

# The NEWS LINE

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## What is Wholesale Power & TIER Adjustment?

You may have noticed the Wholesale Power & TIER Adjustment (WPTA) line item on your electric bill and wondered what this is for. The Wholesale Power & TIER Adjustment is the component on your electric bill that reflects the wholesale power cost. We recover these fluctuating costs through the WPTA.

Rutherford EMC's board of directors recently approved a decrease in the WPTA from \$0.004 per kilowatt-hour [\$4 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours] to \$0.001 per kilowatt-hour [\$1 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours]. The decrease took effect on August 1, 2018 electric bills.

## Calling All Educators -

### Bright Ideas Final Deadline is September 19

Teachers with creative ideas for hands-on classroom projects should apply now for a Bright Ideas education grant of up to \$1,000 from Rutherford EMC. But hurry! The final deadline to apply for a grant is September 19, 2018. Interested teachers can find the application, grant-writing tips, and more information on the Bright Ideas website at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

"Rutherford EMC has supported teachers through the Bright Ideas program since 1994, and we know firsthand how dedicated and creative our local educators are," said Dirk Bureson, vice president of member and cooperate services at Rutherford EMC. "By providing educators with new tools to reach students, we're proud to also be investing in young minds and the future of our communities."

Grants for the 2018-2019 school year will be awarded in November for projects in all grade levels and all disciplines, including math, science, language, art, English and history. Last year, Rutherford EMC awarded more than \$16,600 to local teachers by funding 22 different projects. These grants were projected to benefit more than 2,500 students in Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, McDowell, Polk and Rutherford counties.

The Bright Ideas grant application requires an outline of the proposed project, a detailed budget, and a description of the benefit to students. Applicants are encouraged to highlight the innovative and creative elements of the project and to proofread carefully. Remember, teachers at qualifying

schools can apply individually or as a team, but hurry, September 19 is the final deadline!



All Rutherford EMC Offices will be closed

**Monday,  
September 3, 2018**

FOR LABOR DAY



## 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

**Whirlpool** AC window unit, 22,500 btu, 220 volt plug, \$150 OBO; Leer camper top for Ford F-150, 70" wide x 80" long, tinted windows, does have some nicks, \$150 OBO. 828-584-1157.

**Cleared** lot in Walnut Springs Subdivision, a well established neighborhood in Dallas, N.C., 0.69 acres, tax value of \$24,000, selling for \$16,000. 704-460-7433.

**Antique** desk with yellow & gray antique paint, \$50 OBO; large air hockey table, \$50 OBO. 704-460-7433.

**Barrels** – extra clean plastic 55 gal. w/lids & rings, \$20 ea.; solid or open top plastic or metal, \$10 ea.; 275 gal. water totes, \$90 ea. or 2 for \$150. 828-327-4782.

**Two** antique 5 gal. Earthenware jugs, dark gloss brown, made in the northern states, \$50 ea.; Hampton Bay light fixture #445994, 1" x 1 1/2" stainless steel frame and 30" chain, measures 22" high x 26" dia., \$100. 704-435-2161.

**2005** Dodge Hemi 4x4 truck, Rumble Bee Edition #1820, one owner, garage kept, only 69,000 miles, ex. cond., \$20,000 OBO. 828-584-7035.

**1996** Dodge conversion van, 88,000 miles, 360 engine, very well kept. 704-308-2718.

**Riverfront** home w/400 ft. frontage on the Green River, less than 3 miles to the Tryon International Equestrian Center, fish or swim right out your back door, very private on 2 acres of land in the Green River Highlands, check it out on Zillow, 1051 River Crest Parkway, #21 Rutherfordton, N.C., \$364,900 or make an offer – motivated to sell. 843-422-0559.

**1972** Airstream travel trailer, 31 ft. Sovereign, not road worthy, solid shell, great for basecamp or renovation, clean title, \$1,800. 980-406-6355.

**Land** – 4+ acres on Grant's Mtn. in Marion, N.C., beautiful flat acreage, ready to build, no excavation just brush removal needed, close to lakes & I-40, perked, paved roads & very private, must sell, sacrifice at \$29,000. 704-748-2611 or 631-806-5969.

**1994** Corvette – white w/red leather seats & carpeting, black interior trim & removable roof, 4 spd. automatic transmission, power seats & ride control, analog & digital instrumentation plus many other options, garage kept locally, ex. cond., 83,000 miles, can send pictures, \$8,000 firm. 864-909-3679.

**Ford** E350 28 ft. Conquest 120 RV by Gulfstream, 460 gas engine, sleeps 8, 2 queen & 2 double beds, self-contained and in good cond. \$6,500. 704-922-0175 or 704-678-7421.

**1999** Dodge Durango, V8 engine, 82,000 miles; 6' x 8' trailer, \$1,000; refrigerator, \$60; table freezer in good

cond., \$350. 704-462-4005.

**Alloy** rims – new GM 6 spoke rims w/lug nuts, 17" x 7.5", \$200. 828-288-7257.

**Old** school treadle type Singer sewing machine, complete, \$75. 704-732-4890.

**Delta** portable planer, 12", Model 22-540; 4 1/2" jointer/planer with 5/8 HP Craftsman motor, \$70; Freud biscuit jointer – Model JS 100 A, biscuits & dowels; Ryobi BT 3000 10" table saw, includes: metal work stand, dust bag, miter clamping kit, Dado throat plate, long miter rip fence & router mounting kits, \$275; Ryobi plunge router, RE600, 3 HP, electronic variable speed, dual handles, \$150; Bessy clamps made from German steel, different sizes available; other equipment & tools also available. 828-287-7970.

**1982** Buick Riviera convertible, white w/red leather interior, 59,000 miles showing, beautiful car inside & out, good mechanical cond. \$11,500; 1975 Harley Davidson FLH Shovelhead, 9,000 miles on complete rebuild, almost everything is new, great bike, \$9,500. 704-867-6506.

**1975** Aria Pro II banjo w/case, \$900; 8 ft. slate pool table w/cover & acc., \$500; generator, never used, \$200; Charbroil cast iron gas grill/smoker, used once, \$125; power tool set w/case, never used, \$100; air nail gun w/compressor, used once, \$125; all items in ex. cond. 828-287-7813.

**Two** cemetery plots – side by side, Lot # 74 on Hillside 1 at McDowell Memorial Park, Marion, N.C., \$1,500 for both. 828-803-7930.

**Guineas** – Pearl, taking orders for 2018 hatch, \$4 ea. and up; white male adult ducks, \$5 ea. 828-738-8533.

**Star** lathes – rotor lathe that cuts single or double sided rotor & a drum lathe, \$800 OBO. 704-865-1792.

**2007** Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Classic, 0 miles, mint cond., garage kept, studded seat & saddle bags, extra seat, road bar, never ridden due to disability, \$8,000 neg.; 1985 24 ft. pontoon boat w/95 HP Mercury engine, selling as is, \$3,500. Willing to trade either item for tractor or truck of equal value. Call 704-865-1792 for trade requirements.

**2001** Corvette – silver, glass tops, 38,000 original miles, never driven in rain, pristine cond.; 1976 Corvette – flame orange, 64,000 miles, original owner; 1976 Vega GT – silver, 54,000 miles, new paint, new tires, great cond., original owner; 2001 PT Cruiser – white, 64,000 miles, great cond., original owner; 5' x 10' utility trailer, great cond. 704-922-8151.

**New** white convertible top for 1975 Chevrolet Caprice Classic, \$100. 704-913-2420.

**Four** year old heifer, black w/white face (baldy), \$1,200; two year old cow w/5 month old calf (baldy & Charolaise), \$1,500. 828-874-3539.

**Back** seats & a few other parts for Chevy Colorado and small S-10 truck, \$250; men's leather jacket, vest & chaps, size XL, \$150; two women's Harley Davidson jackets, size large, \$200 for both. 828-874-3539.

**Reimann** & Georger Pro 400 platform hoist w/28 ft. rail, used in the construction of a log home, \$1,200 OBO. 828-625-1005.

**Drexel** Heritage lighted curio cabinet w/four glass shelves, solid cherry w/beveled glass panes in doors, decorative finial top and brass hardware at opening, manufactured around 1995, ex. cond., dimensions are 86"H x 39"Wx16"D, \$450. 828-443-3414.

**Stained** glass – large panels of various styles. 828-221-6654.

**Sky Hawk** 5 passenger pedal boat, max. 750 lbs., blue & white in color, ex. cond., \$175 firm. 704-445-2346.

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

**2000** sq. ft. manufactured home on 6.75 acres, \$305,000. 704-524-3971.

**2000** Ford Mustang, 47,900 miles, silver in color, always garage kept, new battery, new Hankook tires, new fuel pump, rear spoiler, tinted windows, factory Cragar mags, 3.8 liter engine, AT, leather interior, \$8,000 neg. 828-433-0645.

**Horton** Legend SL crossbow, 4x32 scope, carrying case, shoulder strap, quiver, numerous bolts, tips and an easy pull target, \$275. 704-732-6552.

**Kenmore** cabinet style electric sewing machine, \$40; GX-7 driver, 14 degree regular shaft golf club, like new, \$120 neg. 828-433-0645.

**Inogen** One G3 portable oxygen concentrator, great unit for travel, only used once, still like new & in the box, Freedom 2 package w/lifetime warranty, flow settings 1-5, includes one double life (lasts up to 9 hours) & 1 single life battery, carrying case, AC home charger, DC car charger and all paperwork, paid \$3,195 asking \$1,800 firm. 704-671-2330.

**French** Bulldog puppies, AKC registered, brindle pied & fawn, healthy, first shots, ready 9/4/18. 704-913-6949.

**Vokel** VK-50 digital home theatre, brand new & still in the box, \$250 OBO. 828-781-4194.

**Pink** electric guitar by First Act Discovery, \$10; Dooney & Bourke handbag, \$50. 704-349-2160.

**1956** Ford 800 tractor, 45 HP, gas, 5 speed, 3 pt. hitch, good shape, runs great, new battery, 2 stage clutch, same owner for last 35 years, always kept in shed, \$3,700 OBO, delivery avail. 828-289-9081.

**Double** wide mobile home, 3BR, 2 BA, on 1.88 acres. 828-460-7226.

**Leyland** Cypress trees – 1 gal. \$6 ea. & 3 gal. \$12 ea., discount given for large orders. 704-937-5113.

**Starr** upright piano, good cond. \$300 OBO. 704-483-2454.

**CKC** Pomeranian for stud services, fees apply. 704-466-0461.

**1990** Destiny 14' x 70' mobile home, 3BR, 2 BA, on 0.69 acre lot, plus have an additional 0.63 acre lot beside the home, located on Willie Ray Dr., Morganton, N.C. 828-390-1859.

**1990** Buick Regatta, 2 door, AT, 308 V6 engine, 155,000 miles, no dents or rust, good tires, can be driven, needs bottom motor mounts, just inspected, \$2,500 or trade. 704-735-3499.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**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.

## WANTED

**Rental** house for 1 person, located between Asheville & Marion, I have 2 dogs that can stay inside or out, can pay \$500 – \$600 per month. 828-413-1969.



# SMART HOME TECH APPS

Smart home technologies are continuously improving, but their companion mobile apps are taking convenience to a whole new level.

Let's take a look at some of the latest app functionalities.

## 1 Smart Thermostat Apps:

Geofencing is great enhancement for smart thermostat apps. Set a boundary with your smartphone and when you leave the boundary, the thermostat switches to away or return mode.

## 2 Smart Security Apps:

Video doorbells are becoming increasingly popular, allowing consumers to keep a watchful eye from anywhere. Smart security apps send alerts to signal activity outside your home, giving you peace of mind.

## 3 Smart Smoke and CO Sensor Apps:

These apps have the ability to send alerts, conduct status checks and silence alarms – even when you're away.

## 4 Smart Appliance Apps:

App functionality depends on the appliance. Refrigerator cameras allow you to see what needs to be stocked (while grocery shopping!), and smart dryers can sense when electric use is high and turn off.

## 5 Smart Lighting Apps:

Control lighting options for individual rooms, adjust brightness and color, create lighting scenes based on mood – all from the convenience of your smartphone.

## Get the REMC App on Your Mobile Device

The secret is out, but are you connected? Rutherford EMC members can use a smart phone or other smart devices to access their REMC account. Look for our name, Rutherford EMC or REMC Mobile, in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. The Apps are completely free to download and install. All critical information is encrypted to secure your transactions.

Once you have installed your App you can view your bill, sign up for alerts and reminders, view payment history, pay your bill, access the outage map and more. All of this helpful information is now just a touch away!

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## Teaching Youngsters the Important Lesson of Energy Efficiency

Electronic and mobile devices, TVs, computers and gaming stations have become ubiquitous fixtures in our homes, particularly those with children. Consumer electronics coupled with the proliferation of smart home appliances and the rapid advancements in technology have slowly but steadily changed our homes and lifestyles.

This ever-connected world is the modern environment in which children are growing up. And with lifestyles increasingly reliant on technology and in turn, energy consumption, teaching youngsters to save energy is an important life lesson.

### The Why

But before parents can teach their children *how* to save energy, they must first answer the question, "*what's in it for me?*" As most parents can attest, convincing kids to care about energy efficiency is a hard sell. Parents need to explain why it's important to save energy and how it benefits the child – otherwise they will not understand the need to change their habits and will be less motivated to do so. In the simplest terms, less money spent on an electric bill can mean more money used for fun activities (that's something children can relate to!).

Less tangible, but just as important, using less energy means running your home more efficiently, conserving natural resources and helping the environment.

### Learning by Doing

Because "saving energy" is an abstract concept for children, be specific about energy efficiency actions and set an example. We know that children learn by observing what their parents do. Even if they don't say anything, children are processing your actions. When you turn off the lights when leaving a room or unplug the phone charger once the device is fully charged, they will notice.

Learning about energy efficiency doesn't have to be a boring lecture. Make it fun for greater impact.

For younger kids, turn energy efficiency into a "treasure hunt" game to locate all the things in your home that use electricity. Depending on the age of the children, challenge them to count and group the items into categories: electronics, appliances, lights, etc. If age appropriate, have them create a list. Ask which gadgets and appliances could be turned off or unplugged to save power every day.

For older children, show them how to program the smart thermostat and appliances. Shop with them for LED lights and discuss ENERGY STAR-rated appliances. Show them the electric bill so they can see the costs, energy use and how their actions impact the bill.

Kids of all ages can learn a few simple energy-saving habits that can last a lifetime:

- Turn off lights, devices, computers and video consoles when not in use.
- Open blinds and curtains during winter days to let warm sunlight in and close them during summer days to keep your home cooler.
- If your children are old enough to run the dishwasher or wash their own clothes, teach them to run these appliances only with a full load and during off-peak energy hours.

### Rewards

Offer rewards for agreed upon milestones. Rewards provide positive reinforcement on energy-saving actions. The idea is to create a *habit* of being energy efficient. And for parents, this could mean less nagging about turning off the lights!

Teaching your children about saving energy is not only a creative way to spend time with them; it helps your home to be more energy efficient and can instill good habits that will benefit your child long into adulthood.

Source: Anne Prince of NRECA

## Nominating Committee Chooses Board Candidates

Four candidates for REMC's Board of Directors have been selected by the Committee on Nominations which met July 10, 2018, at the cooperative's General Office in Forest City, NC. The names of these members will be presented for consideration for three-year terms at the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at West Lincoln High School in Lincolnton, NC.

The nominees are:

### Directorate District One

J. Dean Carpenter, 3613 Dallas Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, NC  
Mark L. Mullen, PO Box 446, Lincolnton, NC

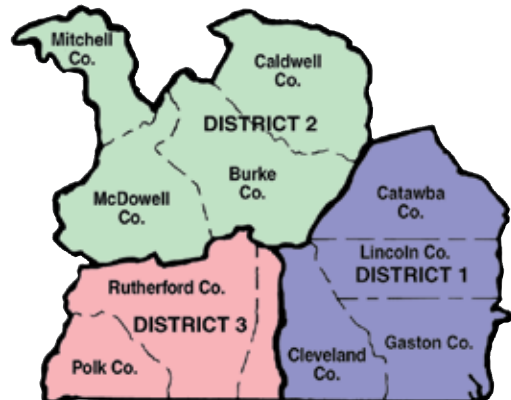
### Directorate District Two

H. Frank Queen, 5351 Patton Rd., Morganton, NC

### Directorate District Three

Amy P. Torvinen, 749 Parris Rd., Rutherfordton, NC

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



## Lineman to Participate in Statewide Pole Top Rescue Competition

Join us in cheering on Kyle Daves, First Class Lineman-ELC, who is representing Rutherford EMC at the Statewide Pole Top Rescue Competition hosted by North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives on Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Raleigh! The event kicks off at 9 a.m. and will end by 1 p.m. Follow this event live @NCElectriccoop on Twitter using #ncpoletop during the event.

Kyle has worked his way up the ranks at Rutherford EMC since beginning his career in 2006. He started out on a right-of-way maintenance crew and later accepted a position in the apprentice lineman program. Now, as a First Class Lineman-ELC, Kyle



works daily on the energized line crew constructing and maintaining the co-ops transmission and distribution line systems and equipment. He is well known among his co-op peers as a hard-worker with a drive to get things done. He is certainly one that can be called upon at any time day or night, and is always there to lend a hand.

Kyle resides in Ellenboro and says he enjoys doing anything outdoors, but did admit that most of his free time is spent just working! Good luck Kyle and bring home the win for Rutherford EMC!

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you're done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## RUTHERFORD EMC'S STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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