

# The NEWS LINE

RUTHERFORD ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

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## Educators: Apply Now to Fund your Bright Ideas!

Do you have an idea for an innovative classroom project? North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Rutherford EMC, are now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2018-19 school year. Teachers in K-12 classrooms with creative ideas for hands-on learning projects are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000.

As a member-owned cooperative, Rutherford EMC is committed to supporting local communities. During the 2017-2018 school year, Rutherford EMC awarded over \$16,600 in Bright Ideas funding to 22 local teachers. Since 1994, educators statewide have received more

than \$11.5 million in Bright Ideas grant funding, and well over 2.2 million North Carolina students have participated in approximately 11,000 Bright Ideas projects.

Grant applications will be accepted beginning Sunday, April 1 through September 19, 2018. It could pay to apply early; all teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of Wednesday, August 15 will be entered into a drawing for one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

Teachers can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects. To apply, or for more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit [www.NCBrightIdeas.com](http://www.NCBrightIdeas.com) or [www.remc.com](http://www.remc.com).



## 2018 YOUTH TOUR WINNERS SELECTED

Three high school juniors have been selected to attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., scheduled for June 9-15, 2018. One winner was selected from each of Rutherford EMC's three operating districts.

Winners of the week long, expense-paid trip are Kristina Vaher of Belmont, Morgan Clay of Morganton and Greyson Peeler of Lawndale. Kristina, daughter of Harold and Barbara Vaher, is a student at Gaston Christian School. Morgan, daughter of Jimmy and Jennifer Clay attends R.L. Patten High School and Greyson Peeler, son of Donald and Rebecca Peeler is a student at Burns High School.

Kristina, Morgan and Greyson will join approximately 45 other ambitious young leaders from North Carolina and more than 1,800 high school students from across the nation on the week-long trip to Washington, D.C. For five days, the students will get to visit and explore some of the capital's most notable areas, including the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, the MLK Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial, as well as many more exciting and educational places! The students will also spend an entire day touring Capitol Hill and meeting with many of their elected officials.

The three winners will have an opportunity to apply for the \$2,500 Gwyn B. Price Scholarship and the \$2,000 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship. In addition, they will be eligible to compete to serve on the Youth Leadership Council, an advisory committee to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the national association of electric cooperatives headquartered in Washington, D.C. The North Carolina Youth Leadership Council representative will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship on completion of his or her responsibilities.



REMC's  
Lincoln-Gaston District  
**KRISTINA VAHER**  
from  
GASTON CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL



REMC's  
Burke-McDowell District  
**MORGAN CLAY**  
from  
R.L. PATTEN  
HIGH SCHOOL



REMC's  
Rutherford-Polk District  
**GREYSON PEELER**  
from  
BURNS  
HIGH SCHOOL

Any high school junior living in a year-round home served by Rutherford EMC or whose parents/guardians own a business served by Rutherford EMC were eligible to enter the contest. Children of Rutherford EMC's directors or employees were not eligible. Rutherford EMC has selected local youth to participate in the annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., for the last 20 years. Nearly 50,000 students have participated in the program nationally since it began in 1964.

The 2018 Youth Tour is being sponsored by your cooperative, along with 19 other electric cooperatives across the state, and is coordinated by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) in Raleigh, and NRECA in Washington, D.C.

## 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](mailto:cbailey@remc.com).

No phone calls, please.

## FOR SALE

**Four** piece brown living room set made of real leather, includes sofa, love seat, chair & ottoman; plaid living room set in good cond., includes sofa & loveseat; 10 piece cherry dining room set in good cond., includes table, two captain chairs, four side chairs, serving table & two piece hutch w/lighting. 704-922-5292.

**David** White level transit w/stand, like new, \$300; Hilti DX 451 stud driver; Milwaukee Hole Hawg drill w/case; Craftsman 4"x12" planer, \$400. 828-287-7574.

**Hayward** pool system – ¾ hp, 200 lb. filter w/valves & piping, diving board w/stainless steel ladder, only used 2 seasons. 828-287-5442.

**Hay** – wrapped round bales, no rain & stored under shed. \$35/bale. 828-584-3398.

**Old** ball cards of all kinds - original packages w/prices on them, also some loose ones. \$25 for basket full; outside swing w/metal frame, has treated wood on back & seat, \$60; almost new shedding electric machine, \$15; also have cedar wood. 704-538-7615.

**38 +/-** acres in Cherryville/Waco area, subject to survey, has Highway 150 frontage and railroad frontage, priced below tax value, \$138,000, make offer. 704-473-3158.

**2002** 18 ft. Hydra Sport center console boat, 115 hp four stroke Yamaha motor w/stainless steel prop, MinnKota trolling motor, Lowrance fish finder, AM/FM radio & CD player, 2 marine batteries w/onboard charger, bimini top & lots of extras, on an Easy Load trailer, \$8,000. 828-863-2505.

**2005** Honda Shadow, Candy Apple Red, one owner, garage kept, road ready, \$2,000. 704-419-3405 after 4:30 pm.

**Antique** 1941 General Electric Model L-915W AM short-wave console radio, very good original cond., needs basic chassis restoration to be fully functional, \$150. 828-502-9228.

**Guineas-Pearl**, 2017 hatch, adults \$10 ea., roosters, \$3 ea. 828-738-8533.

**Beach** getaway – great 2 BR, 2 BA villa. 828-817-2265 for more info.

**10** vintage Eisenhower Silver Dollars, \$25; 4 silver half dollars, \$60. 704-748-3258.

**Bees** – 3 lb. packages for sale w/queens, order now for April 15th pick-up in Rutherfordton, \$105. 828-980-0725.

**275** gallon totes w/5" hole at top, 2" cutoff at bottom, 40" x 48", \$90 ea. or 2 for \$150; two stainless steel tanks, 100 gal. & 180 gal., \$700 ea. or trade; plastic 55 gal. barrels w/open top, \$10 ea.; metal barrels for burning, solid or open top, \$10 ea. 828-327-4782.

**Tiara** Ponderosa Pine glassware – includes 8 piece

water goblets, dinner plates, dessert dishes and salad bowls, additional pieces include water pitcher, deviled egg platter, chip & dip plate, tidbit tray and 3-section divided serving plate, some pieces never used. 828-437-0648.

**Two** burial graves in Dogwood Section at Gaston Memorial Park, 1 plot - 2 graves, \$5,000 for both, \$2,500 ea. 704-675-2155.

**2006** Nissan Titan king cab, 5.6 liter V8, 4WD, ex. cond., less than 45,000 miles, always garaged, factory bed liner, Undercover bed cover, Reese hitch, \$15,400, pictures upon request. 828-894-2562.

**1988** Ford EconoLine 350, 7' x 12' box bed, 351 motor, roll out bed, shelving & ramps, \$3,000; 1967 model 15' Deepbore family boat w/40 hp Johnson & Cox trailer, \$1,000; 1994-1997 Toyota Forerunner body parts; small motorcycle windshield, \$35; 1913 gas ready hot water heater, refurbished, \$500; whirlpool tub, never used, \$150; sundeck bar w/1 chair, \$50; 3 phase industrial band saw, \$200; concrete siding; wood or coal stove w/safety shield. 704-460-7161.

**1990** Chevrolet Z71 truck, 5 spd. manual trans., 350 motor, \$2,500 OBO; 2007 Harley Davidson Softail motorcycle, 6 spd. trans., 16,000 miles, great bike, \$15,500 OBO. 704-473-6228.

**DR** Field & Brush mower, new belts, spare blades, 24" cut, 8 hp Briggs & Stratton industrial engine, fresh paint, ex. cond., \$800, pictures upon request; 10" chain pole pruner, used very little, 120 volt electric, \$60. 828-894-2562.

**2000** Ford Ranger bed & bumper, \$500; rear-end for an A-Model or T-Model car, \$100; 14' boat trailer, \$100; 1965 Ford Mustang bumper, not sure if it fits front or rear, \$75; twin sized electric hospital bed, \$100; all electric twin bed, \$30; plaid loveseat in ex. cond., \$75; 2 credenzas, in good shape, \$75 for both. 704-435-4093.

**Little** River, S.C. Beach house – 2 BR, will sell fully furnished or unfurnished, move in cond., motivated seller, \$110,500. 864-303-7545.

**Weber** Spirit gas grill - needs some work, but still cooks good, \$100. 704-487-6705.

**New** Woods Brush Bull Rotary Cutter, Model BB84XD, 7' cut with dual tail wheels, 1"- 9" cutting height, quick change pins for blade removal, too heavy for my current tractor, \$3,950. 704-867-2137.

**Antique** carved buffet cabinet sideboard w/stained glass doors, original working key, H-90" x W-54" x D-25", \$2,500. 704-678-7457.

**Two** burial plots in McDowell Memorial Park, Marion, N.C. Memorial Section 3, Lot 162. Call 828-659-3640 before 8 pm to make offer.

**Treated** 4x4's in good used condition, purchased fall of 2017, have the following quantities: 30 @ 9', \$6 ea., 2 @ 11', \$6.39 ea., 3 @ 10', \$5.59 ea., 10 @ 7', \$4.19 ea., or \$250 for all. 828-659-3640.

**1000** gallon oil tank, only 2 years old, asking \$1,000 OBO. 828-437-4823.

**Gooseneck** trailer – 23' long trailer w/dovetail, has a Superwinch installed on it, manufactured by 280 Trailer, ex. cond., \$4,000. 704-732-1851.

**Lawn** tractor w/42" cut, new blades & other parts. 704-922-8423.

**2008** Honda 250 Nighthawk, less than 4,000 miles, bought new in 2011, regular servicing, less than 500 miles on tires, great starter or commuter motorcycle, medium open face helmet & other extras included. \$1,750. 704-730-8295.

**Cast** iron wood heater w/glass double door, \$300. 828-584-3245.

**2007** Sea Doo jet ski w/supercharger, black & yellow, only used 125 hrs., garaged 10 mths. of the year, currently on a double trailer, will sell for \$7,500 with trailer or \$6,500 without it. 704-735-6792.

**Homemade** quilts, \$50 ea., Morganton. 828-584-1317.

**Cedar** wood – about ½ truck load, just cut & beautiful, \$100; 1954 Ford Fairlane 500 steering wheel, good cond.; 4 very old hack saws, \$25 ea.; cast iron Dutch Oven, \$10; new set of horse shoes, still in the box, \$12. Will take best offer on any of these items. 704-538-7615.

**Piece** of unfinished granite, suitable for countertop, measures 36" x 73", asking \$200, worth \$700-\$800. 828-337-8308.

**AFG** treadmill, like new, pd. nearly \$750 asking \$300. 704-228-4676.

**Riverfront** home – 400' of frontage on the Green River, less than 3 miles from the Tryon International Equestrian Center, fish or swim right out your back door, very private on 2 acres of land in Green River Highlands, check it out on Zillow at 1051 River Crest Parkway, #21 Rutherfordton, \$389,000 neg., 843-422-0559.

**2007** Bass Tracker Pro Team 175 TXW boat, 60 hp Mercury 4 stroke motor, new cover, 2 depth finders, does approx. 30 mph on the water. 704-228-4676.

**AKC** registered Golden Retriever puppies, born Jan. 22, first shots, wormed & ready to go, parents on site, \$900 total w/\$100 deposit. 704-473-4559.

**1978** Chevrolet Corvette, 350 engine, AT, mahogany in color, 48,000 miles, \$15,500. 704-616-0217.

**2009** Honda Rebel motorcycle in ex. cond., hardly used, \$2,800; 2009 Yamaha V-Star motorcycle w/low miles, ex. cond., \$3,200. 704-748-3258.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**For Rent:** Vacation rental in the mountains of N.C., Rambler's Rest – 3 BR, 1BA, sleeps 8, fenced yard, porch swing, close to V.A. and the New River, 12 miles from West Jefferson & 12 miles to Sparta. 828-527-8088.

**For Rent:** Horse pasture & barn in Nebo, N.C. (I-40, Exit 94) – \$150/month per horse, plus you and a guest can ride 450 acres of nicely wooded trails along 2 miles of the South Muddy Creek in Burke Co. 828-413-1969.

**For Rent:** Condo directly on the ocean at St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, top floor w/great views, sleeps 6, 2 BR, 2 BA, wide beach, hot tub, pool, gas grill & activities, Aug. 25 – Sept. 1, \$695 total. 727-376-1498.

## WANTED

**Saw** blades - 24 inches plus in size, older ones preferred; iron railing, older preferred. 828-584-2712.

**Old** towels that can be donated to local Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator to provide care for injured animals. 704-678-7457 or 980-241-4967.

ALL REMC OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED  
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018.  
FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY

## Thank a Lineman on Lineman Appreciation Day!

Electric cooperatives across North Carolina and the nation will recognize the many contributions of our linemen by celebrating Lineman Appreciation Day on Monday, April 9. Join us in thanking the hardworking men and women whose diligent efforts and skilled expertise keep the lights on for co-op members.

"We couldn't carry out our mission without the daily dedication of our linemen," said Dirk Burleson, vice president of member and corporate services at Rutherford EMC. "It's a demanding job on the front line of our co-op that often requires working around the clock in challenging conditions to serve our members and communities. We can't thank them enough for all they do."

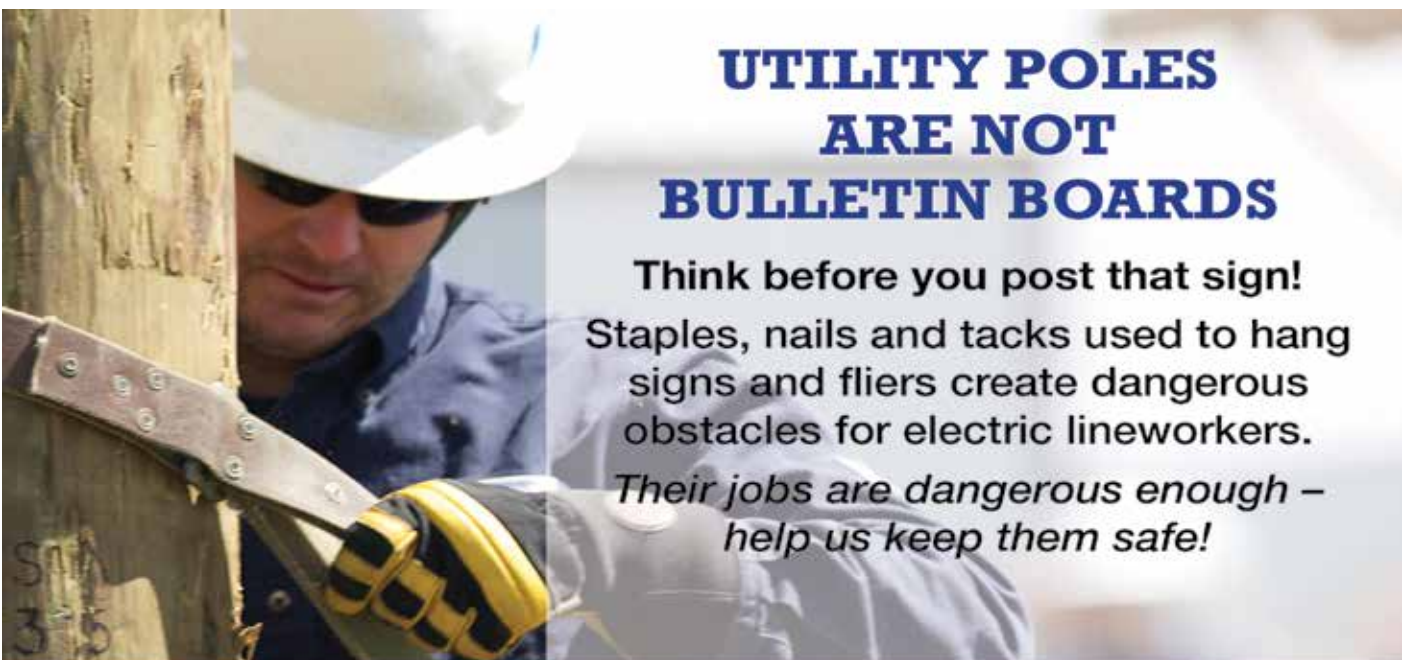
Electricity travels along a network of wires and poles to power our homes and businesses. Most of the time this is a seamless journey, but occasionally the path of electricity is disrupted by obstacles like fallen tree branches, animals or an equipment malfunction—and linemen are charged with restoring that connection no matter the weather or time of day.

"Our linemen are heroes in every sense of the word," Dirk Burleson said. "They literally bring us through some of our darkest hours, and we count on them to power our lives day in and day out."

On April 9, remember to show your gratitude to our dedicated crews by Thanking a Lineman!



**April 9th is National Lineman Appreciation Day**



### **UTILITY POLES ARE NOT BULLETIN BOARDS**

**Think before you post that sign!**  
Staples, nails and tacks used to hang signs and fliers create dangerous obstacles for electric lineworkers.  
*Their jobs are dangerous enough – help us keep them safe!*



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVES

# Don't Waste. Insulate!

Properly insulating your home reduces heating and cooling costs, and improves comfort. R-values measure a material's resistance to conductive heat flow. The higher the R-value rating, the greater the effectiveness of the insulation. Below are recommended R-values for areas of the home that should be insulated.

*\*Recommendations on R-values are subject to regional climate conditions.*

*Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy*



## TYPES OF INSULATION

- Batt
- Foam
- Blow-in

**1**

### DUCTWORK

Whether it's made of metal or plastic (PVC), insulated ductwork protects your investment in conditioned air year-round. Minimal R-values of 4.3 are recommended for blanket-style wraps secured with tape. Insulated ductwork rated at R-6 is also available.

**2**

### EXTERIOR WALLS

There are multiple options for insulating exterior walls. Rock wool or fiberglass batts of R-13 to R-20 value are preferred behind drywall, but each inch of blown-in polyurethane foam insulation provides an R-value of 3.9.

**3**

### BENEATH LIVING SPACE

Whether your home has a full basement, a crawl space or an attached garage, having an insulation value of R-19 under the living space floor will help increase comfort year-round.

**4**

### SLAB FOUNDATION

Properly installed foam boards around the exterior edge of the slab of an existing home can reduce heating bills by 10 percent or more.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tip of the Month

Make sure your refrigerator door seals are airtight for maximum energy efficiency. Test the seal by closing the door over a piece of paper (so that it's half in and half out). If you can easily pull the piece of paper out, your seal may need to be replaced or the latch may need to be adjusted. *Source: energy.gov*

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