

The NEWS LINE

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Don't Miss Rutherford EMC's 83rd Annual Membership Meeting Our First Ever Online "Virtual" Event



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020
Begins at 11:00 am

Business Meeting will be conducted
LIVE on our website at
www.remc.com



Send in your election ballot to be entered to win 1 of 13 Cash Prizes!



Grand Prize - \$500

There will also be (2) \$250 cash prizes and
(10) \$100 cash prize drawings, for a total of
\$2,000 in prize money to be given away

YOU CAN VOTE BY MAIL or ONLINE!

Simply casting your ballot will get you entered into the prize drawings for CASH!

**YOUR BALLOT AND SPECIFIC VOTING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE
MAILED TO YOU IN AN ELECTION PACKET ON OR ABOUT
SEPTEMBER, 29, 2020, SO BE LOOKING FOR IT!**

**Let's all come together as a cooperative during these
uncertain times and make this a very successful "Virtual" event for 2020!**

SWAP SHOP

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation provides Swap Shop ads as a free service to its members. Guidelines are as follows: Ads are published first-come, first-served. When the space allotted for ads each month is full, remaining ads will be held over for the next issue. Ads will not be run more than once unless re-submitted. Commercial ads will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit, condense or deny publication of any advertisement. Rutherford Electric Membership Corp. assumes no responsibility for the content of any advertisement and does not endorse or warrant any of the goods so advertised. Please include your account number with your ad.

Mail your ads to:

Newsletter Editor, Rutherford EMC, PO Box 1569,
Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 or e-mail at cbailey@remc.com.
No phone calls, please.

FOR SALE

Wood dining room suite – table & 6 chairs, \$125 OBO. 828-584-6839.

Classic 1984 Chrysler Fifth Avenue, 318 engine, automatic, full power, 119,000 original miles, runs & drives well, body & interior in great cond., \$5,000. 828-403-0316.

2015 Forest River Cherokee Limited camper, super clean, rear kitchen, front bedroom w/queen bed, full stand up shower, electric awning, two recliners in living room, lots of storage, 6696 lbs. dry weight, \$15,900, serious inquires only, for pictures or more information call 828-455-5374.

West Bend 12 speed stand mixer, large beater & heavy duty dough hook, automatic bowl rotation, has never been taken out of the box, \$70. 828-450-6646 or 828-287-3523.

1967 F100 style side pickup – short bed, 351 Windsor engine, 89,771 original miles, AT, mag wheels, white letter tires, like new cond., \$10,000 OBO. 828-442-8569.

1946 Rat Rod truck – 1946 cab & bed, 1939 hood & fenders, 1978 302 V8 engine, automatic C-4 transmission, 1978 Nova front axles, 1978 Camaro rear end, disc brakes, power steering, slotted wheels w/new tires, runs good, all Ford body, \$7,500. 828-442-8569.

Working and standing Victrola with separate record cabinet & 100 albums, made by Columbia Grafonola, last copyright date on bottom of Victrola is 1913. Both pieces are in amazing shape, asking \$350 for all & originally paid twice as much, can send pictures. 704-853-0600.

Hospital bed – like new, only used for 10 days, asking \$800. 828-287-7022.

Electronic portable keyboard – MK922, has 61 keys, music stand, box & manual, like new, \$150. 980-263-7435.

Floor balance beam - padded top w/tan suede covering, wood stabilizer feet, 8' x 4", made by Gymnast Hut, ex. cond., \$75; (2) gymnast mats, 8' x 4', four panel foam folding mats w/handles, blue in color, can Velcro together to make larger mat, good cond., \$20 ea. 980-263-7435.

Land Pride new finishing mower - Model FDR 1660, 3 pt. hookup, FD rear discharge 16 series 60, \$2,200. 704-735-5030.

Metal burning barrels, \$10 ea.; plastic open or solid top, \$10 ea.; water totes, 275 gal., \$75 ea.; 15 gallon plastic drums, \$20 ea. 828-327-4782.

1965 Chevy Chevelle, red on red, 350 ci, 4 speed, PS, power disk brakes, new interior, rally wheels, Firestone Red Line tires, no rust, runs great. 704-860-9463.

Six space cemetery plot at Forest Hills Cemetery in Morganton, NC, must sell all together, \$4,500; 500 gallon oil barrel & stand, used K-1, \$400 NEG.; Santa Claus dress, size large, never worn, \$45. 828-584-4307.

Collectors: TV Guide Magazines – beginning from when size changed to large to present. 828-584-4307.

Farm Fresh honey – \$15 per quart, some comb slices available; Firewood – oak, hickory & chestnut. 704-748-3258.

2007 Dodge Caravan, 171,000 miles, 3.3 liter V6, seats 7, AC, PS, PB, CD player, alloy wheels, new front brakes, daily driver, \$2,995. 828-584-0890 or 828-544-2439.

Complete set of Weather Tech floor mats for a Nissan Rouge Select, \$125. Text or call 704-689-3512.

Baby essentials: gray, blue & white baby swing, \$20, needs batteries; yellow & teal Disney Pooh Bear walker/music & activity toys, \$20; Boppy infant support, still in bag, never used, \$10; infant girl car seat, 1 year old, \$20. All items sanitized & in ex. cond. 828-652-9418.

ProForm treadmill – has fan, multiple settings, everything works I just need the space, \$50. 828-652-9418.

Husqvarna lawn mower, 48" cut, 23 HP, front bumper & new blades, great cond., \$795; scrape blade – 7', 3 way adjustable, great cond., \$650. 704-735-5900.

Holstein steer calf, 6 months old, weighs 450-500 lbs., call for pictures & more info. 704-692-7131.

Solid cherry queen bed frame w/4 engraved posts, very good cond., no mattress included, \$100. 704-538-3285.

Leinbach 3 pt. posthole digger w/12" auger, \$650; new County Line boom pole for 3 pt. hitch, \$170; single row bottom plow, potato plow, for 3 pt. hitch, \$350; tractor quick hitch – 3 pt., \$149, or all for \$1,200. 704-487-6705

2008 BMW 535xi AWD, runs great, no mechanical issues, regular oil changes & service, cold package, navigation, all power options, leather seats & keyless entry, 157,000 miles, \$4,725. 704-487-6705.

8 sheets of 3' x 9' red metal roofing; 2 leather 16" Australian saddles; old filing cabinet that measures 16" wide x 52" tall, college dorm size microwave; 2 oval 40 gal. stock tanks; four person tent, never been used; Breville microwave & toaster oven; 10 x 10 x 6 chain link kennel panels; large dog bed w/memory foam; 30" x 58" oriental rug. 704-472-5064.

Western saddle w/large seat, like new, \$250; miniature stallion horse, \$100; full/queen size solid oak headboard, \$100; brown sectional sofa, \$200; 2003 Nissan Altima w/blown head gasket, \$1,000; large solid pine gun cabinet, \$150; Little Tykes activity gym, \$25. 704-473-4559.

Petmate Igloo dog house for 25 -40 lb. dog or cat, like new, \$50 OBO. 704-922-3005.

Really nice glider swing w/stand, all wood, \$150; Secretary desk – 7' tall, all wood, no glass, ex. cond., \$120; Oval shaped 4' tall mirror w/nice matching stand, solid oak, ex. cond., \$65; Shark cordless vacuum cleaner w/charger, like new, \$75; Dining room set – includes table w/6 chairs & nice matching hutch, \$250 NEG. 704-922-8383.

MISCELLANEOUS

Free: Black male Pot Bellied pig to a good home. 704-473-4559.

WANTED

Old Jon boat seeks electric trolling motor, swivel seats, life vests or cushions, oars & an anchor. Prefer Burke County area. 828-391-1176.

Young couple looking to rent or purchase affordable owner financed double-wide or house on 1-2 acres of land in Morganton area, have pets. 828-403-0569.

1BR or 2BR mobile home, house or apartment to rent in the Stanley or Dallas, NC area, price range \$450 - \$550, if you have something available please call 704-915-6969 after 3 pm.



Protect Yourself from Online Tricks & Scams

While we often associate October with spooky treats, it's also National Cybersecurity Month, a time to focus on the very real tricks posed by online scammers and the importance of taking proactive safety steps both at home and in the workplace. Here are four simple ways you can protect yourself and others online:

- **Be a password pro.** Create strong passwords that use a combination of letters, numbers and symbols, and change them regularly. Don't use the same password for all your accounts and don't share your passwords with anyone.
- **Stay up to date.** Keep the operating system, browser and security software on all your Internet-connected devices updated to protect against known vulnerabilities.
- **Click with caution.** Hold your cursor over links in an email to view their full address before clicking, even if the email was sent by someone you know. If the link looks suspicious, contact the sender to verify the link before clicking. When in doubt, play it safe and delete it.
- **Share with care.** Be careful how much personal information you share online, and enable privacy settings on social media networks to limit who can see what you share. Be aware that your posts can last a lifetime, and that you may inadvertently be sharing personal details about yourself or others when posting photos or videos online.

More information about Internet safety and privacy is available through the National Cyber-security Alliance at staysafeonline.org.

We can all play a part in making our interconnected world safer.

Do Your Part.
#BeCyberSmart.

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.
Visit staysafeonline.org for cybersecurity tips.

Restoring a Broken Pole Is No Easy Task

Have you ever wondered why it sometimes takes Rutherford EMC crews longer than expected to restore your power? Restoring power safely is not an easy task and becomes tougher when a pole must be totally replaced due to storms, fallen trees or a vehicle accident. These factors cause major and immediate unforeseen damage to power poles. Occasionally, poles need to be changed because of damage from prolonged exposure to the daily elements, but those can typically be planned without causing power outages.

Depending on the extent of damage, the replacement of a pole can take anywhere from 3 to 8 hours. Many factors play into this scenario such as the pole size, the required attachments and access to the pole. Each individual factor plays a major role in power restoration time. Line crews must incorporate several steps to remain safe even when doing the most basic pole change out.

After a full evaluation of the damage and a briefing from the crew leader to discuss the work required, the crew must get a pole from the warehouse to the job site and measure and dig a new hole. Then, before the new pole is raised from the ground it must be assembled with the required hardware. This can consist of a transformer, service wire, wooden cross arms and braces, insulators and a ground wire. After all the necessary hardware is attached the line crew must then use their specialized vehicles, tools and safety equipment to detach the power lines from the existing pole or insulate the lines if they are to remain in place. The new pole is then set into place and the electric lines are carefully moved and re-attached to the pole's insulators with tie wires or clamps. The crew follows strict safety procedures whether the lines are energized or de-energized when changing out poles.

After the pole is set and lines are safely secured to the pole and re-energized, if no other phone or cable facilities are attached, the crew then removes the damaged pole from its location. If other utilities are attached to the damaged pole, these providers must first transfer their facilities before the old pole can be completely removed.

Pole change outs are many times completed unexpectedly due to storms, fallen trees or vehicle accidents. This means that they are often completed during unforgiving circumstances. Our linemen replace damaged poles

whenever necessary to keep the power on. This can happen during the day or night, in rain, snow or icy conditions, or in the extreme heat. Our linemen take pride in keeping the power on for members and they understand that pole change outs are a necessary part of their job activities.

As you can imagine, outages in remote areas often make for more difficult access. Specialized equipment must sometimes be winched in and out, and even the rigorous tasks like digging a hole or attaching all the hardware must be completed manually. So, if it takes a bit longer than you expect to get your power restored due to a broken pole, know that your Rutherford EMC line crew is working as quickly and safely as possible to restore your electric service and to maintain the integrity of our entire electric system.

Rutherford EMC employees visually inspect the electric system as a part of their daily routine. This is a huge responsibility that is expected of every employee during daily field operations to ensure a safe and reliable electric system. Rutherford EMC then takes it one step further to ensure the lines that serve our members are safe and reliable. Each year the cooperatives pole treating contractor strives to physically inspect between 10,000 - 12,000 wooden poles throughout the service area. They check for ground line decay, internal rot, split tops and other issues that can cause pole failure. When a problem is found, the pole is then scheduled for change out. Rutherford EMC's rigorous inspection process strives to assure that all wooden poles are physically inspected on a ten year cycle. This maintains the strength and integrity of our pole system and helps to prevent outages caused by weakened poles.

Source: NRECA



It's The Law

1 Two-lane roadway
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

2 Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

3 Four-lane roadway without a median separation:
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

4 Divided highway of four or more lanes with a median separation:
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop!

5 Roadway of four lanes or more with center turning lane:
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop!

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