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2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

Rutherford EMC's Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025**, at **East Rutherford High School in Bostic, NC**.

Your registration card will be attached to the October issue of the Carolina Country. Detach and bring your registration card with you to the meeting.

The 2025 Director Election will be held via a balloting process through the Carolina Country magazine.

There will be two prize drawings; one for members who attend the Annual Meeting, and one for members who submit their Director Election ballot.

All members are eligible to participate in both prize drawings.

In-Person Annual Meeting & Registration

When: **Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025**

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

Where: **East Rutherford High School**

331 East High Road, Bostic, NC 28018

Members who attend will receive a door prize and enjoy live music and a free lunch from Jason's Deli. We will have games, coloring books, Halloween bags, and a prize drawing for children in attendance. The prize drawing will be held after the business portion of the meeting.

In-Person Annual Meeting Prize Drawing

Members who are present and registered at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 25, will be eligible for the prize drawing held that day. *Members must be present to win prizes at the in-person meeting.*

Director Election & Balloting

Your 2025 Director Election ballot and a postage-paid envelope will be enclosed in the October issue of the Carolina Country magazine. Ballots may be submitted by mail or dropped in the designated drop box at any REMC office. Blank ballots will be available at all REMC offices for members who prefer to vote in person.

All ballots must be received by 5 pm on Oct. 22, 2025.

Members who submit their ballot by the deadline will be entered into an all-cash prize drawing. 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! We encourage everyone to submit their ballot for a chance to win one of these great cash prizes!

Director Election All-Cash Prize Drawing

Ballots submitted before 5 pm on Oct. 22 will be entered into the all-cash prize drawing. *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.

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

1970 oil on canvas painting by EJ Cygne, framed and in like new condition, \$950 firm. 980-241-8181.

42" lawn sweeper, \$100; like new 40 volt, 10" wide battery-operated cultivator/tiller, has 4.0 battery and charger. 980-459-9911.

Pure honey – Clover, \$15, Dark Wildflower, \$16, Sourwood as available. Lincolnton, NC. 704-748-3258.

4' x 8' tilt utility trailer, no title, \$450 obo, willing to trade as well. 828-327-4782.

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

Water totes, 275-gallon, \$100 ea.; plastic feed barrels

in w/lids and rings, \$20 ea.; burning barrels, \$10 ea.; solid top plastic barrels in 15, 30 and 55-gallon sizes, \$10 ea., Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

2013 SRX Cadillac SUV, great condition and well maintained, runs great, must see, \$8,000. 864-441-7921.

Summit Viper SD climbing tree stand, \$150. 828-803-7930.

Playground – never used, 5' x 5' stained playhouse w/ metal roof, 4' deck w/sliding board, sandbox, 3 swings, \$2,000 obo. 828-829-3476.

Gibson guitar – very old. Casar, NC. 843-670-9727.

2020 Jayco SLX R183, 18' camper, like new, has dining room slide, electric awning, LED lights, refrigerator, stove, hot water tank, shower, tub and toilet, only weighs 3,100 lbs., clean title, purchased a year ago for \$18,000, asking \$12,100. Call or text 828-442-7649.

Weather Tech floor liners to fit Hyundai Santa Fe, both front mats and 1 long back seat mat, tan in color, only used 3 years, come w/original warranty, very good condition, originally cost \$200, asking \$75, Denver, NC. 810-964-3562.

Vintage 1900's Willard Treadle (pedal type) sewing machine in oak cabinet w/accessories, \$325; Two drawer chest, walnut color, measures 25" tall x 38" long x 20" wide, made by Hickory Manufacturing Co., \$125. Morganton, NC. 828-433-9401.

1977 Thomasville foyer table, \$100; Oriental rug: navy, burnt orange and tan in color, \$1,000; wicker three seat couch w/cushions, chair, table and ottoman, new so you will need to assemble, \$200; books, \$2 ea.; also have some very old road maps. Denver, NC. 716-432-9675.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Lease: Prime RV camper space, very private, located on a creek in western McDowell County, septic included, serious inquires only, 828-442-1487.

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 1BR 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.



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Nominating Committee Chooses Board Candidates

Two candidates for REMC's Board of Directors have been selected by the Committee on Nominations which met July 22, 2025, at the cooperative's General Office in Forest City, N.C. 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 2025 Annual Membership Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025.

The nominees are:

Directorate District One

Jill Lovell, 301 Saint Luke Church Rd., Kings Mtn, NC

Directorate District Two

Joseph Quinn, 14036 US 221N, Marion, NC

Directorate District Three

Robyn Houser, 573 John Queen Rd., Casar, NC

In accordance with the Bylaws, the membership will elect one director from Directorate District One, one director from Directorate District Two and one director from Directorate District three. 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.

Emory Dow from Polk County Middle School, attended the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at NC State University in Raleigh this summer, led by head coach Wes Moore. Grayson Bradley from Polk County Middle School participated in the Carolina Basketball School, led by head coach Hubert Davis, at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

"Emory and Grayson are outstanding students, athletes and community members," said Jeff Brittain, 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.

Sports Camp scholarships are available each year as part of Rutherford EMC's commitment to supporting youth and education in our community. Congratulations to Emory and Grayson for earning these scholarships and representing Rutherford EMC well at basketball camps this summer!

The application process re-opens in March 2026, so get your head in the game because you might be next!



Emory Dow with Coach Wes Moore



Grayson Bradley with Coach Hubert Davis



NC Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour

Local Rutherford EMC Students Visit the Nation's Capital

Approximately 1,800 high school students gathered in Washington, D.C., June 15-21 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.

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. Leah Dotson, a student at Polk County High School; Mary Ellen Bridges, a student at Lincolnton High School; and Eli Wise, a student at Wise Academy 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.

"This wonderful group of Youth Tourists explored D.C. with confidence and curiosity, and that was great to see," said Jeff Brittain, General Manager of REMC. "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 Smithsonian 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 60 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. This year North Carolina delegates joined peers representing electric co-ops in 43 states.

Eli Wise, a Youth Tour delegate representing Rutherford EMC, offered his gratitude of thanks as he described this trip as "an incredible opportunity and an experience I will never forget!"

Thanks again to all applicants and remember the application process for the 2026 Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour opens on Nov. 1, 2025.

