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Rutherford EMC Awards Bright Ideas Grants to Classroom Teachers

Rutherford EMC recently awarded 19 grants, totaling \$15,101 to area teachers for special projects that will enhance learning in their classrooms.

The Bright Ideas grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's electric cooperatives, strives to improve education in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to teachers for innovative, classroom-based projects in grades K-12 that would not otherwise be funded. The annual Bright Ideas awards fund creative teaching ideas to meet the needs of area students.

With these new grants, Rutherford EMC has now contributed over \$310,000 to area schools over the past 20 school years.

Since it began in 1994, the Bright Ideas program has awarded about \$8.5 million in grant money to the state's teachers to sponsor more than 8,300 projects reaching well over 1.5 million students.

The funds go to public school teachers serving grades K-12, with awards of up to \$1,000 being offered for projects in any discipline.

Bright Ideas grant applications are screened by volunteer judges, including educators, community leaders and representatives of the co-ops in a competitive evaluation process. Judges across the state reviewed over 1,400 applications this year.

Projects funded by Rutherford EMC this year are expected to benefit over 3,100 students in their first year of operation and hundreds of others in the years ahead.

This year's awards locally, including the names of individual and/or team project winners, their respective schools, and the names of winning projects are as follows:

Burke County

- Peggy Younce; Draughn High, Valdese; Super Market Sweep
- Amber Peterson; W. A. Young Elementary, Morganton; The Daily Five: Listen to Reading
- Laura Horton; Chesterfield Elementary, Morganton; Write On, Wipe Off

Catawba County

- Ruth Kiser; Mountain View Elementary, Hickory; A Quest to Measure Changes
- Michael Townsley; Conover School, Conover; Big Brother's Birds

Cleveland County

- Pam Nolen, Team Leader; Lacey Blake, Mary Beth Fulp and Valarie Guilbeault; Crest Middle, Shelby; Atmospheric Weather Balloon - design, launch, recover, analyze

Gaston County

- Wanda Gibson; Ashbrook High, Gastonia; I can see that, NOW!
- Rachel Kingdom, Team Leader; Hunter Huss High; Amanda Castro and Beth Williams; Differences Between Cells (Plant or Animal?)

- Laura Campbell; Springfield Elementary, Stanley; eBooks for Everyone

Lincoln County

- Frank Kowalczyk; East Lincoln Middle, Iron Station; Exploring Alternative Energy with Fuel Cell/Solar-Powered Model Cars
- Laurie Sellers; S. Ray Lowder Elementary, Lincolnton; Wii Reading
- Cathy Ballard; Pumpkin Center Intermediate, Lincolnton; Electronic Portfolios (ePortfolios)

McDowell County

- Melissa Elliott; Eastfield Global Magnet School, Marion; Baggie Books
- Joe Le Weaver, Team Leader, and Rebecca Rideout; McDowell High, Marion; Bugs and Rats! Oh my!

Polk County

- Langlee Garrett, Polk County Middle, Mill Spring; Leaving Your Mark

Rutherford County

- Lynne Huskey, Team Leader; Carolyn Crosland, Sharon Willets, Heather Sims, Clifton Higgins, David Cook, Tonia Ballard, Linda Hall and Kenneth Hutchins; Rutherford Opportunity Center, Forest City; Project Nesting Box
- John Boland; Lake Lure Classical Academy, Lake Lure; Circuits Lab at Lake Lure Classical Academy
- Terry James; Lake Lure Classical Academy, Lake Lure; Grammatically Correct!
- Cindy Dotson; Pinnacle Elementary, Rutherfordton; A Garden for Little Hands

Rutherford EMC congratulates all of these Bright Ideas grant winners and thanks all educators who submitted an application this year. The co-op commends you for the level of interest that you have in making your classrooms unique for increased learning opportunities.



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 1 1/2 pages allotted for ads are full, the remaining ads will be held over for the next issue. Ads will not be run more than once. 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 or services 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 gmcdaniel@remc.com. No phone calls please.

FOR SALE

Story & Clark console piano -pecan finish, \$500. 828-429-8565.

Fescue hay - round bales, no rain, net-wrapped, stored in shed, \$30/bale, Morganton, N.C. 828-584-3398.

Yorkiepoop pups - teacup size, father 3-pound Yorkie (AKC), mother 4.5-pound Poodle (AKC), on site, vet care, shots, wormed, tails, dewclaws, ready 12-29-13, \$500 each, taking deposits. 704-923-5834.

275-gallon fuel oil tank - BO. 828-453-8545.

Wurlitzer piano - exc. cond., owned by one family, model # 796129, year 1962, 56" long and 41" high, will help to move it. 828-437-3033 or 828-390-6323.

Mountain dulcimer - beautiful cedar and mahogany 4-string handcrafted instrument includes -case, book, pick & noter, \$250. 828-779-6627.

Cedar log pieces from 3 trees that have been cut into small pieces - \$150 OBO; 2004 John Deere riding lawn mower, 42" cut, 17-HP motor, motor blown, \$600. 704-271-8664.

3-BR, 2-BA, 1987 Fleetwood (1,250 sq. ft.) & storage building on 1.4 acres near Chimney Rock/Lake Lure, N.C. - \$45,000. 910-330-2052.

CKC, Toy-Mini, black Poodles - 2 males, 1 female, DOB 6-24-13, \$375; CKC Shih Tzus (3 males, DOB 5-29-12, \$300; 3 females, DOB 1-2-13, \$375; 1 female, 2 males, DOB 9-16-13, \$375); Yorkie pups, CKC, chocolate, 1 male, 1 female, small. 828-433-1374.

GE, 30", free-standing electric range w/self cleaning - almond, exc. cond., \$175; GE, 17.7 cu. ft. refrigerator w/top freezer, almond, \$125; Maytag dishwasher, black, exc. cond. w/many great features such as multiple wash cycles, rinse only & sanitize, \$175; Broan 30" range hood w/light, almond, exc. cond., \$40. 704-484-1970.

Invacare Pronto power chair - 2 months old, has charger & cushioned seat with a place for oxygen tank, \$1,200, was \$4,000 new. 828-755-7383.

Two 10' wooden church pews - \$85 each; upright piano, \$50. 704-472-4001.

Double garage door w/all parts - \$300; half size guitar, K55, The Santa Rosa Folk Guitar Co., needs strings, \$50; Lowrey Micro Genie organ, Magic Genie track rhythm, effects, orchestral presets, never been used, \$350. 828-584-8169.

Antique, 4-drawer, makeup dresser w/beautiful

round mirror & nightstand w/drawer & base storage space - very good cond., \$100 for both. 704-735-7508.

Farm wagon - approx. 80 years old, always kept in the dry, must see to appreciate, purchased from Stamey's in Lawndale, N.C., \$3,000. 828-245-5008.

1987 Landau 12' metal johnboat w/trailer - 4-HP Evinrude motor (serviced in Aug. 2013), 2 swivel fishing seats, \$1,000. 828-460-6572 or 828-460-0002.

Hammered dulcimer - #12/11 double course handcrafted instrument, birch top, walnut sides, Celtic knot sound holes, complete w/case, hammers, book & stand, \$450. 828-779-6627.

275-gallon totes for water or fuel - \$100 each; solid top, 55-gallon, plastic barrels, \$10 each; metal burning barrels, \$10 each; plastic barrels w/lids & rings, \$15 each; plastic trash barrels, \$5 each; 30 to 40 pine trees for pulpwood & saw logs, \$300 OBO. 828-327-4782 before 8 pm.

Kubota 1500 tractor w/plow & scrape - \$2,500. 704-732-1725 or 704-736-0447.

2-BR, 2-BA mobile home on 1.5 acres in Mill Spring, N.C. (Polk County) - heat pump in exc. cond., furniture, refrig., washer & dryer, 2 wood decks, good well water, move in ready, 15 minutes from Chimney Rock, close to Lake Lure, Lake Adger & Hendersonville, \$65,000 OBO. 561-383-8915.

Girls' 24" Murray bicycle - exc. cond., \$20; wicker stool, very good foundation, needs some repair to wicker on legs, \$10; ladies' size 12 pants (very nice), tan Liz Claiborne jeans & dark brown dress pants; 3-position lounge chair, heavy canvas, exc. cond., \$15; few antique books & hardback books, very good cond., BO; 2 very nice twin sheets w/pretty checks, \$5 for both. 704-735-0504.

Woodstove w/thermostatically-controlled blower - burns 23" logs, never been used, \$625; mobile home with 4 acres of land in Morganton, N.C., needs TLC, most of furniture stays w/home, \$45,000. 828-584-0751.

2001 Chrysler Town & Country van - 139,850 miles, cloth interior, new tires put on at 134,080 miles, A/C needs to be worked on, van has CD player & radio, \$2,000. 704-263-4369.

A2 Gleaner combine - A/C, PS, grain & corn header, good cond., field ready, \$2,700. 704-742-6153.

Quilt frame - king size, \$75; pool table, \$50. 704-462-2434.

2005 Coachmen Chaparral, 27', 5th wheel RV one slide, roof, storage room, screened-in porch w/storm doors on sides, queen bed, sleeps 6, large landscaped/graveled lot, clean & in great cond., set up in RV park (open year-round) at Lake James in McDowell County (N.C.), community pool, \$20,000, pictures available. 828-442-3725.

1996 Coleman pop-up camper - good for deer hunting. 704-472-3921.

2 handmade quilts - queen-size butterfly, \$100 and full-size Dresden plate, \$125. 828-652-4166.

1-gallon Leyland cypress trees - approximately 24" to 30" tall. Scott at 704-937-5113.

1989-90 transmission for Dodge Ram 4-WD - \$650; variety of Farmall tractors, lots of parts. 704-

538-3481.

2002 Harley-Davidson Sportster 1200 Custom motorcycle - white w/lots of chrome, 10,237 miles, extras include detachable windshield, braided cables, Vance & Hines exhaust, shocks & handlebars, forward controls, service manual; 2007 Harley-Davidson Sportster 883 XL Low motorcycle, white, exc. cond., less than 2,500 miles, garage-kept, extras include quick release windshield, touring seat, fender bag, cover, forward controls & stock controls. 704-276-9179.

Large hay rolls - \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be delivered, Morganton, N.C. 828-437-3033.

Wood - needs to be split, different sizes (2" to 3' wide), \$35/truck load, Bessemer City, N.C. 704-271-8664.

Mountain dulcimer kit - gorgeous cherry & walnut hardwoods w/everything you need to build your one-of-a-kind handcrafted instrument, includes detailed instructions, \$160. 828-779-6627.

Firewood - approx. 4 cords, \$150 for all; 36" JVC TV, exc. cond., \$75; entertainment set, holds 36" TV, \$75; 2 hand saws, some camping equipment, solid dumbbells, loose weight plates & a crosscut saw, make offer for these items. 828-544-0290.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale/Rent: Drexel, N.C. (close to I-40) - 1.5 acres, one - two BRs, laundry room, large screen porch, storage building, sell for \$45,000, rent \$450/month w/\$450 deposit. 828-443-9933.

WANTED

Tom Clark gnomes. 828-584-8169.

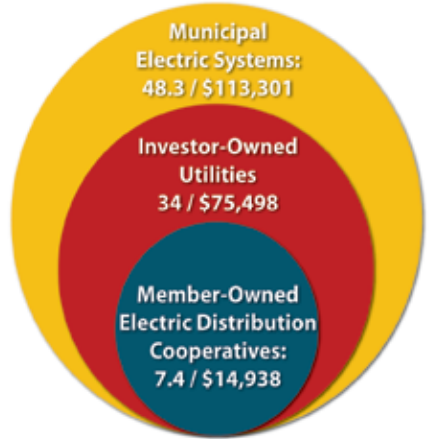
Turning plow - 2-row/12-inch in good cond. 704-735-0902.

7 to 10 acres of land in Gaston County (N.C.) for private use plus horses. Richard at 704-747-3456.

Revenue in Review

Because of higher population densities (more consumers served per mile of line), municipal electric systems and investor-owned utilities receive more revenue per mile of line than electric cooperatives.

Consumers served/revenue per mile of line for different utilities:



Source: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, September 2013

Cooperatives Offer Practical Help to Political Candidates

Across the country, local cooperatives have helped hundreds of political candidates learn more about running effective campaigns. Now, Rutherford EMC, along with the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives and the North Carolina Credit Union League, will hold a Campaign Academy in North Carolina. At the Campaign Academy, candidates will learn the dynamics of campaigns from instructors with real-world campaign experience.

The cooperatives' non-partisan Campaign Academy is open to potential candidates, first-time candidates or experienced candidates who need more knowledge about effective campaigns. Topics include:

- Effective fundraising
- State campaign finance laws
- Campaign communications
- The cost of a campaign
- Grassroots campaigning

Since their founding, cooperatives have built strong relationships with local community leaders, including elected officials. When candidates effectively communicate their messages, the voters also benefit. The Campaign Academy can help create better campaigns that help the candidates and the voters.

Anyone thinking about running for office, starting a campaign or running for reelection in a tough district can benefit from the knowledge gained at the Campaign Academy. The academy will be held on January 28 at the Holiday Inn in Rocky Mount, January 29 at the Doubletree Hotel in Fayetteville and January 30 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Hickory.

The cost is \$30 per person.

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about effective campaign strategy, please contact Brandon Reed at the N.C. Assoc. of Electric Cooperatives at 919-875-3107 or by e-mail at brandon.reed@ncemcs.com to learn more about the Campaign Academy, sponsored by your local electric cooperative.

IF YOUR POWER GOES OFF

1. Check your fuses or circuit breakers. If you live in a mobile home, be sure to check your switch box outside (if you have one).
2. Look around and see if you can spot the trouble (for example: fallen trees, broken poles, etc.). Try to find out if any of your neighbors are out of power also.
3. Then call any REMC office listed at right. Phones are answered 24 hours a day.

REMC OFFICES & PHONE NUMBER(S)

FOREST CITY (828) 245-1621 or 1-800-521-0920 (Toll Free)	MORGANTON (828) 584-1410 or 1-800-228-9756 (Toll Free)	CHERRYVILLE (704) 435-5401 or 1-800-228-5331 (Toll Free)	LINCOLNTON (704) 735-5381
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Win A Trip To Washington, D.C.

Three Rutherford EMC Juniors to Win Youth Tour Trip



Rutherford EMC will send three lucky students on the adventure of a lifetime this summer, an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. The 2014 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour at our nation's capital typically hosts more than 1,500 high school students from across the country. A winner and an alternate will be chosen from each of Rutherford EMC's three operating districts in early March to represent the cooperative on the tour.

Be a part of a reality show that allows you to experience government in real time. Civics will come alive as you enhance your skills in leadership and hands-on learning. Plus, create and use a cooperative business model along the way.

In just five days, you'll get to see the Smithsonian Mall, the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, The Newseum (the world's most interactive museum), the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and more! You will spend a day on Capitol Hill and meet your elected officials.

Not only will it be a boost on your college applications, but as a Youth Tourist you also have the opportunity to be eligible for one of three annual

scholarships. They 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.

The Youth Tour is an annual event coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC). Tour activities begin on Saturday, June 14, with an orientation dinner for participants in Raleigh. It ends the following Friday, June 20, with the return trip to Raleigh.

For more information, complete the sign-up card enclosed with your January 2014 billing statement and return to: Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Attn: Youth Tour Coordinator, PO Box 1569, Forest City, NC, 28043-1569. You may also submit your request by going to Rutherford EMC's website at www.remc.com, or by calling Denise Gavin at 1-800-521-0920 or 828-245-1621, ext. 417. Please submit your request for more information on entering the contest by February 7. Remember—deadline for completed entries is February 14, 2014. For additional information about the Rural Electric Youth Tour, visit NC Electric Cooperatives.com and YouthTour.coop. You can also join our Facebook page by searching for North Carolina Youth Tour on Facebook.com.

Scholarships to Summer Basketball Camps: Apply Today!

Calling all basketball fans! North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives are once again offering middle-school students the chance to win a full scholarship to summer basketball camp. Young men can apply to attend the June 21-25 Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Young ladies can apply to attend the June 23-26 Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Rutherford EMC will award scholarships to one boy and one girl this

year. At the overnight camps, coaches and college athletes will work directly with campers to develop fundamental skills that will help the young athletes excel both on and off the court.

Students who will be in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the 2014-2015 school year can apply starting January 2. Applications and guidelines can be found online at Rutherford EMC's website, www.remc.com, or requested by mail by contacting Denise Gavin at 1-800-521-0920 or 828-245-1621, extension 417.

2013 Service Awards Total 670 Years

Rutherford EMC recently recognized three directors and 28 employees for their service, which totals 670 years. Directors and employees with 30 years or more of service received a plaque, and those with less than 30 years received a certificate based on five-year intervals.

Following are service award recipients who received plaques for their years of service:

BURKE-MCDOWELL DISTRICT

Frank Queen (director) and Robert Sisk (director), 50
Jeff Brittain and Amy Worley, 30

LINCOLN-GASTON DISTRICT

Stan Carpenter, 35

RUTHERFORD-POLK DISTRICT

Joe Joplin, 40
Robbie Cole and Gordon McDaniel, 35

Following are service award recipients who received certificates for their years of service:

BURKE-MCDOWELL DISTRICT

Hubert Howard and Lee Wheeler, 25
C. N. Baker, Lee Brittain and Ed Browing, 20
Dennis Lutjens, 10

LINCOLN-GASTON DISTRICT

Dean Carpenter (director) and Glen Hudson, 25
Barry Richards, Doyle Taylor and Jeff Warlick, 20

Jerry Austin and Linda Bean, 15
Lynn Maynard, Myra Neill and Phil Peeler, 10
Scott Qualls, 5

RUTHERFORD-POLK DISTRICT

Colon Saunders, 25
Scott Campbell, 15
Tom Haire and Ben Owens, 10
Misty Haynes and Meghan Melton, 5

Congratulations to all our service award recipients!