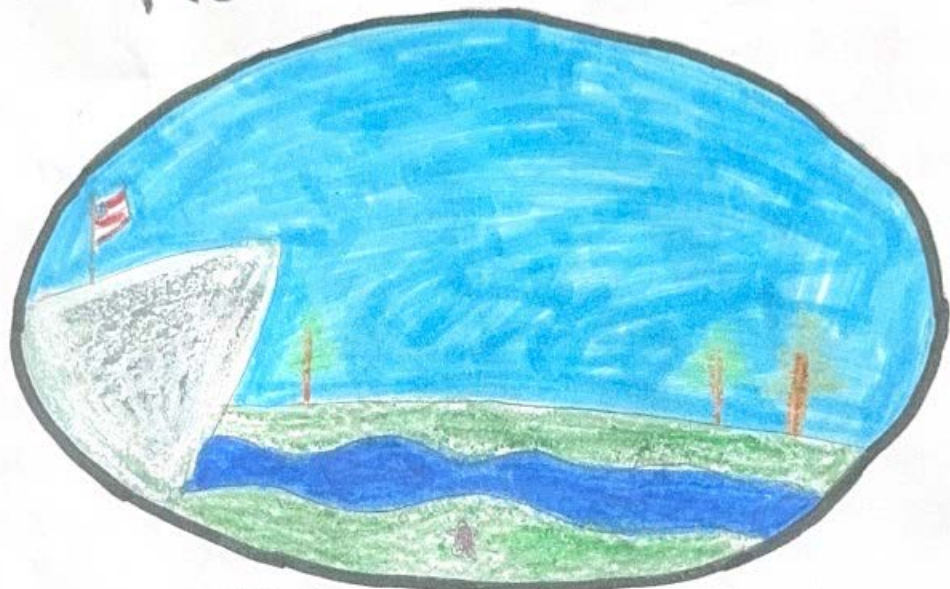


RUTHERFORD COUNTY



EST. 1779

America 250 NC: County Flag Challenge Essay

Directions: Write a short essay (2-3 paragraphs) explaining why your flag represents your county. Include why you chose certain colors, images, symbols, or words. Make sure to write your answers in short paragraph form. **Include your name and school on your submission!**

Having the opportunity to create and design a flag for Rutherford County has been special to me. A chance to create something for the place I love to live will forever be a special memory to me.

When it came time to design my flag, I wanted to research the history of Rutherford County. After doing my reading, I decided to include a drawing of Chimney Rock, a Purple Martin, the Rocky Broad River, and the year 1779, all of which are significant to Rutherford County. I included Chimney Rock because to me it represents strength and how the people of Rutherford County came together during Hurricane Helene. Through the storm we stood tall and proud. Next, I included a Purple Martin to represent our history and the outdoor fun that can be had here. I also included the Rocky Broad River that was impacted by the hurricane. Last, I included the year 1779, which is the year it was founded and named after General Griffith Rutherford.

This has been a wonderful experience. Thank you for this opportunity.

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