

# The NEWS LINE

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## Capital Credits – Your Piece of the Cooperative Pie

It's great to be a member of a co-op! Rutherford EMC (REMC) is a not-for-profit utility, which means when we take in money beyond our operating costs, we return that money to our members in the form of "Capital Credits".

In November 2022, REMC's Board of Directors approved the retirement of capital credits to members who purchased power during portions of 2006 and 2007.

Capital Credits are a benefit unique to cooperatives. Think of them as your piece of the cooperative pie – you invest in REMC by paying a monthly electric bill for your individual kWh usage, and we give a portion of that investment back to you when financial conditions of the cooperative allow it.

Unlike other companies, REMC and other cooperatives do not have shareholders who buy stock in the company expecting to make money from the company's profits. We are a not-for-profit business that exists solely to provide electrical service to our members, at cost.

When you pay your bill each month, you are contributing to the equity, or your share of ownership, of the cooperative. The funds allocated to each member's account are used to supply capital for items used to perform daily business operations, such as powerline construction

materials, transformers, specialty tools, inventory and other equipment.

When the co-ops financial status allows, the board of directors will vote to return a portion of capital credits back to the membership through a capital credit retirement.

### Where did these folks go?

We are currently holding more than \$620,000 in unclaimed capital credits money and want to get it back to its owners! When members move off our lines, they do not always give us their new address. If an accurate address for a former co-op member is not available, the funds remain in their closed account as benefits continue for many years even after you move or become inactive.

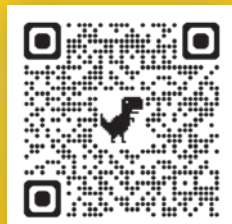
After four years, however, any unclaimed capital credit monies we have must be escheated and turned over to the state. That's why it is important for you to let us know your address and other contact information if any of these things change.

Visit [remc.com](http://remc.com) online or scan the QR Code below to search for unclaimed funds. If you find people you know on this search list, please tell them to give us a call at 1-800-521-0920. We would much rather see this money be returned to our members and former members, where it belongs!

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## STAY IN THE KNOW



Stay connected by keeping your contact information up to date. Current contact information benefits you in multiple ways.

- ✓ Faster outage reporting and response
- ✓ Timely alerts about planned outages and other important updates
- ✓ Smoother customer service interactions
- ✓ Improved access to member benefits and programs

Ensure your phone number, email address and mailing address are up to date by calling REMC at 1-800-521-0920, so you can enjoy the benefits of staying connected.

# 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 [cballey@remc.com](mailto:cballey@remc.com).  
No phone calls, please.

## FOR SALE

**2021** Coachman Apex Nano 213RDS camper, 25' long, one slide-out, rv queen sized bed in master suite, bathroom w/toilet, sink and shower, lots of storage space, solar panel system, dual propane tanks, dry weight under 3,900 lbs., dual axles, electric awning, gently used and in great condition, tow hitch included \$15,000 obo. Rutherfordton, NC. 828-447-7315.

**Silver** quarters – have about 200 of them, \$11 each. 704-748-3258.

**AKC** registered Miniature Pincher puppies: (3) black & tan, (1) blue, males and females available, \$650 ea. 828-334-4257.

**Grass** fed and grain finished beef: winter bundle includes (2) roast, (2) beef stews, (2) cube steak, and 5 lbs. of 80/20 ground beef for \$100. Also selling whole, halves and quarters. 704-472-2761.

**Six** panel walnut bamboo room divider from Walmart, new in box, sales for \$117 asking \$75; ceil-

ing pot rack and shelf, holds 6, \$25; 0.89 carat diamond stone, quoted at \$2,500 value, best offer. Morganton, NC. 828-437-6721.

**Burning** barrels, \$10 ea.; 275-gallon water totes, \$100; feed barrels, 30-55-gallon, \$20 ea.; 15-30-gallon solid top plastic barrels, \$10 ea.; John Deere riding mower, 54" cut, 25 hp engine w/only 190 hours, \$2,000; FC-tricycle tractor, been sitting, \$1,500 or trade; Huskee riding mower, needs work, \$250. Lincolnton, NC. 828-327-4782.

**Firewood** – seasoned oak, \$60 per truck load, delivered, Kings Mtn. area. 704-860-1151.

**Craftsman** riding mower, 42" cut, 18 1/2 hp, only 2 1/2 years old, body in excellent condition, needs valves adjusted. 980-241-5263.

**Power** wheelchair by City 2 Plus HD, 15.5-mile range, 395 lb. weight capacity, speeds up to 4.5 mph, used once, \$1,299; upright walker, 300 lb. weight capacity, \$300; Drive brand wheelchair, 500 lb. weight capacity, never used, \$275; treadmill, \$100. Morganton, NC. 828-292-4302.

(2) burial plots with vaults at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Lincolnton, NC. 704-472-7308 for more information.

**Old** fishing gear – rods, reels, plugs – both wood and plastic, many odds & ends and old stuff. Morganton, NC. 828-439-3702.

**1966** Guild guitar with original case, \$800. 843-670-9727.

**Wooden** Belgium shoes, vintage 1950's, \$50; white leather baby shoes with buttons, \$25; Typewriter – Brother Charger 11 Correction from 1965, \$55; Kodak Brownie camera (Bullett) \$40; vintage (1970) Corning cornflower baking dish, no lid, P-1 1/2 qt – B, \$55; Army helmet WW2 from 1940's, \$50; Army Garrison hat, \$20; Postcards from 1930-1950's, 10 cents each, Army

Egypt diary from 1945-1946 at Fort Lee, VA, \$25 obo. Maiden, NC. 704-779-3346.

**Banjos** – 1996 OME Monarch 5-string w/custom built neck, powerful bluegrass tone, \$700; Open back clawhammer style banjo with maple neck and rim, \$300. 704-689-5102.

**Abe** Wechter hand made solid Mahogany Parlor guitar w/Martin Thinline pickup installed, guitar sounds and plays incredibly well, very rare and in perfect condition, \$500. 864-441-7921.

**Grave** plot at Gaston Memorial Cemetery in Gastonia, NC, asking \$4,500, these plots typically sell for \$9,000. 980-250-2955, leave a message and I will return your call.

**Ladies** size large puff coat with fur trimmed edges on hood, can zip off separately if needed, gray in color, \$30; antique wagon wheel taken from wagon on our farm, refinished and used as décor, kept dry since refurbished. Pictures available on request, serious inquiries only, \$400. Bessemer City, NC. Text 704-689-8258.

**Shop** Smith wood turner, inherited it so condition unknown. 828-302-2122.

## WANTED

**Adult** AKC registered Great Pyrenees intact male. 864-505-5626.

**Large** 2-person wooden porch swing. 828-439-3702.

**Wheat** pennies, Indian head pennies, Duke's of Hazzard model cars, etc. 828-327-4782.

**Female** Australian Shepherd puppy, either blue merle or tri colored. 828-334-4257.

# Payment Options Available!



**FOREST CITY**  
(828) 245-1621 or  
1-800-521-0920 (Toll Free)

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(828) 584-1410 or  
1-800-228-9756  
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# Working in a Winter Wonderland

The beginning of 2026 brought not one, but two winter storms to our area. On Jan. 23, Rutherford EMC (REMC) line workers braced for the worst as winter storm Fern was forecasted to bring heavy snowfall and hazardous ice. As the days progressed, the likelihood of ice increased, raising concerns about potential damage throughout the entire service area. Crews left that day with the anticipation of being called back in for a challenging weekend. Given the forecast, we expected fallen trees, several power outages and treacherous roads.

However, Saturday morning (1/24) brought a sigh of relief! The worst of the storm had passed us by. There was enough ice accumulation to be impactful, but the total outcome was not nearly as detrimental as we had anticipated. The power outages we experienced were minimal compared to what we had prepared for.

As January came to a close, another winter storm loomed over the Carolinas. This time, heavy snowfall was indeed on the way, and it arrived as predicted. REMC members woke up on Saturday (1/31) to a lovely blanket of fresh snow, which continued to fall throughout the day. The snow was light and dry, landing on the remaining ice from winter storm Fern. Fortunately, once again, power outages were minimal, allowing REMC employees to enjoy the snow at home with family. It's not often that a snow-storm rolls through our area and our employees are able to enjoy it.

The accompanying photos showcase the challenges our linemen faced on Sunday evening (1/25) and Monday morning (1/26) following winter storm Fern, as they navigated icy roads to carry out necessary repairs. The scenery was stunning, and thankfully the effects of the January storms remained minimal.

We sincerely thank our members for their patience and support during the winter weather. We are committed to working safely and ensuring the power stays on, regardless of what Mother Nature may bring our way!



## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Scammers and cyber criminals look for weak points to exploit before software companies can fix them. Update software programs on your computer, tablet and mobile phone as soon as possible when a newer version becomes available. Software updates often contain critical patches and protections against security threats. Turn on automatic updates to automatically update your security software, internet browser, operating system and mobile apps.

*Source: [consumer.ftc.org](http://consumer.ftc.org)*

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As spring arrives, take advantage of milder temperatures to save energy at home. Open windows on pleasant days to bring in fresh air instead of running your HVAC system. It's also a great time to replace dirty air filters, which helps your system run more efficiently and improves indoor air quality. As daylight increases turn off unnecessary lights and rely on natural sunlight when possible. Small seasonal adjustments like these can reduce energy use, lower monthly bills and help keep your home comfortable as winter transitions into spring.

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Submit your application by March 31. Eligible applicants must be in the sixth or seventh grade during the 2026-2027 school year.

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