



Newsire for July 2006...

Providing information on Vision Partner activities, needs, and successes

New Vision Partners for July are..... Cleghorn Plantation Golf & Country Club and
64 & Vine Auto Sales

Realize Rutherford and the Education Team, along with the Vision Partners, Rutherford County Schools sponsored a day long workshop on "Creating a Mentoring Community" on June 14. Susan Weinberg and Danya Perry were the key presenters at the session which was well attended by community leaders from The Chamber Of Commerce, schools, Realize Rutherford, and persons interested in becoming involved in the development of an infrastructure which will implement and support a variety of mentoring components in Rutherford County. Recruitment, training, and the establishment of a comprehensive information and communication system with Foothills Connect are anticipated to be the next steps. This was truly a collaborative effort, and thanks to all who participated, and all who will invest themselves in the long term development of an effective mentoring community. If you are interested in mentoring, or if you would like your name on the list for upcoming information and our next step, please cal 245-4339.

The Community Clinic has increased hours of operation by contracting with a Nurse Practitioner, Betty White, to provide medical services for residents in need: The clinic sees patients by appointment only and appointments are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-2:00.

Appointments: Scheduled Monday-Wednesday 9:00-2:00

Clinic Hours: Tuesday 5:00 - 10:00 and Thursday 9:00 - 1:00

The clinic treat patients with chronic diseases such as, diabetes, hypertension and asthma and limited acute conditions. The clinic provides assistance with medication and preventative education.

The **Tri-City Animal Clinic and Tri-City Animal Care** is in full swing this summer. They are encouraging everyone to microchip their animals. We have found an affordable source for microchips and are offering them for \$15. Every cat and dog in Rutherford County should be chipped so that they do not end up as another sad statistic at Rutherford County Animal Shelter. The care that we give to our pets reflects upon our quality of life as a community.

The **Family Literacy Council of Rutherford County** **NEEDS** volunteers to help with its annual "Fall Into a Good Book" event. This year, the literacy celebration will take place on Monday, Oct. 9 at KidSenses Interactive Museum in downtown Rutherfordton. Volunteers will help guide children and parents through the event, which takes place at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the 9th. The event is open to children, aged birth to third grade. Children receive a free book as part of this free literacy celebration. About 80 volunteers are needed. Volunteer training is scheduled at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, at KidSenses. Anyone wishing to volunteer may call program coordinators Nancy Bayley at 287-9199 or Sally Claroni at 286-2861.

Mark your calendars: **Rutherford Hospital** will be celebrating their 100th Birthday. This will take place October 7, 2006 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

First National Bank at #108 Plaza Drive Ext. Forest City, NC will be opening their new facility for business on July 31st, 2006. The Grand Opening Party will be on a Saturday in September and will be a day of fun, food and fellowship. There will be more on the Grand Opening Celebration when the date is determined.

Kidsenses Activities for July:

- ✚ Two O'clock Rocks! - all month
Join us daily at 2 O'clock for fun activities at KidSenses. From science shows to puppet shows; Stuffed or Mike on the Bike; a play or a sing and dance along, you'll always be in for a treat!
- ✚ Sunshine Collage - all month
- ✚ Adult Guided Saturday Creations – weekly
Each week, we'll focus on different activities and show you how to make a fun craft with your children at KidSenses. Weekly themes are: 1st ~ Star Spangled Fun, 8th Music Makers, 15th ~ Ice Cream Art, 22nd ~ Planes, 29th- Beat the Heat.
- ✚ Celebrate America - 4th
We'll make noisemakers, create crazy hats, and have a "kid's parade" at 2 o'clock, which will end in a balloon drop!
- ✚ Scream for Ice Cream: Super Science Saturday - 15th
What is better on a hot Summer day than ice cream? We'll show you how you can make ice cream without an expensive ice cream maker. 11:30-2:30.

Free with admission, Members are free.

The Rutherford County Economic Development Commission hosted a roundtable event this week at the Firehouse Inn. Thirty people representing different organizations from around the county participated in this event. Key objectives included: 1) Brainstorming and documentation of each organization's key objectives to determine if there are any voids or duplications in the overall efforts towards economic development 2) Began laying out a detailed action plan for the next twenty-four months. The EDC would also like to announce the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Rutherford 74 Corporate Center. This is a 170 acre industrial park located at the interchange of US 74 and old Caroleen Road. It will offer a variety of site sizes starting at two acres and accommodating buildings from 5,000 square feet and up.

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