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## In Memory of H. Frank Queen

It is with deep sorrow that Rutherford EMC reports the recent death of director emeritus H. Frank Queen of Morganton. Mr. Queen passed away peacefully on September 14, 2021, at the home place where he was born and raised.

Mr. Queen took great pride in serving on the Rutherford EMC board. He served whole-heartedly

during his tenure, and was always in attendance at meetings and ready to travel to conventions to speak and learn on behalf of the co-op. He was even granted the opportunity once to meet with Senator Jesse Helms in Washington, D.C., to promote the cooperative's efforts. Queen retired from the board in May of 2021 due to a rapid decline in health. He was honored at his final meeting with a special tribute celebration where he was presented with a plaque for his 58 years of tireless service and dedication to Rutherford EMC.

Queen was a lifelong member of the Bethel United Methodist Church located on Dysartville Road in Morganton, and it was at Bethel that he met the love of his life, Sarah Margaret Poteat. He often stated that walking Sarah home from church on their first date was the smartest thing he ever did. He enlisted in the US Army on his 18th birthday and served in Korea. In 1952, Queen, along with his uncle, started Marion Equipment Company; here he went from working as a salesman to owning the business and hosting hundreds of people at his annual customer appreciation day event, whose numerous attendees included Henry Ford II. He ran the Marion Equipment Company very successfully until his retirement in 1998, when he turned the business over to his son.

Queen was a natural born farmer. From the

first acre of land that he purchased with borrowed money, he grew his farm to become one of the largest land owners in McDowell County. His vast farming operation will likely continue on long after his death. Cattle will continue to be raised and sold, corn will continue to be grown and harvested, and hay will still be cut and put up for years to come. Even in Queen's last days he was ready to ride by his corn fields and admire the long rows and tall stands across the mile-long bottom. He was a member and past president of the NC Cattlemen's Association and the Burke County Cattlemen's Association.

Mr. Queen is survived by his son Bruce W. Queen (Brenda); daughter Anne Giles Falls (Larry); grandchildren, Kevin W. Queen (Maria) and Kelly Giles McFarland (Haze); great-grandchildren, Conner Queen, Abby Queen, Morgan C. Bunton (Jesse), Anna Crawley (Trevor), Giles Crawley, Ali McFarland; 4 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Queen was a remarkable business man. The leadership he demonstrated always carried a vast amount of knowledge and experience when discussing the co-ops business and the communities it served. Rutherford EMC's directors, employees, and members express their heartfelt sympathy to the Queen family.

## Additional WPCA Credit Reflects Coal Ash Settlement

On October 1, your electric bill began showing an even larger credit for the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA). The WPCA reflects increases or decreases in the cost of electricity that Rutherford EMC purchases from its wholesale power suppliers for distribution. The co-op's board of directors approved a credit of \$4.00 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity used by members beginning August 1, then at the

September board meeting it was approved to increase the WPCA credit to \$8.00 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours. This credit continues as a result of the cooperative's portion of funds received from Duke Energy's coal ash settlement approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) for Duke's retail customers.

The settlement with the NC Attorney General, NCUC, and the Sierra Club resolves how

Duke will pay to clean up its coal ash. Last year, Duke Energy announced the largest coal ash cleanup in national history with the utility to excavate the majority of its remaining coal ash at 14 coal plants. That effort encompasses the removal of 124 million tons of coal ash.

The retail settlement reduces Duke's ability to recover from its customers the full cost associated with coal ash cleanup and is considered a "win" for Duke Energy customers. Rutherford EMC is a wholesale customer, purchasing wholesale power from Duke Energy Carolinas and we have a provision in our wholesale power contract that provides Rutherford EMC the same benefits as a retail customer regarding coal ash costs and this settlement agreement.

While Rutherford EMC doesn't own any coal plants, environmental regulations related to the management of coal ash and its clean up impact the price all North Carolina utilities pay for wholesale power. We are very pleased to be able to return the funds received from the wholesale power provider, as a result of this settlement, back to our members.

Rutherford EMC strives daily to operate efficiently while adhering to our mission of providing you with reliable electric service at the lowest possible cost. We are very excited to have this opportunity to offer an additional credit on the WPCA line item of your monthly bill due to this settlement.



## 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](mailto:cbailey@remc.com).  
No phone calls, please.

## FOR SALE

**Antique** handcrafted fireplace mantles removed from a late 1800's home, made of solid heart pine wood, have 2 of them, \$125 ea. or \$200 for the pair, can send pictures. 704-473-6578

Grandad's local honey, \$15 per quart. 704-748-3258.

**20** gallon parts washer w/pump, never used, \$75; 3 pt. fertilize spreader w/gearbox & pto driveline, 500 lb. capacity, like new, used only a few times, \$300. 828-817-4708.

**New** electric wheel chair w/joy stick controls, \$2,000 obo. 704-462-2126.

Portable artist easel, still in the box & never used. 704-483-5525.

**Metal** utility building – 12'x10', slant roof, made by Bennett Buildings, like new, \$2,000. 704-915-6969.

**Oak** firewood & furniture blocks; cast iron wash pots; horse drawn plows, etc. 828-324-2808, before 6 pm.

**Wood** lathe – 5 spd., 115 volts, 60 HZ, 6.5 amps, 1/3 HP; Sears Craftsman decorout or planer, Made in USA, Model #171-25191, 1.5 HP, 2,500 rpm, both tools used very little. 704-739-3576 after 5 pm.

**Sofa** – excellent cond., burgundy in color, \$75; bookcase in excellent cond., \$75; or both for \$125. 828-432-7409.

**Two** side-by-side burial plots at Burke Memorial Park, front section near the flag, both for \$1,600, Drexel, NC. 828-438-0449.

**2006** Wildwood LE 31' camper, super slide and 4 bunk beds, good cond., \$9,000. 704-214-5000.

**Metal** & plastic drums w/lids & rings, \$20; burning barrels, \$10 ea.; food grade water totes, \$100 ea.; #2 totes, \$75 ea., Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

**Tree** bailer, \$1,500 obo; tree netter, \$25; campfire wood bundles, \$3 ea., will deliver if order 50 or more bundles. 828-803-9899.

**Long** playing albums in excellent cond., Elvis, Dean Martin, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton & many more. \$10 ea. 704-530-8077.

**Large** baker's rack – has 4 powder coated shelves w/gold trim, measures 60 1/2" x 22" x 83", pictures available. 704-473-4627.

(4) Michelin Defender LTX M/S tires, size 235/65/17, good tread, \$20 ea. or \$60 for all 4. 828-442-6322.

**1986** Ford Mustang GT hatchback, automatic, 302 engine, only 62,600 miles, AC, new tires & brakes, runs good & in good cond., \$12,500. 828-430-3391.

**Barcelona** Red A.R.E. fitted hard Tonneau cover for pickup, fits truck beds approximately 61" long, origi-

nally fitted for a 2010 Toyota Tacoma, asking \$600, negotiable. 828-803-7930.

**Elliptical** machine by Sole, good cond., \$100; Life-style Fitness Trainer treadmill, good cond., \$75 obo. 828-443-1406.

**Electrolux** front load washer – used, but in great cond., everything works as it should, still hooked up so you can see it work, drain hoses & water hoses included, has multiple cycles, LCD display, interior light, reversible door & stainless steel drum, user guide included, pictures available, pick up only & I cannot help load, will require 2 people to remove from house & load, \$350. 704-462-2010.

**Hay** – Fescue Grass, high quality, clean, barn stored, square bales, \$5.00 per bale, near Crowder's Mtn., Gastonia area, delivery available. 704-854-8844.

**Kirby** vacuum cleaner - only used once, \$600. 704-732-2769.

**Dog** box- holds 6 dogs, has bench seat on top w/ hand rail, storage box in rear for hunting supplies, ready to go in your truck, pictures available, \$650. 828-413-1969.

**C.K.C.** registered puppies- Yorkie/Poo's, D.O.B. May 12, 2021, 1 female & 3 males; 2nd litter – D.O.B. June 17, 2021, 3 females & 2 males; Shih/Poo's, D.O.B. August 24, 2021, 1 male & 2 females, all tails docked, de-dew clawed, shots & worming's up to date. 828-433-1374 or 828-320-8282.

**ONN** 43" class 4K UHD DLED Roku Smart TV, new & fully warranted, \$245 obo, HDR 2160p wireless streaming. 704-860-4505.

**Executive** desk in ex. cond., \$500; wood chest, \$50; 14 hp riding mower, needs battery & tune up, \$100. 704-489-2518.

**Wine** corker & stand, \$100; wine bottle tree/drainer/rinser, \$28; foil heater & foils, \$50, plus more home wine making equipment. 828-659-3168.

**Gas** logs, small w/right hand hook up, new, \$100; Troybilt pressure washer, 2200 psi, used 8 times, needs a wheel, \$250 negotiable; inversion teeter table, like new \$250 firm. 704-430-6590.

**Office** chair \$10; 2 bar stools \$25 for the pair; clothes ranging from \$8 - \$30; jeggings \$9 pair, White Mark dresses \$30; blouses \$25; boots starting at \$25; handcrafted jewelry – high quality crystal, \$30 per set & free pocketbook w/ purchase; unisex Depends – size 16, \$10; Tena protective, \$12; wheel chair w/300 lb. rating, \$80; walker, \$90; grill, \$80; treadmill, \$50; stepper – free. 704-349-2874 after 4 pm.

**Toyota** Corolla – 2002 model w/only 98,000 miles, very clean, looks new & runs good, \$4,200. 828-248-8523.

**1998** Yanmar 22 hp diesel 4 wd tractor, 660 hours, 5 ft. bush hog & box scrape, \$7,250. 704-964-5596.

1 BR condo at Willow Valley Resort, Boone, NC, week 52, Christmas week, \$100. 828-287-5902.

**Oak** & Hickory firewood – split & seasoned, \$80 per truck load. 704-748-3258.

**Yamaha** RX-V465 AV home surround sound receiver ampli-tuner audio video w/all paper work, remote control & like new, \$85; Antique Saginaw recirculating ball auto bumper jack, very good working cond., \$40; Vintage 1983 Marantz Gold SR520 stereo receiver in very good working cond. w/original owner/service manual, \$75. 828-448-0338.

(2) dehumidifiers – 2013 Soleusair 70 pint, barely used, \$75; 2017 Frigidaire 50 pint, used 1 month, \$100, as is. 828-460-2061.

**New** Pet Porter, 22"x29", \$15; New pet ramp, 62"x15 1/2", \$30; New Sargent 803H door closer, \$25. 704-922-3697.

**1988** Wheel Horse 252H mower w/Kawasaki FB 460U engine & 42" deck, does not run, but motor is not locked up, looks very good, asking \$450 or trade for a Troybilt Horse tiller made between 1970 – 2000, Dallas, NC. 704-263-1281.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**For Sale or Rent:** 1 week at The Christie Lodge – All Suite Property/Beaver Creek, located in Avon, CO., 1 BR condo for rent, \$695 obo, sleeps 4, on site & close by amenities, just minutes from Vale, CO. w/easy transportation to the Denver Airport. Condo is also For Sale as a deeded property with annual use during Red Winter floating weeks, (mid-December to mid-April). 704-860-4505.

**Free:** Walnuts, Adam's Needle plants, egg cartons that hold 12, 18 & 24.

## WANTED

**1951-1954** Bellwood School yearbooks, Lawndale, NC. 704-538-7075, ask for Frank.

**Old** Nascar ticket stubs, programs and ticket brochures. 704-685-7251.

All Rutherford EMC  
Offices will be closed  
**Nov. 25 & 26, 2021**  
FOR  
THANKSGIVING

**Veterans Day**

Honoring all  
who served.

**November 11, 2021**

# Teachers and Students Can Soon Win Big With Bright Ideas Grants

Be ready, exciting things could soon be happening in a classroom near you! This month, Rutherford EMC plans to award Bright Ideas grants to exceptional educators at local schools. Our prize patrol will be masking up and visiting schools, where possible, to surprise teachers and students with funding that brings to life innovative learning projects that can truly make a real difference in a students' way of learning.

"As students and teachers have faced the challenges of the past few years, we're pleased to continue our long history of supporting them with grants that fulfill needs in the local classrooms," said Dirk Burleson, General Manager of Rutherford EMC. "As a community-focused organization, we are committed to building a brighter future for our students and our region, and we are thankful to all educators who submitted a 'Bright Ideas' application this year."

Since 1994, Rutherford EMC has contributed more than \$407,000 to local classrooms for 532 creative projects benefitting more than 114,000 students. The statewide network of electric cooperatives has collectively contributed more than \$13.6 million to North Carolina teachers for approximately 13,000 Bright Ideas projects benefitting more than 2.7 million students across the state. Be ready, your classroom could be next!



## *Daylight saving time is upon us!*

Beginning November 7 you may find yourself looking for a few extra hours of light, Rutherford EMC offers a wide variety of outdoor lighting options to make you feel more secure at your home or business. You select the type of light you want and Rutherford EMC does the rest. We'll install the light, a pole if needed, furnish electricity and perform maintenance on the light, all for a minimal monthly fee. Visit our website at [remc.com](http://remc.com) for more information, click on the outdoor lighting icon located under the residential tab. Here you will find an overview of each light type as well as a rate schedule. If you have any questions or interest in adding a few extra hours of light outside feel free to contact any of our local offices for assistance.



# NC Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour

## Seeking High School Juniors : Apply NOW for the Summer Leadership Experience of a Lifetime on the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Rutherford EMC is seeking applications from current high school juniors for the leadership opportunity of a lifetime: The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Join the state's future leaders for a week of exploration, education and leadership training during the summer of 2022.

The Youth Tour allows students to experience Washington, D.C., and learn more about how they can make a difference as young adults. Youth Tourists will learn about the cooperative business model and values by running their own "H2O Co-Op", visit historic monuments and memorials, meet with elected officials and tour a variety of museums, all while building confidence and a peer network with young leaders from across the country.

Rutherford EMC will sponsor three local students to join North Carolina's delegation. A winner and an alternate will be chosen from each of our operating districts in January to represent the cooperative on the 2022 NC Youth Tour.

The all-expense-paid, weeklong tour is hosted by electric cooperatives nationwide and is a tradition more than 50 years strong. Be a part of the 40-plus outstanding high school students selected from electric cooperatives across the state to travel to our nation's capital. We are optimistic this will be the first Youth Tour trip to D.C. since 2019, as COVID precautions have prevented travel the last two years.

Co-op officials and past Youth Tour participants agree: this is the perfect way for students to see democracy up close and in action. "The Youth Tour is an opportunity for students to have an eye-opening backstage pass to our nation's capital," said Dirk Bursleson, General Manager of Rutherford EMC. Our student delegates will meet with members of North Carolina's congressional delegation, connect with a network of extremely talented peers, and grow their leadership skills as well as ambitions. Take a step out of your comfort zone and apply for this tremendous opportunity.

If you're a current high school junior who wants to grow as a leader, NC Youth Tour is the perfect opportunity to build your skills, gain new experiences and form valuable relationships with others. The Youth Tour has something to offer everyone and can help prepare you for future success on any path you pursue.

Not only will this opportunity look great on your college application, but as a Youth Tourist you will also have the opportunity to be eligible for one of three scholarships: the \$2,500 Gwen B. Price Youth Tour Scholarship, the \$2,000 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship, and the \$2,000 Youth Leadership Council Scholarship. That's at least three good reasons to apply!

As you can imagine, the 2021 Youth Tour was modified into a virtual event, due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions. However, delegates were already chosen by the time this announcement was finalized; Rutherford EMC awarded last year's winners Madison Clay, Etta Godfrey and Dylan Mistretta each with a \$2,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

For more information, complete the sign-up card enclosed with your October 2021 billing statement and return to: Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Attn: Youth Tour Coordinator, PO Box 1569, Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 by December 6, 2021. You may also submit your request online by going to Rutherford EMC's website at [remc.com](http://remc.com). The final deadline for completed applications is January 3, 2022.

The Youth Tour is an annual event coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC). For additional information about The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour visit [ncelectriccooperatives.com](http://ncelectriccooperatives.com) or [youthtour.coop](http://youthtour.coop), you can also find it on Facebook by searching NC Youth Tour.

