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Rutherford EMC Hosts The 2025 Annual Membership Meeting

What started off as a brisk Saturday morning with a stunning sunrise turned out to be a great day celebrating Rutherford EMC's 88th year of providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity to its great membership. Over 700 folks came out to celebrate, including 360 registered members and their guests. This year's meeting was held at East Rutherford High School on Saturday October 25th. Everyone who attended enjoyed live music by The Polk County Line Band, had a chance to win lots of good prizes, and were served a boxed lunch following the meeting. As each co-op member registered, they were given a multi-outlet power strip as a door prize to express our appreciation for their attendance.

During the business meeting, reports were given about the co-operatives financial standing, and the board members were introduced by the board president, J. Dean Carpenter. A highlight of the meeting was the announcement by President Carpenter that the board had approved the return of more than \$6 million in capital credits to members in late November.

General Manager Jeff Brittain introduced members of the co-operatives management team and reported on the work that had been accomplished by the co-op's employees throughout the year. This included post Helene effort updates, new transmission lines and substations that were constructed and the new services that were added to the electric system.

Following Mr. Brittain's report, Chad Bailey, Rutherford EMC's Youth Tour coordinator, recognized the 2025 Youth Tour scholarship winners—Leah Dotson, of Mill Spring, Mary Ellen Bridges of Lincolnton, and Eli Wise of Vale. Leah then came before the crowd and presented a summary of her unforgettable experiences while on the Youth Tour with her fellow delegates. She spoke of the historical monuments, the civic engagement opportunities and her most favorite day, which was spent touring behind the scenes of Capitol Hill. She thanked the cooperative for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity she was given.

Following the adjournment of the business meeting, a total of 37 prizes were given 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, won by Mr. Larry Robinson. Other prizes awarded were (4) \$250 cash, (4) \$250 bill credits and (5) \$100 bill credits as well as a \$100 gift card donated by Carolina Country. The remaining prizes included things such as a Craftsman rolling toolbox, a robot vacuum and mop, a Workx cordless chainsaw, a Blink video doorbell, a NOCO Boost 12v battery jump starter, a wooden patio swing, and an Ecobee Smart Thermostat, so there were certainly prizes to suit everyone!

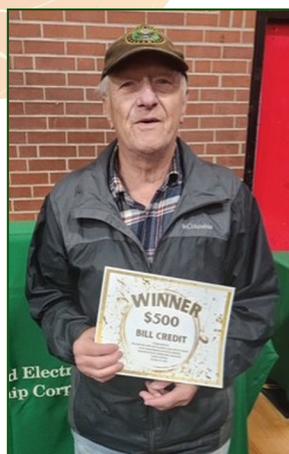
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Kid's Prize winner -
Andrea Turner of Cherryville



Kid's Prize winner -
Aubree Owensby of Rutherfordton



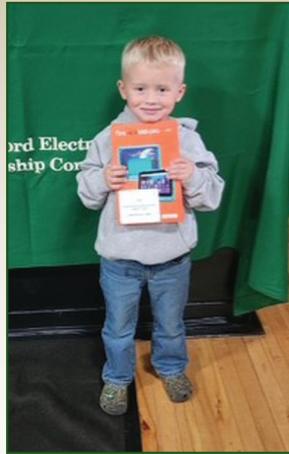
Grand Prize Winner of \$500 bill credit, Larry Robinson of Morganton.



The Ballot Submission \$1,000 Grand Prize winner was Thomas McIntosh.



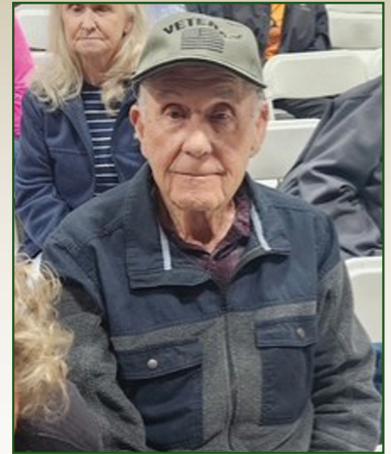
Kid's Prize winner - Rocky Stamey of Shelby



Kid's Prize winner - Whit Arrowood of Bostic



Fanny Roddy of Tryon was the eldest lady present at this year's annual meeting.



Romulus Dale of Morganton was recognized as the eldest man present and he had also served in the military, he is 96.

This year's director election was once again conducted via Carolina Country magazine. There was a total of 809 ballots registered for the election by the Credentials and Elections Committee. Director, incumbent Jill P. Lovell was re-elected in Directorate District One; incumbent Joseph N. Quinn was re-elected for Directorate District Two and incumbent Robyn D. Houser won re-election in Directorate District Three.

There was a total of 22 cash prizes worth \$5,000 drawn from the ballots received during this year's director election. The Grand Prize was \$1,000, which was won by Mr. Thomas E. McIntosh of Denver. There were also (2) \$750, (4) \$250, and (15) \$100 cash prizes awarded.

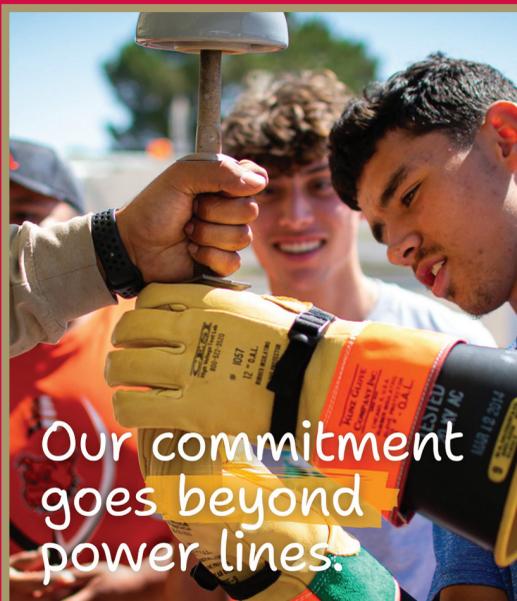
Rutherford EMC would certainly like to thank everyone that participated in the 2025 director's election via Carolina Country Magazine and those that came out to enjoy their day with us at the 88th Annual Membership Meeting at East Rutherford High School.



Sunrise morning of the Annual Meeting



Mr. & Mrs. William Star were recognized as the longest married couple present, they have celebrated 74 years of marriage. He also served in the military.



Our commitment goes beyond power lines.



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

Jean Paul school trumpet and book, perfect condition, \$200; Jazzy scooter, in great condition, just needs a battery, \$800; Ham Radio operation mics, meters, coax, tables and antenna, all in great shape, has been kept in dry, \$1,200 for all. Lincolnton, NC. 70-240-3255.

Safe – Mosler High Security money safe, round machined tapered door, combination lock in good working order, combination included, approximate weight 1,250 lbs., delivery not included, \$2,500, cash or certified funds, Morganton, NC. 334-652-2817 or 334-549-9183.

Old red bricks – solid w/no core holes or perforations. Dallas, NC area, 704-685-1012.

Black Hawk used steel tow-behind 10 cu ft/400 lb. capacity lawn dump cart, \$100; 1970's vintage green Schwinn Sting-Ray bicycle w/banana seat (Model S2998WM), \$150 obo; 1970's vintage red Schwinn Pixie children's bicycle, \$100 obo; pictures available upon request. Lincolnton, NC. 704-530-5873.

Small electric appliances: 14" round, deep 6 qt. electric skillet, \$25; 6 qt. Rival crock smart pot, \$25; rotating Belgian Waffle maker, \$15; Nesco Convection 12 qt. roaster, \$35; 1 qt. deep fryer, \$15; Instant 7 qt. pressure cooker, \$25; Brother sewing machine, \$25. All appliances are clean and in good condition. 334-652-2817.

(2) mountain bikes, used very little, need a little TLC. Dallas, NC area. 704-685-1012.

(5) 275-gallon water totes, \$100 ea.; (40) 55-gallon plastic feed barrels w/lids & rings, \$20 ea.; (50) metal drums, solid or open top, \$10 ea.; John Deere riding mower, 25 hp, only 192 hours. \$2,000. Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

2008 Fleetwood Excursion 40-X, 360 Cummins engine, 3 slide-outs, outside entertainment center, (3) TV's (2 are new smart TV's), new double door refrigerator, central vacuum system, double heat pump system, 2 new front tires, 98,000 miles, asking \$62,000. 828-433-1364, leave message.

2001 Cadillac Deville, loaded with options, very low miles, never been in an accident, good tires, nice paint & interior, clean inside & out, would trade for smaller car, SUV, or truck of equal value. 704-678-4596 or 704-473-0467.

Nelco Sewing Machine - heavy duty, made in Japan, Serial Number 087426, Model J-A38, in wood

cabinet - \$150.00 in cabinet, \$75.00 out of cabinet; left-handed golf clubs, Warrior golf bag, lots of tees, some club covers, towels and lots of golf balls. Clubs include: Taylor made - Burner Superfast 2.0, Taylor Made woods, (1) 10.5, (3) 19.0 and (5) 18.0 degrees; Taylor made Rescue Mid - metal - (3) 19.0, (5) 25.0 degrees; Warrior custom metal (6) 28.0, (7) 31.0 degrees; Irons - (6) Tour, (8) Taylor made, (9) Taylor made; Taylor made pitching wedge and putter; Cleveland 588 sand wedge \$450.00 for all. 2 solid wood twin bed frames with head and footboards, rails and slats, \$150 each. Call 910-233-7877

Vase filled with costume jewelry, \$20. Nice variety. 828-970-7555

Books galore - 500+ hard back & paperback books by popular authors such as James Patterson, Nora Roberts, etc., \$200 negotiable; Magnavox portable electric heater, used about six times, paid \$174, asking \$30. Leave message and I will call you back. 828-584-4307.

1957 Farmall Cub tractor, one owner, new paint, new tires, has cultivators and plow, parade ready, asking \$2,850; Upright bass fiddle, \$450. 828-368-0656.

Couch/sofa tan in color, clean with no issues, 98" long, quality furniture, you move it, \$100. Dallas, NC area. 704-685-1012.

Alvarez K. Yairi Professional Model D size guitar - solid Rosewood back and sides, solid Spruce top, has Baggs pickup installed, top quality instrument and was set up using a Plek Pro CNC machine just six months ago, very ornate with beautiful inlay and action is great, near mint condition and sounds incredible, a must see and play, \$800 obo. 864-441-7921.

Christmas 7' tall nut cracker statue, \$200; (2) scaffolds, 4' tall x 4' long, w/2 shelves each, \$150 for both; Wilson bag w/golf clubs: 6 irons, a putter, a driver w/cover, 2 woods, 2 Aspect woods and a cover, \$150; assortment of 47 golf balls, tees, and other misc. golf items, \$40; (2) greenhouse LED 1,200 watt grow lights, used very little, have multiple settings, \$40 ea. Bessemer City, NC. 704-813-5656.

Rims - (2) OEM Toyota 18" black machine finish alloy wheels, great condition, fits Camry and other vehicles, come w/lug nuts for both, \$125 ea., Lincolnton, NC. 704-898-7409.

1929 Gibson Mastertone Style3 banjo, archtop with 5-string conversion neck, head autographed by Doc Watson, David Holt, the Avett Brothers, Billy Edd Wheeler, Jim Lauderdale and Marc Pruett, \$3,900. Serious inquiries only. 828-289-2254.

PolarKraft fishing boat, Model MV16755SE, 60 hp Yamaha motor and brand-new trolling motor, has had regular service maintenance, asking \$7,200. 828-243-5783.

Recliner by Motion Craft Mfg., special order, custom design fabric, cane sides, wooden arms, fully reclines, like new in excellent condition, \$1,200 value, asking \$350. Call or text, just mention recliner ad. 704-740-5516.

Vintage audio speakers, CD players, etc., 40 years' experience, I guarantee anything I sell. Lincolnton area. 616-262-8710.

Firewood - \$60.00 per truck load delivered, Kings Mtn. area 704-860-1151.

Pomeranian/Tibetan Spaniel puppies. Brindle male and female. One black and white. Born September 14th. First shots and dewormed. \$500 call 704-473-4559

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 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.

WANTED

Gehl 2170 hay bailer for parts, don't mind if it's running either. 704-473-7401.

Maple or Mahogany dresser and chest of drawers. 828-442-1487.

Plow that fits a Ford 8N tractor w/3 pt. hitch - can be (2) 12" or (2) 14" , 828-863-2149 or 828-817-7896.

Lightly used equine manure spreader, newer brand, suitable to attach to ATV. 828-894-7065.



**All Rutherford EMC
Offices will be closed
December 25 &
December 26, 2025
and
January 1, 2026
for Christmas and
New Years.**

High School Juniors:

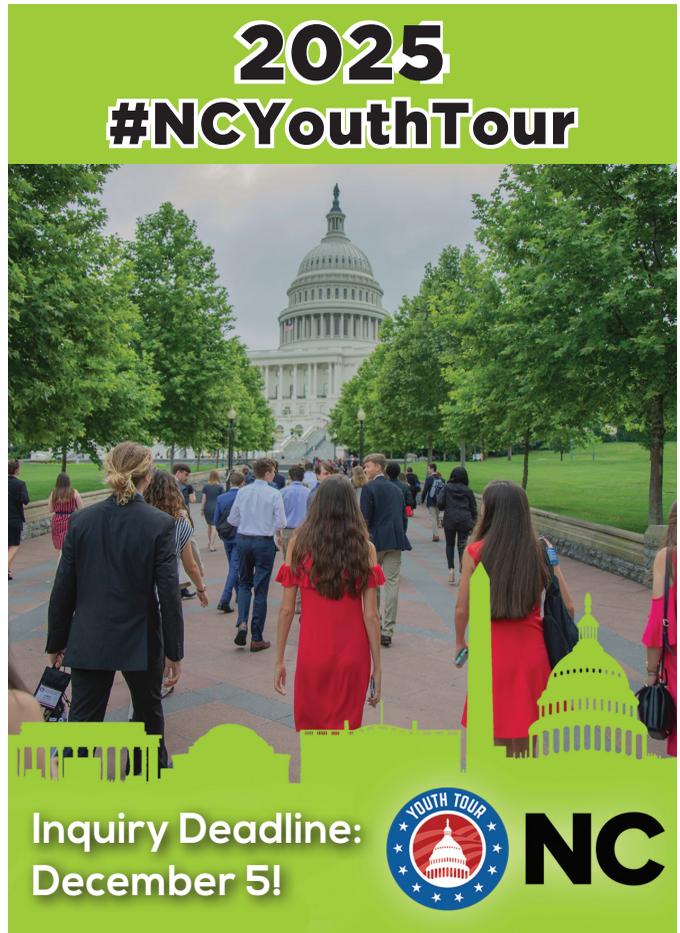
Inquire By December 5th for A Week You Will Never Forget on the #NCYouthTour

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 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 14th, with an orientation dinner in Raleigh and conclude the following Friday, June 20th, 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 or call us at 828-245-1621 or 1-800-521-0920, extension 424. Hurry and submit your request for more information by December 5th, 2025. For additional details about the Rural Electric Youth Tour, please visit NCElectricCooperatives.com and YouthTour.coop. You can also stay updated by joining our Facebook page; simply search for "North Carolina Youth Tour" on Facebook.



**2025
#NCYouthTour**

**Inquiry Deadline:
December 5!**

**YOUTH TOUR
NC**

'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 remc.com.

