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2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

This year, Rutherford EMC's Annual Membership Meeting will be back in-person for the first time in three years. Join us on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at West Lincoln High School. Our 2023 Director Election will once again be held via ballot in the Carolina Country magazine. **This year we will hold two separate prize drawings: one for members who submit their Director Election ballot, and one for those who attend the Annual Meeting.** Read ahead for more details on how to participate in your cooperative's 86th Annual Meeting and Director Election.

In-Person Annual Meeting & Registration

When: **Saturday, October 28, 2023**

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

Where: **West Lincoln High School**

172 Shoal Rd, Lincolnton, NC 28092

Each member should receive a postcard registration card by mail, beginning September 22, 2023. Make sure you bring your registration card with you to the meeting so you may be entered into the prize drawing.

Each member who is present at the Annual Meeting will receive a door prize, enjoy live music by Darin & Brooke Aldridge, and a free boxed lunch from Jason's Deli. A prize drawing will be held following the business portion of the meeting. We will be giving away a ton of prizes, including 86, \$86 bill credits in honor of Rutherford Electric's 86th Annual Meeting! We will also have games, coloring books, Halloween bags, and a prize drawing for children who attend.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on October 28, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. for what is sure to be a great time for all of our members!

Director Election & Balloting

The 2023 Director Election ballots will be enclosed in the October issue of the Carolina Country magazine. A postage-paid

envelope is included for you to mail in your ballot, however if you prefer, you may submit your ballot at any of our offices using the provided drop box. The enclosed ballot includes specific directions on how to cast your vote by mail using the self-addressed envelope.

All ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on October 25, 2023. Members who submit their ballot by the deadline will be entered into the cash prize drawing. This includes both mail-in ballots and those submitted at our office drop boxes. Cash prizes will be as follows: (2) - \$750 cash prize drawings, (4) - \$250 cash prize drawings, and (15) - \$100 cash prize drawings, and a GRAND PRIZE of \$1000! You will have 22 chances to win cash and there is a total of \$5,000 in prize money up for grabs, so we encourage everyone to submit your ballot for a chance to win one of these great cash prizes!

Important Information to Note

We have two separate prize drawings this year.

Director Election Prize Drawing: Each member who submits their ballot for the Director Election **before 5 p.m. on October 25**, will be entered into the cash prize drawing explained above. You do not need to be present at the in-person Annual Meeting to win these prizes. Winners of this drawing will be contacted the week following the in-person meeting.

In-Person Annual Meeting Prize Drawing: Members who are present and registered at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 28, will be eligible for the prize drawing held that day. *Members must be present to win prizes at the in-person meeting.*

Members who submit their Director Election ballot by the October 25 deadline *and* attend the in-person meeting, will be eligible for both prize drawings.

Do **not** bring your Director Election ballot to the in-person Annual Meeting. Do **not** mail your Annual Meeting registration card with your election ballot.

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

John Deere rear bagger with power flow, Series C. High Performance for 48, 54, and 62 Mowers. Good Condition. For pricing information please contact 828-437-7733.

Metal porch glider, Good Condition \$200.00; Small round black wrought iron patio table with 2 chairs \$25.00; snapper lawn mower-Good for restoration or for parts \$250.00. 828-287-5069.

2 Grave plots and 2 vaults in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Hickory, NC 28601. Selling all 4 for \$3,000. Serious inquiries only. 828-994-4644 or 828-320-7509.

Potato plow \$150.00; Single turn plow \$200.00; Some Ford tractor parts. 828-317-0277.

Portable Generator-97483 Troy-Bilt, 7,000 watts-Running, Starting wattage-10,500. Has Not been used. Model # 30477, \$700.00. 704-981-5028.

International Model F-C Tricycle. Been sitting, \$2,500 firm; Cub Cadet 23 hp-50" cut. \$900 or trade for old money (coins); Sawmill blade (rusty) \$100.00, also have some smaller blades; Water totes, \$75 ea.; Burning barrels solid or open top \$10; Feed barrels 30- or 55-gallon \$20 ea. 828-327-4782.

River Edge two-man ladder stand \$100; Summit Viper SD climbing tree stand \$225; Barcelona Red A.R.E fitted

hard cover 63" long, originally fitted for a Toyota Tacoma full double cab truck \$400 firm. 828-803-7930.

Local Honey, Quarts \$16, some comb slices available; Farm grow produce by the bushel. 704-748-3258.

3 acres +/- of land located .3 miles from I-40 & 226 South, Marion, NC. Tax value \$22,500, Asking \$12,500; 1938 Dodge 4 door Sedan, Flathead 6, 30,021 miles. Good condition. \$11,500; 1939 Chevy Pickup, 6 cylinders. Good condition. \$10,500; 1987 Honda 1500cc Trike by Tri-King. Excellent condition, \$40,000. 828-442-8569.

Complete Martha Stewart set containing; set of sheets, dust ruffle, pillow sham, 3 throw pillows, Rug, 1 set of curtains, 8x10 picture frame. Barely used, pictures are available \$30; Variety of home interior pictures and shelves priced separately. 828-334-0223.

32' Winnebago brave class A motor home. 2 slide outs, 12,474 miles. 5,000-watt generator. Looks new on the inside and outside, always under cover when not in use. Asking \$38,000 price is negotiable; Gold's gym program-able treadmill, paid \$575, asking \$200. 704-445-1999 or 704-418-2415.

AKC Rottweiler puppies. Due beginning of September, \$1,500. 704-530-0858.

AKC Siberian husky pups, All woolie coats. Available in black, white, and some red and white. Pups have blue eyes, \$800. 704-813-2763.

AKC Registered beagle puppies. Have tri colored, and lemon and white. Please call for price 704-813-2763.

Male Pomeranian puppy, \$700; Male Pomchi puppy, \$600; AKC registered 2 year old White male standard Poodle \$500; AKC registered 2 year old red female Labradoodle \$150; AKC registered 5 year old white female Husky \$200; AKC registered 5 year old black and white male Husky \$200. 704-473-4559.

Craftsman 3500-watt generator. Only used on 4 camping trips, \$400; 200-watt solar panel with controller and cables, RV ready \$200; 1000-watt inverter with controller, brand new \$400; 0mm to 6" set, depth and I.D. micrometers, other machinist gauges and tools all for \$400; Koolatron Refrigerator 12-volt DC or 120-volt AC, still in

the box \$225. 828-448-4472.

Craftsman Gas trimmer 4 cycle curved shaft, 29 cc speed start \$30; Craftsman Gas trimmer 2 cycle straight shaft, 32 cc \$20; Black and Decker plug-in hedge trimmer 16" \$20. Will sell all three items for \$55. 704-458-6254.

Red wine Color 5-piece Tama Rockstar drum set with added 18" floor Tom. With red wine wrap, All DW hardware and Paiste cymbals included, Throne also included. Many extra DW hardware, etc. \$500 OBO. 704-619-5831.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Rent: Prime, and Private R.V lot located on the creek in Western McDowell County. 828-442-1487.

WANTED

Used Monitor 441 kerosene heater or Toyotomi laser 731 heater or 732 laser kerosene heater. Must be in good condition, Will pay cash and will pick up. 828-433-8337.

Would like to exchange one or two regular weed eaters (Gas and Oil) for one with a straight shaft that has a metal blade. New or good working condition; Need Someone willing to do some yard and leaf clean-up work, on a scheduled, once a month, basis for cash or item exchange. Please call 828-433-4649. (8 to 10 p.m. only).

All Rutherford EMC
Offices will be closed

Monday,
Sept. 4, 2023
FOR LABOR DAY

There's Still Time! Bright Ideas Education Grants Deadline is September 15, 2023

As you begin a new academic year, do you have an idea for a project that will enhance your students' learning experience, but isn't in the budget? Don't forget that you can still apply until September 15 for a grant up to \$1,000 for an innovative classroom project that needs funding. For more information or to start your application, visit NCBrightIdeas.com.



Nominating Committee Chooses Board Candidates

Four candidates for REMC's Board of Directors have been selected by the Committee on Nominations which met July 13, 2023, at the cooperative's General Office in Forest City, NC. The names of these members will be presented for consideration for three-year terms and will be voted on by mail-in ballot by the membership prior to the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at West Lincoln High School in Lincolnton, NC.

The nominees are:

Directorate District One

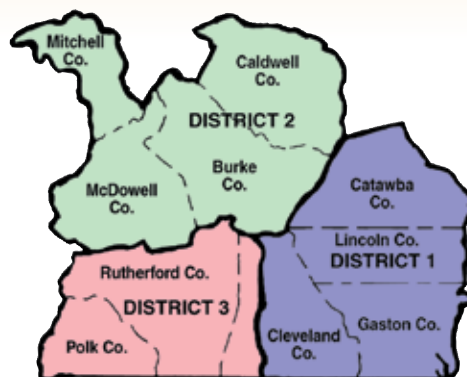
Timothy Stowe, 169 Stowe Dairy Rd., Gastonia, NC

Robby R. Eurey, PO Box 151, Lincolnton, NC

Directorate District Two

Van Boyd, 272 Stockton Rd., Marion, NC

In accordance with the Bylaws, the membership will elect two directors from Directorate District One, and one director from Directorate District Two. The approximate geographical boundaries of the directorate districts are shown in the drawing.



Scholarship Winners Train with Top Basketball Programs

Three local students practiced alongside athletes and coaches from top-ranked college basketball programs this summer, thanks to Rutherford EMC's Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships.

Preslie Bradley from Polk County and Katie Wyant from Lincoln County attended the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at NC State University in Raleigh, led by head coach Wes Moore. Ethan Dotson from Polk County participated in the Carolina Basketball School, led by head coach Hubert Davis, at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

"Preslie Bradley, Katie Wyant, and Ethan Dotson are outstanding students, athletes, and community members," said Dirk Burleson, general manager at Rutherford EMC. "We are proud to partner with two prestigious North Carolina universities to help provide such a unique leadership and learning experience for our local students and future leaders."

The campers joined more than 50 electric co-op scholarship winners statewide at the camps, where they stayed overnight in dorms and experienced life as a college student. At both camps, coaches and student-athletes worked directly with campers to develop basketball fundamentals and practice skills such as teamwork that will help them excel on and off the court.

Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships are available each year as part of Rutherford EMC's commitment to supporting youth and education in our community. Congratulations to Preslie, Katie, and Ethan for earning these scholarships and representing Rutherford EMC at basketball camp this summer!



Preslie Bradley with Coach Wes Moore



Ethan Dotson with Coach Hubert Davis



Katie Wyant with Coach Wes Moore



NC Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour

Local Students Visit Nation's Capital on Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

Approximately 1,800 high school students gathered in Washington, D.C., June 18-23 as delegates to the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Dozens of North Carolina students, including three local delegates sponsored by Rutherford EMC, took part in the week-long opportunity.

In order to be selected these students had to be rising high school seniors, complete an application process, perform an energy audit of their home, and participate in a personal interview. Zoey Dellinger, a student at North Lincoln High school; Erin Shelton, a student at McDowell Early College; and Thaddeus Ruff, a student at Polk County High School, were awarded this amazing opportunity.

On the Youth Tour, students participated in leadership training, engaged in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstarted their national peer network, learned about electric cooperatives, and toured D.C.'s historic monuments and museums.

"Our Youth Tourists explored D.C. with confidence and curiosity, and that was great to see," said Dirk Burleson, REMC general manager. "The Youth Tour emphasizes the importance of civic engagement and the fact that politics touch every aspect of life. We hope the experiences and skills that delegates gained during the trip will benefit them on their journey to becoming our next great leaders."

On the seven-day tour, students learned about United States history at the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and many of the Smithson-

ian museums. The delegates paid their respects to soldiers who lost their lives in service to the nation at Arlington National Cemetery, and visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall as well as the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Several members of North Carolina's congressional delegation answered policy questions and offered advice to the students in a meeting on Capitol Hill.

For 58 years, America's electric cooperatives have brought students together from communities across America to build connections and practice leadership on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Forty-three students from North Carolina participated this year, joining peers representing electric co-ops in 43 states.

