

The NEWS LINE

RUTHERFORD ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

www.remc.com

Vol. 26, No. 6

Owned By Those We Serve

June 2023

Energy-Saving Projects for the Weekend Warrior

Are you a weekend warrior? If you're considering home improvement upgrades that save energy *and* money, we've got a few project ideas for you—all of which can be completed in a day or less!

Here are three energy-saving projects that you can easily tackle whether you're a weekend warrior pro or a DIY dabbler.

Get smart about home cooling and heating.

Cooling and heating your home typically account for a large portion of energy bills. Smart thermostats can help keep your cooling and heating costs in check, with ENERGY STAR®-certified models saving about 8% on annual energy costs.

Now that smart thermostats are more affordable (as little as \$70!), this simple upgrade makes for a fun, efficient weekend project. Smart thermostats offer a variety of bells and whistles, but the average model will allow you to set custom temperature schedules, adjust the settings from anywhere (from your phone), and over time, learn your cooling and heating preferences.

Your new smart thermostat will come with step-by-step instructions, but this project typically involves shutting off your HVAC at the breaker panel, disconnecting/removing the old thermostat, installing the new smart thermostat and connecting it to your home Wi-Fi.

Play it safe: remember to carefully read the installation instructions before you get started.

Go green and boost your greenery with a rain barrel.

If you've got a green thumb, you already know that rainwater is the best water for your outdoor plants. Rainwater is free of minerals, salts and treatment chemicals found in tap water or groundwater. It also contains helpful macronutrients to foster healthy plant growth.

Installing a rain barrel is an easy way to harvest large amounts of rainwater and reduce home water use—it's a win-win. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, one rain barrel can save a homeowner 1,300 gallons of water annually.

Most residential rain barrels range in size from 50 to 90 gallons, so the size you purchase will depend on your watering needs.

The simplest way to install a rain barrel is positioning a plastic or wooden barrel directly under your gutter downspout. Basic piping may be required, but this is an easy way to harvest rainwater, and the barrel won't take up much space. Consider a cover for the top of your rain barrel to keep insects and small debris out of your harvested water.

Create fresh savings with a DIY clothesline.

If you have enough outdoor space available, installing a clothesline is a great way to save energy. Not only will you save on dryer costs—in the summer, you can also save on cooling costs since unwanted heat from the clothes dryer won't be added to your home (which makes your air conditioner work harder). Additionally, air drying is much gentler on fabrics and will keep your clothes and linens looking fresh longer.

You can create your own clothesline with two T-posts, wire and hook-and-eye turnbuckles. Depending on your soil, you may need a small amount of Quikrete to set the posts. Another option is installing the line between two trees. A typical load of laundry requires about 35 feet of line, so keep this in mind as you're determining the best location.

If an outdoor clothesline isn't an option, no sweat! You can easily create an indoor drying rack that folds to save space. Home improvement websites like [thespruce.com](https://www.thespruce.com) and [hgtv.com](https://www.hgtv.com) offer step-by-step tutorials for a variety of indoor clothes racks.

These are just a few simple ideas to help you save energy and money. So get out there, roll up those sleeves and tackle a few projects.

Check out Rutherford EMC's website at [remc.com](https://www.remc.com) for additional energy-saving ideas and tips.

Source: Abby Berry of NRECA



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 resubmitted. 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

2008 Acura MDX Sport Utility – one owner, fully loaded, all-wheel drive, 7 passenger, white w/tan interior, automatic transmission, like new tires, heated front seats, keyless entry, power sunroof, drives & rides great, always dealer serviced, 272,500 miles, must see to appreciate, can email pictures, \$5,900 obo. 704-473-6578.

Antique car – 1981 Mercedes 240 D, new paint & runs good. 704-616-0253.

2018 enclosed trailer, never used, E.C. Black 8' x 24', 3500 lb., clear title, \$9,000. Alexis, NC. 828-413-2316.

Troybilt Horse tiller, .8 HP w/electric start, \$600; DR PRO XL-DRT rototiller, 208cc Briggs & Stratton engine, recoil start, forward & reverse tines, only used 3 or 4 times, \$700; fertilize spreader for 3 pt. hitch, never used, \$200. Mill Spring, NC. 828-817-4708, no Saturday calls please.

Water totes, \$75 ea.; burning barrels, \$15 ea.; feed barrels, \$20ea.; metal or plastic solid top barrels, \$10 ea., have 100 of these. Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

French Provincial drop leaf table, 26" x 32" w/leaf up, 14" x 18" w/leaf down, 24" tall, mahogany color, solid wood, \$60; full set of Strata golf clubs w/1 & 3 woods, 5 hybrid, 6, 7, 8, 9, PW, SW & putter, 1 doz. Balls and standup bag, ex. cond., \$60; Ping canvas bag w/ Ping clone irons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, PW, 420 metal driver, 8.5 Titleist driver w/head cover, putter & 1 doz. balls, \$60. 828-433-0645.

Two piece curio cabinet w/glass doors, 76" x 28" x 14" deep, very good cond., \$200; used Drive wheel chair manual, 2 new gait belts, used walker, Drive Med-Neb plus compressor nebulizer w/reusable & disposable neb kit, all in very good cond., \$500 obo. 980-429-5319.

2002 Infiniti – 135 four door sedan, white pearl in color, 163,000 miles, 2nd owner, leather interior, new

front tires, all service records, pictures upon request, \$2,500. Lincolnton, NC. 704-735-7920.

Grave plot at Gaston Memorial Cemetery, Gastonia, NC, \$3,000, they typically sell for \$5,400. 980-250-2955. Leave message and I will return call.

Grandad's local honey & comb squares, \$16 per quart. 704-748-3258.

Extensive collection of quality sport (baseball, NASCAR, Dodgers & Yankee) toys, games and a potpourri of various items including antiques. Calls only to 828-391-1176, or text 802-373-8445 and I can email you a detailed list of the items.

Collection of toy airplanes & helicopters – most range in 1/18th to 1/24th scale, willing to sell individual pieces or the entire collection; (2) Sony flat screen TV's w/remotes, have wall mount for one, \$100 ea. 828-289-7743.

1953 Oliver tractor, Model 77 row crop, great for tractor pulls; old Fender guitar & old Kalamazoo guitar. 843-670-9727.

1999 BMW 323i convertible – clean, 5 speed, top is 5 years old, new battery, 195,358 miles, \$3,400; 1987 Wellcraft Aruba boat, 23' long, fiberglass hull, 8' 3" beam, needs motor, cabin sleeps 4, stove, refrigerator, sink, head, fair cond., no trailer, \$250. Nebo, NC. 828-403-2896.

Miniature Sheltie pups – have Sable and Blue Merle's. 828-334-4257.

Sunrise Medical Quickie Pulse 6 electric wheelchair, very good cond., has a 17" x 18" seat, R Net joystick, 13" solid drive tires, battery range up to 15 miles, mid wheel drive, top speed is 6 mph, small footprint, performs well, adjustable captain's chair, \$900, pick up in Nebo, NC. 828-403-2896.

AKC registered Gold Retriever puppies, \$800; AKC registered female Siberian Husky puppies, \$400; CKC registered F1B Labradoodle puppies, 5 months old, \$200, all have been vaccinated & dewormed; 2 year old AKC registered male English Cream Golden Retriever, \$800; 2 year old CKC registered female Labradoodle, \$200. Text 704-473-4559.

1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4x4, 4.0 liter engine, AC, power windows, lots of new parts, has a rear main seal leak, headliner is rough, and has some clear coat peeling, daily driver. Dallas, NC. Call or text 704-860-7209.

Commercial metal desk, 5' long x 4' wide, \$20; 2 white bench boat seats, like new, \$500; commercial deli slicer, needs wiring, \$500, Nebo, NC. 828-403-2896.

2007 BMW 328i, 4 door, white in color, new tires, very nice, 163,523 miles, \$5,500. 828-430-0968.

2007 Harley Davidson Fatboy, 96 ci engine, black cherry in color, 29,611 miles, includes an extra seat & back rest, \$8,000. 828-817-3369, no calls after 9 pm.

Ladies name brand purses & wallets by Michael Kors, Kate Spade & Patricia Nash, prices vary; Ohio State logo items, \$125 for all of the following: ladies size med. pull over, ladies size medium zip up jacket, (2) Tervis tumblers, (8) corn hole bags, logo plate, coffee mug, teddy bear, (4) plastic cups, blanket & a trailer hitch cover, can send pictures upon request. 704-472-2154.

AKC registered Beagle puppies, tri-colors & lemon & white, call for pricing. 704-813-2763.

Pre-registered purebred Australian Shepherd puppies, red tri colored & red merle, have males and females, born on 4/18/23, docked, worming & first vaccines will be up to date. 828-747-2154.

32' Winnebago Brave class A motor home, like new inside and out, 2 slide outs, only 12,474 miles, 5,000 watt generator, always under cover when not in use, \$38,000. Must see to appreciate. 704-445-1999 or 704-418-2415.

German Shepherd puppies, AKC, parents on site, (5) sable males & (2) sable females, (1) black & tan female, D.O.B. 4/7/23, ready at end of May, \$500 w/no papers, full registration can be discussed at \$800, prefer experienced homes as parents are high drive. 980-281-3811.

Large oil drum w/stand; large oil heater; sheet metal; Total Gym w/attachments, ex. cond.; new iron wagon wheel; (2) 225-60/17 Michelin tires w/ex. tread. 828-437-8156.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Rent: Camper lot on Duncan's Creek Rd. in El-lenboro, NC. 704-922-5011.

WANTED

Need someone to plow a garden spot in Cooksville area. 704-462-2256.

Looking to buy wheat pennies. 828-327-4782.

Old guitars, basses & mandolins that are Made in the USA. 843-670-9727.

Part-time handyman, farm help, must be drug free. Nebo, NC. 828-403-2896.

Gaston Tech class ring – call and leave a message or send a text to 828-448-0991.

Live-in housekeeper to cook, clean & organize, non-smoker preferred and drug free. Nebo, NC. 828-403-2896.



NCBrightIdeas.com

Teachers, bring your creative learning project ideas to life!

Projects sponsored locally since 1994 by



Rutherford Electric
Membership Corporation
Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives
"The power of human connections"



Early bird deadline: August 15, 2023

Deadline: September 15, 2023

Credentials & Election Committee Appointed by the Board of Directors



In preparation for Rutherford EMC's 2023 Annual Membership Meeting the board of directors has appointed the following members to serve on the Credentials & Election Committee:

Renee Bingham, 141 EA Bingham Road, Kings Mountain 28086
Joseph Fickling, 3066 Sparrow Springs Road, Gastonia 28052
Norris Hill, 2921 Cove Road, Union Mills 28167
Ethan Lineberger, 2400 Hudson Poultry Road, Iron Station 28080
Todd Machler, 1254 Machler Ridge Road, Morganton 28655
Boyd Phillips, 55 North Phillips Drive, Marion 28752
Wayne Price, 749 Moriah School Road, Casar 28020
Fred Robinson, 2639 Puetts Chapel Road, Bessemer City 28016
Casey Stockton, 550 Stockton Road, Marion 28752

The Credentials and Election Committee will meet at Rutherford EMC's general office in Forest City, N.C. on October 26, 2023 to verify and count election ballots and certify a quorum for the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting.

Rutherford EMC Awards Basketball Camp Scholarships to Three Local Middle Schoolers

Rutherford EMC has awarded Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships that will send three local middle school students to basketball camps this month at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Ethan Dotson of Polk County Middle School has received a scholarship to attend the Carolina Basketball School at UNC, and Preslie Bradley of Polk County Middle School and Katie Wyant of West Lincoln Middle School were selected for a scholarship to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at N.C. State University.

These scholarships cover all expenses at the overnight camps, which provide a glimpse into life on a college campus. Campers stay overnight in

dorms, learn fundamental skills that will help them to excel on and off the court and receive individual and group instruction from Division 1 coaches to enhance their basketball and team building abilities.

Rutherford EMC is one of 26 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in North Carolina that collectively award more than 50 sports camp scholarships to students statewide each year. These scholarships are an example of how Rutherford EMC is committed to supporting the communities where we live and serve.

Again, congratulations to Ethan, Preslie and Katie for a job well done!

For more information, visit remc.com or ncelectriccooperatives.com/sports-camps/.

Nominating Committee to Meet in July

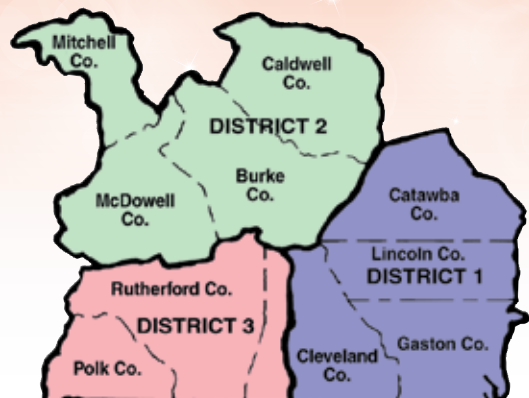
In preparation for REMC's 2023 annual membership meeting in October, the board of directors has appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Rena Caffell, 270 Conner Drive, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
Joseph K. Hall, 11 Fish Hatchery Road, Marion, NC 28752
Ben A. Howell, 3708 Eaglebrook Drive, Gastonia, NC 28056
Fred W. Kiser, 2049 County Line Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086
Brian D. Lawrence, 1282 Carpenter Springs Drive, Dallas, NC 28034
Sam F. Ledbetter, 3670 Highway 27 West, Lincolnton, NC 28092
Alan Norman, 568 Oakgrove Cloverhill Church Road, Lawndale, NC 28090
Chris Rhyne, 696 Spring Side Drive, Lincolnton, NC 28092
Mario B. Smith, PO Box 96, Marion, NC 28752
Karl V. Walden, 5042 Walden's Mtn. Rd., Morganton, NC 28655

In accordance with the REMC Bylaws, the terms of three board members will expire this year:

Two from Directorate District One
One from Directorate District Two

A July 13, 2023, meeting of the Nominating Committee will be held at REMC's general office in Forest City, N.C. Provisions of REMC's current Bylaws concerning the annual membership meeting are printed on page 18 in this issue of REMC's newsletter.



Summary of Annual Meeting Bylaw Provisions

(Article II, Sections 1, and 3-6; Article III, Sections 1-6)

Annual Meeting & Notice To Members

An annual meeting of the members shall be held during the month of October each year, for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports for the previous year, and transacting other business. Written, printed and/or electronic notice of such meeting must be made to the members not less than 14 days prior to the meeting.

Quorum

Attendance in person, by proxy or having registered and voted in person at a designated location, and/or voting in accordance with the notice of a virtual meeting platform of at least one percent of the total members is required for transaction of business. If less than a quorum is present, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date not less than 20 days later.

Directors

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of ten (10) directors who shall exercise all of the powers of the Corporation except such as are by law or otherwise conferred or reserved to the members. The Board of Directors shall have all powers granted to it in N.C. General Statute §117-14 and other statutes.

Qualifications of Directors

Directors are elected on a staggered basis. Any person serving on the Board, or nominated for the Board, must meet certain qualifications: must be a member and receiving electric service from REMC; must not be in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business competing with REMC or its subsidiaries. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both concurrently, may be elected a director, but both must meet the qualifications.

Composition of Board of Directors

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that the Board shall be comprised of the following seats:

Directorate District #	Number of Directors	Counties Served
One	5	Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston Counties and that part of Cleveland County which lies east of N.C. State Highway 18
Two	3	Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, and Mitchell Counties
Three	2	Polk and Rutherford Counties, and that part of Cleveland County which lies west of N.C. State Highway 18

Nominations

Nominations for the Board of Directors shall be made by a committee on nominations appointed by the Board. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of not less than 7 nor more than 12 persons who are members, but are not directors or close relatives of directors, and who shall be selected from the different sections served by the Corporation so as to insure equitable representation.

The Committee on Nominations shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Corporation at least 40 days before the meeting a list of nominations by Directorate District. In addition, directors may be nominated by petition by using the form prescribed by the Board of Directors with each nominee having a separate petition. The nominee must meet the qualifications to be a director as outlined above. The petition must be signed by no fewer than one percent (1%) of the total members of the Corporation as of January 31 of such year and all members signing the petition must be residents of the Directorate District for which the nomination is sought. Each signature must be dated on the date it is actually signed and must not be dated more than 190 days before the date of the meeting. The petition must be received by the Corporation not less than 50 days before the meeting. A list of the nominations shall be mailed to the members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Voting

Each member shall have only one vote, regardless of the number of meters where service is provided. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members' votes cast in accordance with the standards established by the Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws. The Election of Directors shall be conducted by written or electronic ballot cast in accordance with the standards established by the Board of Directors. Directors, unless the members determine otherwise in advance, shall be elected by plurality vote of the members. It shall be the responsibility of the Credentials & Election Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, to ensure an election by vote of the members of the Corporation is conducted in accordance with the Bylaws and to certify a quorum and the results of any vote.

Proxies

Members may vote by proxy, but only if the proxy is registered during business hours at the Corporate Office on or before the third business day preceding the date of the member meeting, is executed by the member in writing, designates only one holder who must be an adult relative living in the member's own household or another member who is a natural person, specifies the particular meeting at which it is to be voted, and is dated not more than 90 days prior to the meeting date. No member may vote for more than one other member, unless the matter to be voted upon requires the affirmative votes of a clear majority of the Corporation's members. When a member is absent and the member's spouse attends a meeting, such spouse shall be deemed to hold, and may vote the proxy of such member to the extent that the member could vote if present in person. Presence in person of a member revokes any proxy previously executed.

(A copy of the full Bylaws can be obtained at any REMC office.)