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Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative



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REMC's In-Person Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 25th **East Rutherford High School** 331 East High Rd., Bostic, NC

Your registration card is on the front cover of this issue; Please remember to bring it with you.

9:30 am - 11:00 am **Registration & Entertainment**

Live music by Polk County Line Bluegrass Door prizes for registered members Bring the kids! Treat bags, photo booth, & games

11:00 am **Business Meeting**

followed by ***PRIZE DRAWING*** Cash, bill credits, & more! Kids Prize Drawing Refreshments

REMC's Mail-In

Director Election

Don't forget about the **Director Election!**

Submit your ballot by mail or at any REMC office **BEFORE OCTOBER 22nd @ 5PM** to be entered into a CASH PRIZE drawing. Your ballot is in the middle of this magazine.

This drawing will be held the week after the in-person annual meeting. Flip to the middle of this issue of Carolina Country to find your 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 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

Gallagher Lawsuit solid wood guitar - rosewood back and sides with a spruce top, action is perfect, guitar was pleked in Charlotte 6 months ago, this instrument is a professional model in excellent condition, comes with a hardshell case, looks and sounds beautiful, \$950 obo. 864-441-7921.

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

Winter snow tires - (4) Cooper Discoverer M&S tires with less than 5,000 miles, size 215/55R16, \$275 cash. Morganton, NC. 828-391-1176.

Brand new A.O. Smith 350C water softener, purchased new and can't use, cost \$497 will sell for \$250. Kings Mtn, NC. 704-730-1588.

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. New and used golf balls. Will sell as unit or separate, best offer. 828-438-4284.

Five-piece bedroom suite that includes solid wood dresser and mirror, chest, nightstand, and a bed that can be a queen or full size, no mattresses, \$300 firm. 704-538-3285. Can leave a message.

2000 Harley Davidson Electra-Glide Ultra Classic motorcycle, one 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 FXLRC 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.

Reddy heater Pro-150, 150,000 BTU; Omni-105 Kerosene heater; Craftsman halogen work light with tripod, still in box. Asking \$150 for all three and can send pictures. 704-735-6219 and leave message if no answer.

Elvis's memorabilia - (4) albums, stamps & Christmas balls, make offer; Tarheel calendars of years 1988-1994, two are signed by coaches & players, Coke bottle with 1982 championship logo, never opened, make offer; building full of tools: have ladders, table saws, & a toolbox full of tools, come and buy what you want. 704-215-6953.

Heavy duty 55-gallon metal drums, great for woodstoves, BBQ grills, etc., \$25 ea.; metal burning barrels, \$10 ea.; plastic feed barrels w/ rings, \$20 ea.; 3-Ton motor hoist, \$200; (2) motor stands, \$50; Huskee riding mower, \$200; 4' x 8' utility trailer, no title, \$400; solid top 15 and 30 gallon plastic barrels, \$10 ea.; International-tractor — 1950's model tricycle type, has been sitting, \$2,000 obo or trade. Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

Horse hay that was cut late due to rain, always kept dry, \$30 for a 4' bale or (4) bales for \$100. Lincoln area of Gaston County area

Outdoor storage buildings — (2) available: (1) 12' x 10' w/loft, only 2 years old, \$3,000; (1) 10' x 10' w/peg board and shelving, \$1,500. Must be moved. Crouse, NC. Text or leave message at 704-473-2450.

(55) pieces of OSB board, 4' x 8' x 34" tongue & groove, shop grade, \$16 per sheet if you take all, can deliver for small fee. 828-391-3423.

Colorful oil lamps; two man saw; antique quilt; (4) dressers. Must see items. 704-735-9935.

Moving sale: table saw w/table, radial arm saw w/table, paddle bits for wood, wood clamps, biscuit cutters & biscuits, Dewalt 12V screw gun, template for installing locks, Sears 20V screw gun, metal drill b its, Rotozip saw, Rotocable finish nailer, assorted sandpaper. Best offer! Marion, NC in North Cove Area. 828-442-7454.

Titan industrial grade 8,500 watt generator on wheels, like new, very low hours, \$700 obo. Marion, NC. 828-460-3282.

2020 Audi A4 20T, 12,969 miles, blue in color, kept under cover, tires & battery are only a week old, excellent condition, \$35,000. Nebo, NC. 828-334-6793.

Pro-Form 625 treadmill – manual & instructions included, great condition, pictures available upon request, good condition, \$75, 704-735-2675.

Complete 1980's pine queen size bedroom set including: dresser, hutch, mirror, (2) nightstands, post bed and door chest, no mattress, \$500. Pictures available upon request, South Gastonia, NC. 704-648-4390.

Upright piano, \$100 obo. Iron Station, NC. 704-827-0912.

510 square feet of milled v-groove T&G cherry wood, 4",6" & 8", face x 9'-10' lengths, \$2,500; Paragon touch n' Fire DTC 1000 Cone-Fire Kiln, \$75. Little Switzerland, NC. 407-782-1725.

Very old vanity w/mirror & chair, \$145; genuine stone jewelry sets, starting at \$60; vintage solid wood hutch, \$200; king size adjustable bed frame and all linens, \$500; Randy Jackson guitar, \$200; tap shoes, \$16; towing hitch package for a 2000-2006 Hyundai Sante Fe, \$200; Victrola record player, \$30; vintage tie pins, \$20; (3) pair of satin pi's, \$18; old wooden child's rocker, \$30; vintage ceramic cookie jar, \$42; wood desk, \$60; (5) metal folding chairs, \$48; round solid wood table with 2 leaves & 6 chairs, \$350; Logi webcam, \$35; (7) Debbie McRomber paper back books, \$11; (2) hand crocheted afghans, \$20; (6) grill utensils, \$36; Pampered Chef 2 gt. measuring cup w/lid, \$22; (9) Nicholas Sparks books, \$16; cameo jewelry, \$25; lots of Mary Higgins Clark books, \$48; sterling jewelry, starting at \$35; vintage resin bedroom set includes: two dressers, night stand, adjustable king bed frame, \$550; (3) new 10" ridge caps. 828-246-7563.

WANTED

Shortbed stepside bed and left door for 1996 regular cab Chevy truck in good condition. 704-884-1498.

Older model used car or truck, would like an automatic, but may consider manual shift, just need a backup vehicle, the closer to Cherryville the better. 704-678-4596.



The North Carolina Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act (Article 8A of Chapter 87) was enacted to protect public safety and underground infrastructure during excavation and demolition activities. Its primary goal is to prevent damage to underground utilities such as gas, water, electricity, and communication lines. This law ensures a systematic and uniform process for safe digging, helping to prevent injuries, service disruptions, and costly repairs.

PLEASE NOTE: On October 1st, 2025 new changes will be applied to the existing law. Learn more about how these updates will affect your industry by visiting **nc811.org**.



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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 in June 2026.

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 2026 trip. A winner will be chosen from each of Rutherford EMC's operating districts in January to represent the cooperative on the NC Youth Tour.

The all-expense-paid, weeklong tour is hosted by electric cooperatives nation-wide and is a tradition almost 60 years strong. About 1,800 students from more than 43 states are expected to participate in 2026, 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 Jeff Brittain, 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 2025, Rutherford EMC sponsored 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. Ask any of these now high school seniors about their summer of 2025 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. 5, 2025.

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.

NC Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour

2024 Capital Credit **Assignment**

Non-Profit Operation

Each year the Cooperative's revenues in excess of its operating expenses are recorded on the books as capital furnished by the members, and is known as "capital credits". Members are notified of the percentage of margins or capital credits assigned for each year. To compute your individual capital credits for the year 2024, you need only to apply the percentage figure shown in the table below to the sum of energy charges, renewable energy charges, and any fuel and outdoor light charges from your 2024 electric service bills, excluding sales tax.

Refunds of Capital Credits to Estates

Discounted refunds of capital credits accumulated from operating margins are being returned to estates of deceased members on a continuing basis as the required documents are presented. If you know of such a deceased member for whom an application for refund has not been submitted to REMC, the proper representative may apply for the refund and submit the required evidence of death at any Rutherford EMC office. It is important that the electric service be changed to the surviving spouse or the person currently receiving service.

General Refund to Members

Capital Credit refunds are planned as Rutherford EMC's financial position permits.

The percentages for margins shown here are applicable to consumers served on Rate Schedules E (Residential), G (General Service), Outdoor and Street Lighting. Industrial and large power consumers served on other schedules can be notified individually of capital assigned.

Your Capital Credit Assignment Would Be:

If Your Total Electric Bills For 2024 Were:	2024 Operating Margins (Bill x 6.115%)
\$500.00	\$32.56
\$1,000.00	\$61.15
\$2,000.00	\$122.30
\$3,000.00	\$183.45
\$4,000.00	\$244.60

