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## Rutherford EMC Celebrates the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting

Some 1,300 people, including 653 registered members, attended this year's Rutherford EMC annual meeting, held at West Lincoln High School on Saturday October 28th. The unseasonably warm weather provided a great day at the cooperative's meeting. Everyone in attendance enjoyed musical entertainment by Darin and Brooke Aldridge, an abundance of prizes were awarded and everyone left with a boxed lunch following the meeting. As each co-op member registered, they were given a utility tote bag as a door prize.

During the business meeting, reports were given by the cooperatives board president, J. Dean Carpenter and general manager, S. Dirk Burleson. A highlight of the meeting was the announcement by Mr. Carpenter that the board had approved the return of over \$4.7 million in capital credits to members in late November.

Following Mr. Burleson's report, India Francis, Rutherford EMC's Youth Tour coordinator, recognized this year's Youth Tour winners—Zoe Dillinger, Erin Shelton and Thaddeus Ruff. Erin then presented a personal summary of her unforgettable experiences while on the 2023 Youth Tour.

Following the adjournment of the business meeting, a total of 35 prizes were given out during the annual prize drawing. These included two Amazon-Fire Kids tablets and two Raycon noise canceling Bluetooth headphones for girls and boys. This year's Grand Prize was a \$500 electric bill credit! Other prizes awarded were (4) \$250 bill credits and (5) \$100 bill credits, plus a total of \$1,000 in cash prizes. The remaining prizes

included goodies such as a Blackstone griddle, a Ninja food processor, a Solo Stove smokeless firepit, a Ring video doorbell and an 18-volt Milwaukee compact drill and impact driver set. So, there were definitely prizes to suit everyone!

This year's director election was once again conducted via Carolina Country magazine. There was a total of 1,051 ballots registered in the election. Board of Director incumbents Timothy E. Stowe and Robby E. Eury were up for re-election in Directorate District 1 and incumbent Van S. Boyd was up for re-election in Directorate District 2.

There was a total 22 cash prizes worth \$5,000 drawn from the ballots received during this year's director election. The Grand Prize was \$1,000; there were also (2) \$750, (4) \$250, and (15) \$100 cash prizes awarded.

Rutherford EMC would like to thank everyone that participated in the 2023 director's election via Carolina Country and those that came out to enjoy their day at the Annual Membership Meeting at West Lincoln High School.

### Kid Prize Winners were:

Hattie Davis of Cherryville (top), Brayden Johnson of Lawndale (center), Remington Lane of Vale (bottom) and Catherine Montijo of Marion (not pictured).



Director's election \$1,000 Grand Prize winner was Clara Jackson of Morganton. She was presented her prize by Jeff Brittain, V.P. of Engineering



Grand Prize Winner of \$500 bill credit was Margaret Davis of Vale.



Beatrice Smith (left) of Morganton was the eldest lady present at this year's annual meeting. Frederick Watts (center), age 96, was the eldest gentleman present and he was also recognized as the eldest person that served in the military. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Ollis (right) of Morganton were the longest-married couple in attendance. They have celebrated 70 years of marriage!



## 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

**Firewood** – Oak & Hickory, \$85 per truck load, bring your truck; local wildflower honey, \$16 per quart. Lincolnton, NC. 704-748-3258.

**Yamaha P22 upright piano** – light oak in color, very good cond., \$150 obo. 828-460-6054.

**Stainless steel roof vent kit** for a woodstove, through the ceiling type, rated at 2,100 degrees, never used, still in the box, \$200 firm. 704-819-9515.

**C.K.C. Yorkie-Poos** – tails docked, de-declawed, Morganton area. 828-433-1374.

**Road Heat 20" red & black bicycle**, never used, \$100; **Extreme Pollo motocross bike**, blue in color, driven only a few times, like new, can send pictures, cost \$700 new, asking \$400; **female Muscovy ducks**, good layers, \$20 ea. 704-241-3737.

**Tiny Toy Shihpoo puppy**, female, 8 weeks old Nov. 30th, mom is Shih Tzu and dad is a Tiny Toy Poodle, \$1,000; **baseball & football cards** in mint cond. Kings Mtn, NC. 704-923-5834.

**Craft Wood fireplace insert** – like new, measures 21 1/2" high x 47 1/2" long w/ 18" wide fire box, 8" fireplace shield, thermostatic controlled, black w/gold trim, has catalytic converter; house oil furnace, 9,600 Btu, \$500; **Trane XR 3-ton central AC**, 5 years old, \$800; **A-Coil**, \$200; have 5 black pipes that measure 12' long x 4" in diameter, \$300. 828-334-0578.

**(4) Goodyear Custom wide tread tires**, G-70/15 Polyglas, w/raised white letters, \$100; **gas tank** for a 1952 Chevrolet 3100 truck, \$75; **antique (1950's) reel push mower** made by Clemson Brothers, Mid-

dletown, NY, USA, works good, \$125; **12-volt alarm siren**, \$25. 864-476-6005 or 864-706-5229.

**Wood splitter** – 25 ton, like new, \$1,100 obo; **55 gallon metal & plastic drums**, \$10 ea; **55 gallon plastic feed barrels**, \$20 ea; **275 gallon totes**, \$75 ea; **metal cages for wood**, etc., \$25 ea. Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

**Frigidaire refrigerator w/top freezer**, \$30; **(2) Werner ladders**, \$100; **wheelbarrow**, \$15. 704-240-4278.

**Land for sale by owner** – approximately 37 acres in Caldwell County, NC, just outside the Lenoir city limits, about 3 acres in grass fields w/ the remainder being mostly hardwoods, septic & well permit on file, creek on property, fruit trees, home to wildlife including deer & turkey, lots of atv/sxs trails across entire property, comes w/storage building and new gravel drive to building site, very private, \$150,000. 704-905-0413.

**Male AKC registered black Labrador Retriever**, born March 5, 2020, \$375; **female Boxer**, \$100; will take \$400 for the pair. 828-223-4528.

**Phillips 24" 3000 series TV**, 720p, HDTV, no remote or feet, \$50. 704-349-2160.

**Reclaimed lumber**. 704-730-8864.

**2014 Toyota Camry XLE Hybrid**, 100,000 miles, \$14,000; **(2) leather jackets**: men's XL, women's SP, \$20 ea.; **men's blue denim jacket** by Lee, size LG, \$10; **collection of 45 ball caps**, \$100. Lawn-dale, NC. 3369-932-1165.

**Burke Memorial Park cemetery deed** - Lot 202 Space A. \$4,000 obo. 760-521-1208.

**1977 Dodge van w/60,614 actual miles**, automatic, P/S, P/B, A/C, was restored in the 80's, been sitting since 1988, good motor & transmission when parked, body is rough, but has some good parts on it, \$1,000 obo. 704-830-4066.

**Floyd Rose (signature) guitar w/matching case & strap**, mint cond., \$300; **Washburn Bantam 4 string guitar w/matching case & strap**, mint cond., \$250. 910-233-7877.

**1000-watt inverter w/controller**, \$400; **Marathon seat covers & Weather Guard floor mats** for 2004 Toyota Tundra, \$40. Casar, NC. 828-448-4472.

**Parti & Traditional Yorkies** - registered males & females, parents on site. Vale, NC. 704-915-7007.

**Single gravesite** at Gaston Memorial Cemetery in Gastonia, NC, close to drive-thru, which is good

for anyone w/disabilities, lots typically sell for \$5,000, asking \$2,000. Leave a message and I will return your call. 980-250-2955.

**Virtually new all electric hospital bed**, only used for 1 week, XL twin size mattress w/2 sets of sheets included, \$500 obo. 828-776-1560.

**Nikon SLR digital camera w/many extras**, includes bags, ex. cond., \$65; **Jupiter capital edition clarinet**, mint cond., \$65 firm. 864-441-7921.

**Bicycles** – for men & women and mtn. bikes for young men. 704-460-4857.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Free:** Japanese Bunka embroidery kits, yarn, needles, and other crafting equipment to give to an interested person. 828-413-7558.

**Free:** Downed trees, you cut up & haul. 828-287-3944.

**For Rent:** (3) separate properties located in Vale: 1.) small 1 BR, 1 BA apartment, recently renovated, washer/dryer included, \$750/month plus utilities; 2.) 2 BR, 1 BA apartment/storage area w/loading dock, 2,000 sq./ft., great place to live on lower level, \$1,195/month, plus utilities; 3.) 2 BR, 1 BA short term housing in a quiet neighborhood, completely furnished including utilities, \$1,450 month. All 3 properties will consider pets on a case-by-case basis, one month deposit mandatory on all properties. Call Sunshine at 828-228-4016.

**For Rent:** Horse pasture/barn located between Morganton & Marion in Nebo, near Exit 94, Dysartville Rd, you and a friend can ride 450 acres and miles of nice woods trails, 2 miles of trails along S. Muddy Creek, \$150 a month per horse, will have room for 3 or 4 horses. 828-413-1969.

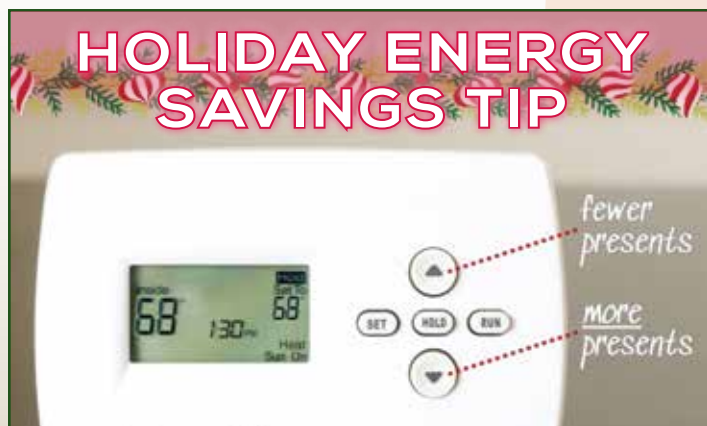
## WANTED

**Dukes of Hazzard items**. 828-327-4782.

**(2) Burial plots** at Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC. Call 828-652-4108, leave a message, I will return your call.

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

**WWII military artifacts & old comic books**. 704-616-6567.



# High School Juniors:

## Inquire By December 8 for A Week You Will Never Forget on the #NCYouthTour

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, a remarkable program organized by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in conjunction with the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC), offers an extraordinary opportunity that only comes around once in a lifetime. Rutherford EMC will be sending three high school juniors on a fully funded adventure to Washington, D.C., as part of this prestigious event. The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour typically gathers more than 1,500 high school students from all corners of the nation. In early February, one winner and an alternate will be selected from each of Rutherford EMC's three districts to represent the cooperative in the nation's capital.

Over the course of just five days, participants will have the chance to explore an array of iconic locations, including the Smithsonian Mall, Arlington National Cemetery, the Newseum (regarded as the world's most interactive museum), the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and many more historical sites. Participants will also spend a day on Capitol Hill, providing them with a firsthand experience of civics in action. This trip promises to be an unforgettable and enriching experience. The tour will commence on Saturday, June 15, with an orientation dinner in Raleigh and conclude the following Friday, June 21, with the return journey to Raleigh.

Participating in this program not only enhances your college applications but also makes you eligible for one of three annual scholarships. These include the \$2,500 Gwyn B. Price Youth Tour Scholarship, the \$2,000 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship, and the \$2,000 Youth Leadership Council Scholarship.

To learn more about this incredible opportunity, please send your inquiry via email to Brittany Pinkerton at [bpinkerton@remc.com](mailto:bpinkerton@remc.com) or call us at 828-245-1621 or 1-800-521-0920, extension 424. Hurry and submit your request for more information by December 8th, 2023. For additional details about the Rural Electric Youth Tour, please visit [NCElectricCooperatives.com](https://www.NCElectricCooperatives.com) and [YouthTour.coop](https://www.YouthTour.coop). You can also stay updated by joining our Facebook page; simply search for "North Carolina Youth Tour" on Facebook.

# 2024 #NCYouthTour



**Inquiry Deadline:  
December 8!**



## 'Tis the Season for Energy Efficiency & Safety

As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter, more time is spent inside your home enjoying holiday traditions with family and guests. At Rutherford EMC, we want to help make your holiday season as safe and energy efficient as possible with some tips to keep in mind as you deck the halls:

- **Consider using LED lights** to decorate instead of incandescent bulbs. LEDs use less energy and last longer. Only buy lights that contain the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label to ensure they meet adequate safety requirements.
- **Set holiday lights on automatic timers** to minimize the time lights stay on overnight and during the day. Don't leave a lit Christmas tree unattended and always turn off tree lights

before going to bed or leaving the house.

- **Before putting up holiday decorations**, check all lights for frayed wires, damaged sockets or cracked insulation. Make sure outdoor cords, plugs and sockets are weatherproof. Never let a cord run through a puddle, even if it says it's weatherproof.
- **Don't overload electrical outlets.** This is especially common during the holidays when people tend to use more electricity, and it increases the risk of a fire.

For more information about how to be safe and energy efficient year-round, visit our website at [remcc.com](https://www.remcc.com).





# Lineworker Puts Lifesaving Skills to the Test at State Rescue Competition

In a competition showcasing lifesaving skills, 25 electric cooperative lineworkers from across North Carolina raced against the clock – and their peers – for top honors at the 2023 Pole Top Rescue held at Nash Community College on Thursday October 26.

During the competition, each lineworker executed a rescue scenario of retrieving an unconscious coworker from atop a utility pole. Each competitor, dressed in full climbing gear of up to 20 pounds, is judged on their swiftness and proficiency in radioing for help, scaling 20 feet up a utility pole, lowering a weighted mannequin and beginning CPR.

To advance to the state competition, each of the 25 competitors had to win a similar rescue event against their peers at their local electric cooperative. Kyle Daves of Ellenboro, NC represented Rutherford EMC. He placed 6th out of 25 competitors, with a time of 2 minutes, 05 seconds. There was a mere 28 seconds between his 6th place finish and the 1st place winner, Cameron Clark, of Lumbee River EMC, so that gives you a sense of how tight this lifesaving skills competition really is!

“Every lineworker hopes to never have to use this method of rescue, but we always need to be ready, because one mistake and this could become reality during a workday. That’s exactly why this competition is so important – it provides an excellent opportunity to hone our rescue and safety skills so that if we are ever in a situation where a lineworker needs help, we know we can perform the rescue quickly, proficiently, and most all, successfully”, said Kyle.

“Behind every service call is a lineworker who has completed rigorous training,” said Rutherford EMC’s General Manager, Dirk Burleson. “This competition tests the safety and rescue skills required for lineworkers to maintain the lines that power the lives of electric cooperative members.”

The biennial competition is hosted by North Carolina’s Electric Cooperatives with members of its training and safety team serving as judges. All North Carolina electric cooperative lineworkers must complete this same scenario in less than five minutes to maintain their certification to work on co-op power lines.



## MEDICAL PRIORITY SERVICE

If you are a Rutherford EMC member or caretaker of a member that requires a constant supply of power for a life support system (dialysis, concentrators, breathing machines, etc.) your co-op needs to know. A signed letter from the patient’s doctor or the supplier of life support equipment is required to be eligible for this service. While we cannot guarantee uninterrupted service, we will make every effort to restore service quickly to homes where this vital equipment is needed. Please provide us with current documentation.

**For inquiries, please call  
1-800-521-0920 Ext. 423**