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The 2026 Director Election Opens this Month!

Remember, the 2026 Rutherford EMC Director Election opens on **Monday, Sept. 21, 2026**. Be on the lookout for your **election email** from noreply@directvote.net. This is the email address used by Survey and Ballot Systems, the independent election contractor.

The email will provide a link to access your ballot and instructions on how to cast your vote online. Members who do not have an email address on file will be mailed a letter with instructions on how to access the web ballot. All members who submit a ballot prior to the Oct. 21 deadline will be entered into a prize drawing for bill credits ranging from $100 to $1,000!

Please make sure REMC has a valid email and/or mailing address on file to ensure you receive your ballot. Give us a call now if you need to update your information.

If you have questions regarding this year's Director Election, contact Kari Putnam at 1-800-521-0920, ext. 423.

Nominating Committee Chooses Board Candidates

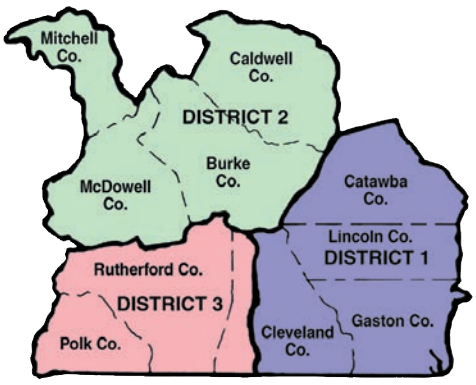
Three candidates for REMC's Board of Directors have been selected by the Committee on Nominations which met July 9, 2026 at the cooperative's General Office in Forest City, NC. The names of these members will be presented for consideration for three-year terms and will be voted on via online ballot or mail-in ballot by the membership prior to the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026**.

The nominees are:

Directorate District One
Robby R. Eurey, Lincolnton, NC
Timothy E. Stowe, Gastonia, NC

Directorate District Two
Van S. Boyd, Marion, NC

In accordance with the Bylaws, the membership will elect two directors from Directorate District One, and one director from Directorate District Two. The approximate geographical boundaries of the directorate districts are shown in the drawing.



Member Appreciation Event
October 7th, 2026
10am - 2pm

In case you missed it, in the July newsletter we announced that Rutherford EMC will be transitioning from our traditional annual membership meeting to a business meeting only.

In lieu of the traditional annual meeting, REMC will host a Member Appreciation Day to say "thank you" to our loyal membership.

On Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, members are invited to stop by any one of our six offices to meet some of our staff and directors, get energy information, and receive a door prize, while supplies last.

We hope you will plan to join us on October 7th.

We look forward to seeing you!

Local Students Train with Elite College Basketball Programs

COOPERATIVE ALL-STARS Sports Camp Scholarships



Cadence Bradley with Coach Wes Moore


Russell Yelton with Coach Michael Malone

Two local students recently participated in basketball camps at two of the state's largest college campuses thanks to Rutherford Electric's Cooperative All-Stars Sports Camp scholarship program. Cadence Bradley of Polk County attended the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at North Carolina State University in Raleigh and Russell Yelton of Rutherford County attended the Carolina Basketball School at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Campers stayed in dorms, experienced life as a college student, and worked directly with coaches and student-athletes to improve their basketball skills and teamwork while also developing fundamental skills to excel on and off the court.

"Cadence and Russell are outstanding students, athletes, and community members," said Jeff Brittain, Rutherford EMC's General Manager. "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 Cooperative All-Stars Sports Camp scholarships are available each year as part of Rutherford EMC's commitment to supporting youth and education in our community. If you know a student who might be interested in attending camp next summer, applications will re-open in early 2027.

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 *jearley@remc.com.*
No phone calls, please.

FOR SALE

Costume jewelry in a big vase, big selection to choose from, $20. Maiden, NC. 828-970-7555.

1963 Yankee/Dodger World Series program, $25; unused 1981 Yankee/Dodger World Series bumper sticker, $40; (4) 1963 Yankee World Series ticket stubs, $60 ea.; (6) new 1991 soccer World Cup souvenir kits, $10 ea.; 1964 Goldwater Freedom Dollars, $1 ea. 828-391-1176.

Trail FX model KYS70SLP1 truck toolbox, single lid, heavy duty aluminum w/plastic tray and key, $175. Morganton, NC. 828-391-1176.

1950 Ford 8N tractor w/box blade and manuals, runs good, new tires, good oil pressure, hydraulics and sheet metal, $3,200, OBO; used Blue Hawk steel tow behind lawn dump cart, 10 cu. Ft., 400 lb. capacity, $75, OBO; 1970s small vintage red Schwinn Pixie children's bicycle, $50, OBO. Pictures available upon request. Lincolnton, NC. 704-530-5873.

Miniature Pinscher puppies, male and females available, up to date on shots and worming treatments, $650. Morganton, NC. 828-334-4257.

Buff Brahma chickens, large breed, $50 for pair, rooster and hen. Call 828-429-2469.

Craftsman chain saw, 24" blade and chain, $200; Predator Auger, $200; Bauer Planer, 12", $300; 4' x 8' utility trailer, no title, $400; FC tricycle international tractor, been sitting, $1,500, OBO; water totes, $125; tote cages, $40 ea.; heavy duty metal barrels, solid top, great for grills, oil tanks and woodstoves, $25 ea.; metal burning barrels, $10 ea.; metal or plastic solid top, $10 ea.; 15-gallon jugs and 5-gallon buckets. Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

Dining room suit, very good condition, includes lighted china cabinet and table w/ (6) chairs, $500. Lincolnton, NC. Call 704-530-8322.

Pontoon, new floor, carpet, seats, steering, trailer tires and bunk boards on trailer, brand new Mercury 4-stroke 60 HP outboard motor, never been in the water, $10,800; Mercury outboard 2-stroke, 45 HP w/power tilt and trim, $685. Call 828-442-4576.

Lot of gas station truck/vehicles, 1990s to early 2000s: (23) Hess, (8) Servco, (4) Wilco, (4) BP, $550; lot of trucks (Citgo, Hershey's, John Deere, and Lawson), banks (True Value, Texaco, Pepsi, and Mtn Dew), die cast, and Ghirardelli wooden truck, total of (30) items, produced in 1990s to early 2000s, $450; (4) porcelain dolls, approximately 1990s, $150; pull behind boat tube, $100; Philco Radio AM model, 39-70, powers up, $400. Please allow response time. Call or text 828-442-5658.

2023 Jayco Whitehawk 32BH luxury edition, excellent condition, one owner, non-smoking, clear title, sleeps 7-9, 1 ½ bath, has bunkroom, entertainment center, Jayco Command Smart RV system, outdoor kitchen and many more features, $39,900. Can text pictures if interested. 704-460-2754.

1993 Ford Tempo, 4-cylinder automatic, red color, $1,495; 1992 Blue Mustang LX, 4-cylinder automatic, $1,395. Call and leave message. 704-745-7264.

Mixed breed chicks, hatched May 19th, May 26th and June 9th, $5-$10 depending on age. Kings Mountain, NC. Text or call for pictures and address. 704-747-6868.

Ariens Grand Sierra Lawn & Garden tractor, 18 HP Kohler cast iron engine, power steering, 3-point hitch, 48 in. cutting deck, front and mid power take off, scrape blade and wheel weights included, $1,500. Please text 704-842-0730.

Cherry finish corner desk, $180; full size bedroom suit, includes headboard, frame, nightstand and dresser w/ mirror, $300; queen size bedroom suit, includes headboard, frame, nightstand, and dresser w/mirror, $350; nesting table set, $100; pair of metal frame glass top tables, 20" x 22" x 20"H, $40. Please allow response time. Call or text 828-442-5658.

Case knives: Sea Dragon, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pocket Hunters, Trappers, Copperheads, and event knives, limited quantity produced, if you are looking for anything specific, we may have, prices vary. Please allow response time. Call or text 828-442-5658.

Antique horse drawn farm implements, mowers, rakes and more: various snapper mower frames, decks and parts, one snapper mower needs tuning but runs; old wooden doors w/glass, in good condition; (1) hosiery knitting machine, Soot and Williams HH model. Vale, NC. Call after 2pm and before 7pm. 828-308-0852.

Equalizer 10k hitch system, everything included and used once, system replaces sway bar and load equalizer, works perfectly, no more struggling with chains, asking $400, OBO. 828-442-7649.

Western shirts w/snaps, size XL/X/XLT, never worn, $15 ea.; (2) 1996 Atlanta Olympic ball caps, (1) black, (1) green w/tan bill, never worn, $10 ea.; (1) 1992 Ford #7 Alan Kulwicki Winston Cup Champion hat, never worn, $10; box of western books, approx. 19" tall x 23" long x 11" wide, contains approx. (49) Louis L'Amour books and 75+ other western books, $75 for all books. Cash only. Long View, NC. If no answer leave message and mention books. 828-324-7344.

Elite membership to Thousand Trails, all the benefits, $800 plus transfer fee. 828-205-4362.

Timeshare condo for rent, 1 BR, sleeps 4, onsite and close by amenities, just minutes to Vail, CO w/easy transportation to and from the Denver airport, $1,250/wk or $195/daily, also for sale as deeded property w/annual use during Red Winter weeks. Please contact me to discuss the rental procedure and availability. 704-732-8678.

WANTED

Record player that plays 46's and 33's, must play more than one record at a time, must have adapter for spindle, will pay good price if good player, within 15 miles of Cherryville, NC. If no answer, please leave message. 704-769-8025.

Mechanical watch parts, tools and repair equipment, especially interested in men's wristwatches w/stopwatch and/or multi calendar functions. Some interest in pocket watches. Call 704-472-8064.





How Rutherford EMC Restores Power After a Storm

As we enter the peak of hurricane season in our area, Rutherford EMC wants our members to know that we are prepared and ready to respond should severe weather strike. Understanding how we restore power after a major storm can give you confidence in our process. When hurricanes or other severe storms damage the electric system, restoring power safely and efficiently is a complex, step-by-step process. Here's how we do it:

1. Transmission Lines



These high-voltage lines transport large amounts of electricity from generating plants to substations or between substations. Damage here can cut off power to thousands of members. These lines are repaired first because they are the backbone of the system—power cannot flow to any substations until transmission service is restored.

2. Substations



Substations step down high-voltage electricity to lower levels that can be used by homes and businesses. A problem at a substation can affect all members served by it. Once transmission lines are repaired, crews work to bring substations back online.

3. Main Distribution Lines



The next priority is restoring the primary distribution lines—these are the 7,200- to 12,400-volt lines you see running along major roadways. They deliver power from substations into neighborhoods and communities. Repairing these lines can restore service to large groups of members.

4. Tap Lines



Tap lines are smaller feeder lines that branch off from main distribution lines and serve smaller groups of homes or businesses. Crews work on these after main lines are restored to bring power to additional members.

5. Individual Service Lines



Finally, crews address outages affecting individual members, such as damage to the service line running from a transformer to a home's meter. These repairs are made once larger system issues are resolved.

This systematic approach ensures that power is restored to the greatest number of members in the shortest amount of time while keeping our line crews safe.

Exciting News!

We've added new ways for you to report your outage!

You can now report an outage via text! Simply text "OUT" to 1-800-521-0920

Report thru the Outage Map

- Go to www.remc.com on your mobile phone or desktop
- click "Outage Map"
- click this icon to enter your account number or telephone number.

As always, you can give us a call!

Forest City: 1-800-521-0920
Morganton: 1-800-228-9756
Cherryville: 1-800-228-5331