onsite workplace prevention, recovery, and wellness supports for employees at **no cost** to employer
- Access to **free** Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for uninsured or underinsured Rutherford County residents
- **Community Healing, Recovery, and Thriving (HRT Center) Center** at 648 Withrow Road, Forest City. Open 6 days a week. Walk-ins welcome. Peer support services, recovery and support groups, and social activities.

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United Way of Rutherford County

Investing in people

Investing in our community



Two Awesome Events in One!



COUNTY WIDE
**BACK
2
SCHOOL
BASH!**



Movement Fest

August 3rd, 2024
POPS Forest City
10 am - 3 pm



Family
Resources!



School
Supplies!



Food, Fun
& Games!

Fitness &
Movement

rcb2steam@gmail.com
828-375-9315

TAKE ACTION NOW:

If you are interested in staying involved:
Email us at the address below.

Include your name, phone number, organization, and the contact point person.
If you already know where and how you want to plug in, let us know.

We are excited to reach our kids and families across Rutherford County.
Join us and be a part of this great opportunity.

rcb2steam@gmail.com

Planning Committee,
Kisha, Lindy, Tasia, Arianna and Cynthia



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

APRIL 8-30TH
RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NC

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SWEEP

**TEAM
SUPPLY PICKUP
REGISTRATION
HERE**



We provide the supplies,
You give 2 hrs of your time.
NO moving trash,
NO prep work required

Volunteers needed
to help remove tons of litter
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What Is Emergency Housing and Why Do We Need It?

The role of emergency housing is crucial in preventing the spiraling of further economic and health hardship that can impact someone if they become homeless. Emergency housing may be temporary, but it gives someone the immediate ability to remain housed and safely sheltered. Once someone becomes homeless, their mental and physical health is likely to suffer. A younger homeless population, for example, faces the same or more health issues than older adults who have remained housed.

For more eligibility information visit

[Emergency Housing Guide - Caring.com](https://www.caring.com/emergency-housing-guide)



Show your love for our earth on ROC's special Earth Day Litter Sweep! Join us at Kiwanis Park in Rutherfordton for a celebration of the planet and nature, and help us clean up our local Cleghorn Creek!

Trash cleanup materials (trash bags, gloves, visibility vests, grabbers, etc.) will be provided by ROC, but you are encouraged to bring your own gear if you have it. Also, we will be working around and in the creek, so be sure to wear shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty and/or wet.

When: Monday, April 22nd @ 9:00am

Where: [Kiwanis Park](#)

RSVP: [Click here!](#) or email trails@rutherforddoor.org!

County Commissioners

*Bryan A. King, Chairman
Alan Toney, Vice Chairman
Michael Benfield, Commissioner
David Hunt, Commissioner
Greg Lovelace, Commissioner*

County Office

*Steve Garrison, County Manager
Hazel Haynes, Clerk to Board
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