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Two-month old "Taco" was adopted by Trip and Jacqui Wheeler of Linville. Taco was among the 17 animals adopted last week, matching a record for Heart of the Foothills Animal Rescue.

## Heart of the Foothills enjoys banner week for adoptions

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RUTHERFORDTON—Heart of the Foothills Animal Rescue (HFAR) recently had one of its best weeks ever. Last week, HFAR had 17 animals adopted from its facility, a record setting number.

"This is only the third time in our existence, that we have adopted out that many animals," said Karen Parker, HFAR director. "This number represents 12 dogs and

five cats."

Parker says a more typical week sees less than 10 total animals adopted.

"And on some weeks, we don't have any adoptions," she continued. "So last week was a big week for us."

Parker says those adoptions include a lot of puppies, which are the easiest to adopt.

Having 17 animals adopted doesn't happen by chance. Parker and her team of volunteers work to get the informa-

tion out about the available animals. They are active on social media, which quickly spreads the word about HFAR's dogs and cats.

"Some of these animals were adopted from Rutherford County people, but most were not," Parker said. "We are putting out the information that we have healthy animals, adoptable animals who need loving homes. And folks wanting a dog or cat are

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## Beloved muralist dies suddenly

FOREST CITY If Rutherford County had an ambassador, it would have been Clive Haynes. For he embodied small-town friendly while proving happiness is neither expensive nor beyond our grasp.



RITCHIE STARNES

Clive personified color, both literally and figuratively. Not just for his artistry, but as much for his personality. Because of his easy-going and free-spirited nature, people were drawn to Clive like moths to a light.

I first met Clive within a month of moving here and taking the job as editor at the Courier. I don't recall exactly how the encounter began, but as a journalist I knew there was something special about



Clive Haynes sits inside Smith's Drugs in a booth beneath one of his many murals he painted throughout Rutherford County.

Ritchie Starnes/Daily Courier

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## NCDHHS officials report 30 new COVID-19 cases

BY COURIER STAFF

SPINADLE — State health officials reported Tuesday that Rutherford County has 30 new coronavirus cases.

According to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Ser-

vices, the additional positive cases put the county's cumulative total for COVID-19 at 6,042.

The county's 14-day positivity rate, at 15.3%, continues to slowly decline.

Virus-related deaths remain at 161, no change since Monday.

In order to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19, only leave home for essential activities such as work, school or to meet health care needs.

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### DEATHS

Ellenboro  
Richard Philbeck  
Forest City  
Carolyn Hardin

Elsewhere  
Leonard Hartford

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## County records first rabies case for 2021

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Tonight, few showers

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