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Thankful to Serve You

As we enter November, a month of reflection and thanksgiving, one thing at the forefront of our minds at Rutherford EMC is how grateful we are to serve you. Across our service territory, powerlines and utility poles connect us all together in a network that provides safe and reliable energy to power our homes, schools, churches and businesses. While this infrastructure is a good visible representation of how Rutherford EMC is connected to the local landscape, our commitment to the members and communities that we serve runs much deeper than that!

Our commitment to serving you extends far beyond just providing you with electricity. We continually invest in local teachers, students, and families to help build vibrant communities filled with endless opportunities for future generations. We have discovered that one of the best ways to support our local communities is through the investment of education. Throughout the communities we serve, curious minds are learning with new technology, little hands are busy manipulating science equipment, reading new books, and being creative with their makerspace art projects. All of these new experiences are taking place in the classroom because of our Bright Ideas education grants program. These grants provide new resources that bring innovative classroom projects to life and provide learning opportunities for both students and teachers by offering them new ways to grow and thrive.

We strive to strengthen all aspects of our local communities by providing them with new opportunities to grow and flourish. Another investment made in the communities that we serve is providing an opportunity for our youth to develop leadership skills and experience firsthand the power of civic engagement through the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Rutherford EMC sends three local high school juniors to Washington, D.C., on this empowering trip each year (see recruitment article on page 17). These students come home with a greater understanding of how our government operates and feel a sense of accomplishment and value that often inspires them to take bold

steps toward helping their local communities and shaping the future.

As a not-for-profit business, Rutherford EMC's core mission has always been to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electric service. Because your co-op is locally owned and operated, we live and work in the communities that we serve — alongside our members. Therefore, we share your sense of pride in our communities and are grateful for the many ways we can continue to contribute to their success.

We are so thankful for your commitment to the co-op — by taking the time to attend the annual meeting and electing your board of directors you are enriching our local communities, by choosing to participate and give Rutherford EMC a voice to help improve our quality of life, right here in the local community.

Thank you for being a vital part of Rutherford EMC and for your role in helping us live out the cooperative difference. We value your support and are thankful today, and every day, to continue serving you and the communities in which we live.

Happy Thanksgiving!

We wish all of you a safe and happy holiday.

All Rutherford EMC Offices
will be closed
Nov. 23 & 24, 2023
FOR THANKSGIVING

VETERANS DAY

Honoring All Who Served
We Thank You For Our Freedom!

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023



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

26" Kent Tandem Adult Bicycle w/ owner's manual, 21 speed, REVO twist shifters, Shimano rear derailleur, very nice cond. \$275; 1978 Vintage 160watt Sansui SP-X8000 Stereo 4-way speaker system. 17 1/2" wide, 26 1/2" tall. Nice cond. \$250. Pictures available. 828-448-0338.

1991 4-door Cadillac Seville. White w/ burgundy leather interior. Excellent condition. 108,600 miles. Like-new Michelin tires. New battery, brake calipers, rotors, pads, and hoses. Can send pictures. \$3,500. Call 828-627-8093 or 828-421-0556.

2004 Harley Road King Classic. Burgundy. Fuel-injected, cruise, tach, windshield, bag liners, lots of tasteful chrome. 19,600 miles. Recent tune-up and oil change, good rubber and brakes. Smooth running and reliable machine. \$6450. 980-552-6523.

2004 Saturn Ion. Runs good, good gas mileage, AC works. Needs rear passenger window repaired. Would make a good work car. \$2,500; Older craftsman riding mower. Runs and cuts good, needs muffler. \$300. 828-202-6740.

2018 Thor Fourwinds Class C Motorhome. Low mileage, 25,000. 4,000 watt generator. Automatic levels. Can provide pictures upon request. \$62,000. Call 828-429-8397.

Older Mobile Home, 12' x 65'. Must be moved. Nice home but needs some work. Includes decks and underpinning if wanted. \$1,500. Call anytime, except between Friday evening and sunset on Saturday. 828-863-2149 or 828-817-9207.

Vintage 1966 Wham-O Superball Baseball unopened in original packaging \$100; Tabletop Lance crackers shelf, stainless steel. 2 shelves. Small Lance logo on front. Great cond. \$75. 4 Vintage John Graham High School Annuals, Warrenton NC, 1964-1967. Very good cond. \$30. Pictures available. 828-448-0338.

Black Labrador Retriever puppies, born 8-14-23. 6 males, 4 females. All puppies have vet well-check, dewormed, and first set of vaccinations. Sire and Dam are AKC registered and on site. \$800 each, \$200 deposit required. Balance due at pick up. Call 704-284-2435.

LGD puppies available, \$400. Sire 100% Pyrenees, Dam Anatolian Shepherd. Text 704-473-4804.

Pomchi puppy, male \$600; Red Goldendoodle, 2yo, female \$500; Siberian Husky, black & white, 5yo, male \$200. 704-473-4559.

Tetter FitSpine LX9 Inversion Table, raised board-

ing platform, deluxe EZ reach ankle lock system, like new cond. \$250. 704-678-1228.

Antique furniture: diamond sofa w/ matching chair; floral print chair; Queen Ann chair; 2 rocking chairs; matching end, coffee, and side tables. Can send pictures. Lincolnton, NC. 704-530-3666.

Craftsman 3500W generator, only used 4 camping trips \$400; 200W solar panel w/ controller & cables, RV ready \$200; 1000W inverter w/ controller, brand new \$400; Micrometers zero to 6" set, depth and I.D. micrometers, other machinist gauges & tools, all for \$400; Koolatron refrigerator 12volt DC or 120volt AC. Unopened, in box. Great for car, truck, RV, or home \$225. Casar, NC. 828-448-4472.

Hay — Fescue grass, square bales. High quality, clean, barn stored. \$6.00 per bale. Near Crowder's Mountain, Gastonia. Delivery available. 704-854-8844.

Small wine refrigerator, \$25; Antique dining room buffet, \$50; NordiFlex exercise machine, \$50; Custom bar, \$1000. 828-659-3168.

Uncirculated silver quarters in bank roll \$290. Dimes also available. 704-748-3258.

Cast iron tub. Excellent condition. 2 sets of claw feet. \$800; 12' Old Town canoe w/ 2 paddles. Excellent cond. \$1000 OBO. Leave message, will return call. 828-779-0698.

New Holland hay baler, worked good last time used, \$300; International hay rake, worked good last time used. Tires flat. \$175. 828-443-6983.

Two-seater Surrey bike w/ rumble seat, good cond. \$1200. 828-201-1797.

13-piece Princess House large animal collection, \$500; Two burial plots w/ vaults, great spot in Burke Memorial Park. \$6500; Vesta Camper Dishwasher, \$50; 2200 PSI Troy Built pressure washer, only used four times, \$450. 828-234-4032.

32' Winnebago Brave, class A motorhome. Like new, only 12,474 miles. 5000-watt generator. 2 slide outs. Always under cover when not in use. \$38,000, price negotiable. 704-445-1999 or 704-418-2415.

Gold's Gym programmable treadmill. Paid \$575, asking \$200. 704-445-1999 or 704-418-2415.

John Deere model M with one-row cultivator & double bottom plows, new tires. 12volt system. \$2850; 1940s Ice cream box, still works. Needs restoring. \$50. 828-368-0656.

Water totes, \$75; Metal burning barrels, \$10; Plastic Barrels, \$10; Feed Barrels w/ lids & rings, \$20; Cages for wood, \$25 each; Cherry picker, \$200. Hickory NC. Call Jeff, 828-327-4782.

Old 1980s & 1990s NASCAR memorabilia. Programs, calendars, directory books, cards. Most relating to Dale Earnhardt Sr. Call for details or to make offer. 704-629-9140. Bessemer City, but can meet elsewhere if necessary.

Old stamp album; stamps from 1899 (Columbia Antigua Imperf 10c) through post WWII. Several hundred stamps, all in good condition. Call to make an offer. 704-629-9140 or 704-772-6283. Bessemer City, but can meet elsewhere if necessary.

WeatherTech floor liners front set for 2007 Lexus sedan, brand new in box \$10; Front & rear carpets for 2020 Ford F150 Super Cab, brand new in packaging, \$10; beautiful 32" 15-glass panel wooden door, still

in factory wrap, \$100; Garmin Vivosmart HR wrist heart rate & exercise monitor, works w/ Bluetooth, Apple, & Android devices, \$20. Rutherfordton. Call or text 315-730-8210.

Barcelona Red A.R.E. fitted hard cover, 63" long, originally fitted for Toyota Tacoma full double cab, \$300 firm; Summit Viper SD climber tree stand, \$225. 828-803-7930.

Western-gaited saddle, black leather & nylon, wide tree. Like new. \$200. 336-674-8023

Turkeys for sale, male and female. Some bronze, no white. 828-578-6821.

Two, 100lb propane tanks and regulator. Some propane in tank. \$225. 828-627-8093 or 828-421-0556.

1927 Model T Ford coupe. Restored about 5 years ago and always under cover. Needs 6v battery. \$13,000. Crowders Mtn. 704-228-9877.

Huntington Piano, excellent working cond. \$50; Sturdy potters kick wheel, great cond. \$50. Leave message. 828-652-3836

Free hardwood — oak, hickory, maple, some poplar. Plenty of pine for campfires; Four Harley Davidson half helmets, \$75 each. Leave message if no answer 828-544-5303

WANTED

Wheel rake to pull behind mower or tractor. No Strongway brands. 828-237-0113.

Someone to give a senior citizen lady an estimate on cutting my grass at a reasonable price. Text or call 704-689-8258.

Dukes of Hazzard items. 828-327-4782.



Did you know...
CEILING FANS
CAN MAKE A ROOM FEEL
4 DEGREES COOLER?

To save energy through ceiling fan use, remember to raise your thermostat a few degrees while fans are turned on. Ceiling fans can help improve comfort year-round. In the summer, operate ceiling fans in a counter clockwise direction. Reverse the direction to clockwise during winter months and set fans on a low speed so warm air can circulate from the ceiling to the lower levels of the room.

Source: energy.gov



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 that's taking place June 15-21, 2024.

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, visit historic monuments and memorials, pay their respects at The Arlington National Cemetery, meet elected officials and tour a variety of Smithsonian museums, all while building a peer network with young leaders from across the country.

Rutherford EMC will sponsor three local students to join North Carolina's delegation on the 2024 trip. A winner and an alternate will be chosen from each of Rutherford EMC's operating districts in January to represent the cooperative on the 2024 NC Youth Tour.

The all-expense-paid, weeklong tour is hosted by electric cooperatives nationwide and is a tradition more than 50 years strong. About 1,800 students from more than 40 states are expected to participate in 2024, and North Carolina's electric cooperatives will send a delegation of more than 45 students.

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 Burleson, General Manager of Rutherford EMC. "Our student delegates will meet with members of North Carolina's congressional delegation, connect with a network of talented peers, and grow their leadership skills and ambitions. Take a step out of your comfort zone and apply for this tremendous opportunity."

If you're a 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 annual 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!

In 2023 Rutherford EMC chose Zoey Dellinger of North Lincoln High School as the delegate to represent the Lincoln-Gaston district, Erin Shelton who attends McDowell Early College was chosen as the delegate to represent the Burke-McDowell district and Thaddeus Ruff from Polk County High School represented the Rutherford-Polk district. Ask any of these now high school seniors about their summer of 2023 Youth Tour trip and I feel confident they will tell you it was a week they will never forget!

For more information, complete the sign-up card enclosed with your November billing statement and return to: Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Attn: Youth Tour Coordinator, PO Box 1569, Forest City, NC, 28043-1569. You may also submit your request online by going to Rutherford EMC's website at remc.com. Please submit your request for more information on applying to be a NC Youth Tour candidate by Dec. 8.

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 or youthtour.coop, you can also find it on Facebook by searching NC Youth Tour.





Daylight savings time is upon us!

**Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Nov. 5 at 2:00 a.m.
This means one extra hour of sleep, but one less hour of daylight.**

If you are 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 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.

Operating and Maintaining Your Heat Pump

Like all heating and cooling systems, proper maintenance remains the key to efficient heat pump operation. The difference in electric use between a well-maintained heat pump and a severely neglected one ranges from 10% to 25%!

Remember not to set back a heat pump's thermostat if it causes any backup heating system to kick on; they are usually more expensive to operate. Continuous indoor fan operation can also hurt heat pump performance unless you use a high-efficiency, variable-speed fan motor. Operate your heat pump with the "auto" fan setting on your thermostat.

Clean or change filters once a month or as needed, and maintain the system according to manufacturer's instructions. Dirty filters, coils, and fans reduce airflow, which will decrease system performance and possibly damage the compressor. Clean outdoor coils whenever they appear dirty; occasionally, turn off power to the fan and clean it; remove vegetation and clutter from around the outdoor unit. Clean the supply and return registers within your home, and straighten their fins if bent.

You should also have a professional technician service your heat pump at least every year. The technician should do the following:

- Inspect electric terminals, and, if necessary, clean and tighten connections, and apply non-conductive coating
- Lubricate motors and inspect belts for tightness and wear
- Verify correct electric control, making sure that heating is locked out when the thermostat calls for cooling and vice versa
- Verify correct thermostat operation.

Source: EnergySavers.gov



- Inspect ducts, filters, blower, and indoor coils for dirt and other obstructions
- Diagnose and seal duct leakage
- Verify adequate airflow by measurement
- Verify correct refrigerant charge by measurement
- Check for refrigerant leaks