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Celebrate this Fourth of July by Playing it Safe

The month of July has always been a favorite to many. Summer is in full swing, the kids are out of school and of course, we celebrate Independence Day! Typically, on the Fourth, we celebrate our nation's independence by lounging at the pool, grilling out with friends, eating homemade ice cream, and last, but not least, fireworks. This is certainly a special time spent amongst family and friends, but at Rutherford EMC we also want to make sure our members focus on safety.

To ensure you have the best Fourth of July possible, we would like to remind you about a few important safety tips from The American Red Cross.

Nothing says "Fourth of July" like a spectacular fireworks display lighting up the night sky! The safest way to enjoy this part of the celebration is to head to a local fireworks show. But, if you decide to put on your own show at home, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- Always follow the instructions on fireworks' packaging and never give fireworks to small children.
- Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution in case something goes wrong.
- Make sure to wear protective eyewear when lighting fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight a "dud."
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.
- Never throw or point a firework at people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.

Cookouts are a great way to bring folks together on the Fourth. Whether you are grilling in your backyard or at a community park, make sure your feast includes a generous portion of fun, but don't forget that side helping of safety! We recommend the following tips if you're the one designated as "the grill master."

- Supervise your grill at all times.
- Use the proper tools for cooking on a grill.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when the coals have already been ignited.
- Always follow the manufacturers' instructions when using a grill.

Fireworks and cookouts just aren't complete without a sunny day. Here's hoping we have good weather, and if we do, make sure you are practicing sun safety too:

- Use a broad spectrum SPF sunscreen and reapply often.
- Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses.
- Stay hydrated - drink plenty of water.
- Be on the lookout for signs of heat stroke (hot red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing).

However you choose to celebrate this year, Rutherford EMC wishes all our members and their families a safe and Happy Fourth of July. Let freedom ring!

Your Opinion Counts: PARTICIPATE IN OUR MEMBER SURVEY

As a community-owned cooperative, Rutherford EMC is guided by the input of our local members, like you. This month, we are participating in a research effort to assess our performance and your priorities related to severe summer weather communications. You may receive a survey invitation by email with a North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives logo at the top. Your input will help us better serve you, and we appreciate your participation!



All REMC offices will be closed on

Friday, July 4 for Independence Day



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

Two cemetery plots at Frederick Memorial Gardens in Gaffney, SC, located in section A1, near the entrance, \$6,500 for both. 828-437-5650.

Dutch rabbits – born 4/22/25, \$30 ea., Lincoln-ton, NC. 703-895-9395.

Golf equipment: Callaway X Hot irons 4-SW; Wilson Deep Red Fat Shaft 3-SW; Lynx irons 2-SW; TaylorMade R-5, R-9 & R-15 drivers & a 3 wood; Cobra 5 wood; Titleist 875 D-driver; Snake Eyes 3,5 & 7 wood; Adams I-Pro hybrids, 20, 23 & 26 degree; Putters: Ghost Mantra Mallet & Scotty Cameron Newport 2; Sun Mountain cart bag, Kangaroo electric cart, Bagboy 3 wheeled walking cart, Callaway rangefinder w/slope, new & used golf balls. Will consider all offers. 828-438-4284.

Summit Viper SD climbing tree stand, \$200. 828-803-7930.

(4) Kendra Klever RT tires, size 33-12.5XR18, good tread, \$200. 704-530-1765.

4' circle wall Alpaca rug (Panda Bear), \$100 firm. 980-241-8181.

Washburn 5-string banjo, like new w/case, \$350; (3) framed pictures of Elvis Presley: (1) 22"x28" and (2) 20"x28", \$45; dreadlock machine, \$75; Jacuzzi that seats 4, nice green color, good condition, you must move, \$200. 704-862-7161.

Five-piece solid wood bedroom suite includes dresser & mirror, headboard & foot board with frame, nightstand & chest, \$300 firm. 704-538-3285, leave a message.

Two grave plots at Sharon Memorial Cemetery in Charlotte, NC, asking \$2,000 for both. 803-416-6361, leave a message.

Elvis Collector – full sheet of Elvis stamps, \$600; Christmas album, \$57; Moody Blues album, \$50; G.I. Blues, double album, \$300; an Elvis album, \$25; (2) 45 records, \$40; (2) Elvis Christmas dec-

orative balls, \$50. All for \$1,100. 704-215-6953.

275-gallon water totes \$100 ea.; plastic feed barrels w/lids & rings in 55 and 35 gallons, \$20 ea.; metal drums, \$10 ea.; plastic barrels in 15-, 30- and 50-gallon sizes, \$10 ea. Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

John Deere D170 riding mower w/25 hp engine, only 187 hours, \$2,400; Troy Bilt tiller, needs tires, \$150; Huskee riding mower, needs work, \$250; 4'x8' utility trailer w/no title, \$400; engine hoist/cherry picker, \$225. 828-327-4782.

48" diameter outdoor Christmas wreath, \$100; (2) Schneiders Model SRC saddle & tack caddies (like new), \$150; rolling garden work seat, \$50; padded roll bar for a 68, 69 or 70 Corvette, \$100; American Racing 15" mag wheel set, \$400; Clemson antique push mower, good working cond., \$50; 1952 Chevy 3100 gas tank, \$75. 864-706-5229.

Snapper riding lawn mower w/Briggs & Stratton engine, 38" cut, new carburetor, fuel lines, air filter, fresh oil change, and blades are sharpened. \$600. 704-560-0976.

Retiring tractor-trailer mechanics tools: assorted wrenches, sockets, ratchets, pilers, punches, screwdrivers, hammers, drill bits, and electrical tools such as a Sawzall, drills, jig saw, skill saws. Serious inquires only, call Sunday-Friday from 7 am – 7 pm. 828-446-9345.

Honey - Local farm grown "Wildflower Honey", \$16 per quart and "Sourwood Blue Ridge Honey", \$20 per quart. Lincolnton, NC. 704-748-3258.

Alvarez acoustic guitar, 000 size, near mint condition, was professionally set up and piked, low action, stage ready, very nice Taylor gig bag, \$250 firm, Tryon, NC area. 864-441-7921, if there is no answer leave a message.

Beef - grass fed, grain finished. Summer bundle includes (2) roast, (2) beef stews, (2) cube steaks and (5) lbs. of 80/20 ground beef for \$100. Call for more bundle deals. 704-472-2761.

2000 Harley Davidson Electra-Glide Ultra Classic motorcycle, 1 owner, 33,500 miles, red & black in color, only modifications are Samson exhaust, Screaming Eagle air filter, Power Commander, and added chrome parts, \$6,000. Kings Mtn., NC. 704-974-6131.

1992 rare Harley Davidson FXLR custom, red in color, 13,200 miles, only modifications are Screaming Eagle breather, performance exhaust and added chrome, excellent condition, \$6,500, Kings Mtn., NC. 704-974-6131.

100-gallon BBQ charcoal smoker, with a propane cooker mounted on a heavy duty pull behind 10' trailer, tracks good, \$2,000; (150) 6" cinder blocks,

\$0.75 ea.; new 12' wrought iron porch railing w/ accessories, \$100; Craft wood fireplace insert fits 22" tall x 48" long opening, \$1,500; (6) sheets of 29 gauge beige metal sheeting, 3' wide X 14' long, \$20/sheet, have about 6 sheets, and have some 3' wide X 8' long, \$10/sheet. 828-721-0234.

Century Furniture matching end table & coffee table, also have end table from another Century collection, solid wood, \$30 each; new Caribbean Joe tote bag, \$15, and DKNY tote bag, \$20, also have a variety of Home Interior items, photos available. Call, leave a message or text 828-334-0223.

(4) 35mm cameras and a camera bag, all for \$100. Text 704-458-6254.

One grave plot at Gaston Memorial Cemetery, Gastonia, NC, located in Honor Section, lots normally cost \$6,000, only asking \$3,000. Leave a message at 980-250-2955.

Box blade – 6' wide, heavy duty; 5' sickle bar mower; pull behind hay rake; 7' wide, 9 shank ripper/cultivator; Ford two row corn planter; 5' heavy duty disc harrow; 16" single plow. 828-527-2914.

Dry horse hay – 4' round bales, \$35 ea.; 5' round bales, \$45 ea. 704-241-3734.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Rent: February 7-14, 2026, The Christie Lodge – an All-Suite Property at Beaver Creek, located in Avon, CO., dates can be changed, if space is available; this is a (1) BR timeshare condo, \$995/week or \$150/daily, sleeps 4, on site & close by amenities, just minutes to Vail, CO., w/easy transportation to/from the Denver Airport. Condo is also For Sale as a deeded property with annual use during Red Winter weeks, (mid-December to mid-April). 704-732-8678. A commission will be paid.

WANTED

Silver coins, proof coins & rare American coins. I will buy them at a fair price and pay more than companies who buy silver and coins. 828-851-7780 or 704-204-4503.

Console or regular type stereo w/record player for 33s, 45s, and 78s, and an AM/FM radio, must be in good condition and play more than one record at a time, no junk please, willing to pay good price. 704-678-4596 or 704-473-0467.

Indian Head & Wheat pennies. 828-327-4782.

Small engine mechanic to repair a John Deere GT 225 mower. 704-689-3037.

Reminder:

Don't forget that you can monitor your home's energy use while you are away by visiting our website at remc.com and clicking on the Member Portal tab, the My Account drop down, and then Usage History, follow the prompts to add in your information. If you notice a sudden spike while you are away it may signal equipment trouble, like a malfunctioning cooling system or even a water heater. The sooner the issue is recognized the more money you will save in energy costs.

Powering Growth: Rutherford EMC Invests in Denver's Future with New Substation

The landscape of Denver, North Carolina, is rapidly transforming. What was once a quiet lakeside community is now a flourishing hub of residential and commercial development, bringing with it a significant increase in demand for reliable electricity. To keep pace with this remarkable growth and ensure a stable power supply for its members, Rutherford EMC has undertaken a critical infrastructure project: a new substation in the Denver area.

This strategic investment by Rutherford EMC is a direct response to the escalating energy needs of Lincoln County. The influx of new homes, businesses, and industries means more lights are turning on, more appliances are humming, and more operations are relying on a consistent flow of power. Without proactive measures, such rapid expansion can strain existing electrical infrastructure, leading to potential outages and voltage issues.

"Our commitment to our member-owners is unwavering," says Brad Bridges, director of District Operations. "The Denver area is experiencing unprecedented growth, and it's imperative that our electrical grid evolves to meet that demand. This new substation is a testament to our long-term planning and dedication to providing reliable, affordable power for generations to come."

Substations play a vital role in the electrical grid. They act as critical connection points, stepping down high-voltage electricity from transmission lines to lower voltages suitable for distribution to homes and businesses. By adding a new substation, Rutherford EMC will enhance the overall capacity and resilience of its system in the Denver area. This means improved voltage stability, reduced risk of overloads on existing infrastructure, and a more robust network capable of handling the increasing energy consumption.

The project aligns with broader trends in North Carolina, where electricity demand is forecasted to continue its upward trajectory. Cooperatives across the state are making significant investments in infrastructure to accommodate this growth, ensuring that economic development can proceed without being hampered by energy limitations.

For residents and businesses in Denver, this new substation translates directly into a more dependable power supply. It means fewer interruptions, better support for new construction, and the peace of mind that comes with a modernized and robust electrical system. As Rutherford EMC continues to adapt and innovate, this substation project stands as a clear indicator of our commitment to powering a brighter future for the vibrant and growing communities we serve.



Save Energy by Resisting the Urge

When it's hot, it's tempting to crank the thermostat way down. But wait! Air conditioning is a leading culprit of higher energy bills in the summer. Prevent your AC from using more energy than necessary, keep your home more comfortable, and save money all at the same time, with these simple ideas:

- Change air filters regularly, at least every 3 months. Dirty filters make your system work harder.
- Tune up your HVAC equipment yearly to improve efficiency and comfort.
- Make sure air ducts are sealed and insulated.
- Install a smart thermostat. These devices keep energy use at a minimum, and comfort at a maximum, by automatically customizing cooling schedules to fit your life. They can also be adjusted from a mobile app.
- Keep in mind that if your unit is older, or improperly sized, it may not be running as efficiently as a newer, properly-sized model could. When buying a new air conditioner, consider an energy-efficient model for savings that will last as long as you own the system.

And all summer long, resist the urge to lower that temperature setting! It won't cool the house

any faster, but it will use extra energy. Keep the thermostat set to the temperature you want inside, or even a few degrees higher for additional savings.

At Rutherford EMC, we're committed to helping you find ways to save energy and money, this summer and always. Find more ways to save at: remc.com.



Listen Up K-12 Educators:

Apply Early for a Bright Ideas Grant and Be Entered to Win \$100

As the old saying goes, “the early bird gets the worm.” Be an “early bird” and submit your Bright Ideas Education Grant application by Aug. 15 to get “the worm,” or a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards in a statewide drawing.

The final deadline to apply for a Bright Ideas grant of up to \$1,000 from Rutherford EMC is Sept. 15. Rutherford EMC expects to award over \$15,000 in Bright Ideas grants to fund innovative and deserving educators again this year.

To apply K-12 teachers must fill out the on-line application and include a budget; explain the project’s implementation, goals, creative elements and evaluation of the project; and of course first and foremost have approval from their schools administration.

The Bright Ideas grant program exemplifies our continued commitment to building a brighter future for the communities we serve. In addition to ensuring the delivery of reliable, affordable and sustainable power, this vision emphasizes the importance of innovation and ongoing community support by benefitting our local educators and students. Learn more at remc.com or apply online at ncbrightideas.com.



Recent Review of EPA Rules Signal Reliability Wins

Electric cooperatives are applauding a recent series of actions announced by the Environmental Protection Agency. These actions would alleviate reliability and cost challenges for electric co-ops across the U.S.

The EPA said it will review and reconsider the Biden administration’s power plant greenhouse gas rule. The agency also plans to reconsider other rules hindering America’s energy dominance, including the mercury and air rule, ozone transport rule and power plant wastewater rule. The agency will also address a number of fundamental problems with the coal ash program and take other actions to unleash American energy while protecting the environment.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association that represents electric cooperatives in D.C., flagged concerns with these rules in a letter to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin in January. NRECA CEO Jim Matheson met with Zeldin at EPA’s headquarters to discuss these issues. The letter served as a policy roadmap recommending ways the EPA could address harmful regulations for electric co-ops while ensuring reliable and affordable power and promoting a healthy environment.

The recent EPA announcements are another critical step that puts our nation on a path towards a more reliable and resilient electric grid—and not a moment too soon. The demand for electricity is skyrocketing, yet unrealistic public policy decisions are forcing always-available generation resources to

retire faster than they can be reliably replaced.

Electric cooperatives appreciate the EPA’s recent actions that could bolster American energy dominance with sound policies that protect our environment—without leaving American families in the dark.

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