

# RANDOLPH COUNTY CONNECTIONS

## NEWSLETTER

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## JANUARY 2026 UPDATES

### MULTI-AGENCY FULL-SCALE HAZMAT EXERCISE ORGANIZED BY RANDOLPH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES



Photo credit: Janet Imrick, Randolph Hub

On January 6, 2026, Randolph County Emergency Services conducted a thorough multi-agency hazmat exercise at the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority's Randleman Regional Reservoir Marina. This training event aimed to assess local response protocols and foster inter-agency collaboration during critical hazardous material incidents.

**You may access the full feature story [HERE!](#)**

### RANDOLPH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER WELCOMES NEW SPONSORS: GROWING COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND FRESH OPPORTUNITIES



The Randolph County Agricultural Center is thrilled to announce a wave of new sponsorships that promise to enhance its role as a hub of community engagement and education. Several esteemed local businesses and generous benefactors have joined us as sponsors, injecting fresh energy into our projects and creating avenues for innovative programs, workshops, and infrastructure improvements. **You may access more details about the sponsors and opportunities [here!](#)**

### THANK YOU TO BLOOD DRIVE DONORS!



Thank you to all who donated to the America Red Cross Blood Drive held on January 22nd at Randolph County Department of Social Services. We were able to collect 31 units of blood which could impact up to 73 people! There is a shortage right now so sign up to give near you!

**<https://www.redcrossblood.org>**

# HONORING HISTORY, EMBRACING FUTURE CHANGE: RAMSEUR DAM REMOVAL PROGRESS UPDATE

American Rivers and Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC began the process of removing the Ramseur Dam earlier this month. The dam was constructed in 1850 primarily to power a cotton mill (Columbia Manufacturing Company), as well as a grist mill. Its use for power generation ceased in the late 1960s due to the construction of Brooklyn Ave, which included a culvert that restricted water flow. In the 1990s, the dam was breached, resulting in an estimated 40% drawdown of the reservoir, which reduced the depth of both Harlan Creek and Sandy Creek upstream.

The removal of the dam offers several advantages, including:

- Enhancing public safety
- Utilizing the materials to create river access at Leonard Park (river right)
- Restoring the river to its natural state, which will improve water quality and habitat for fish, mussels, and other important aquatic species.



## THE RANDOLPH RECAP

The Randolph Recap provides monthly highlights and summaries from the County Commissioners meetings. **You may access The Randolph Recap from the January 5<sup>th</sup> Randolph County Commissioners Meeting.**



**COMMON GROUND FESTIVAL**  
GROWING TOGETHER AT THE AG CENTER  
1880 US HWY 64 E. ASHEBORO, NC

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026**  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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