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National Co-op Youth Tour Provides Students With Exciting Educational Experiences

Wesley "Wes" Johnson of Gastonia, Daniel Kim of Marion, and Cayla Green of Bostic attended the 2009 Rural Electric Youth Tour June 13-19 in Washington, D.C. They were among more than 1,500 high school students nationwide who attended the Youth Tour to learn about electric cooperatives, American history and the U.S. government. Students also had the opportunity to visit the historic sights of the nation's capital. Rutherford EMC sponsored Wes, the son of Scottie and Karan Johnson; Daniel, the son of Yong and Ae Ja Kim; and Cayla, the daughter of David and Libby Green.

This year, North Carolina students who attended the Youth Tour were able to meet 10 of North Carolina's 13 members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The representatives stressed the importance of contacting elected officials to the students. The Youth Tourists also met with Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), who talked to the students about our nation's energy policy.

The Youth Tour has brought students to Washington, D.C. since the late 1950s. To date,

more than 40,000 students from small towns across the nation have participated in this program. Past participants of the Youth Tour have gone on to design airplanes, work as congressional aides on Capitol Hill and serve in some of the highest ranks of our government, including the U.S. Senate.

The Youth Tour aims to educate youth on all aspects of rural electrification in order to promote a better understanding of the value of rural electric cooperatives. The Youth Tour provides an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative-related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and the political environment of the nation's capital. The trip also gives participants an opportunity to meet elected officials and to better understand how the federal government operates.

The North Carolina Youth Tourists learned firsthand how a cooperative works by donating \$1 each to form their own "soda pop co-op" to supply themselves with soft drinks during the

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From left to right, Daniel Kim of Marion, Cayla Green of Bostic and Wes Johnson of Gastonia, represented Rutherford EMC on the 45th Rural Electric Youth Tour, held June 13-19 in Washington, D.C.

Smoke Alarms in Your Home

Smoke alarms are one of the most important safety devices that you could ever own. These alarms act as an early warning system to help you and your family escape safely in the event of a home fire.

There are two types of smoke alarms: one that detects flames and one that detects smoke. It is recommended that you have both types of smoke alarms in your home or a smoke alarm that is a combination of the two, which is called a dual sensor smoke alarm. Any type of fire can be fatal, and you never know what type may occur in your home.

Smoke alarms should be installed on each

level of your home, and North Carolina code requires that finished basements and attics have smoke alarms. It is especially important to place smoke alarms outside of sleeping areas and inside each bedroom in your home so that sleeping occupants will hear the alarm if there is a fire. According to North Carolina building codes, new homes are required to have interconnected smoke alarms that are wired together so that if one detector in your home sounds, the others will also sound. Although this isn't required in older homes, it is recommended because it will prevent a remote detector from going unheard and

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Annual Meeting Registration Card Changing

Your annual meeting registration card for this year's meeting will not be sent in a separate mailing as it has been done for many years in the past. Annual meeting registration cards will be included as part of the cover wrap (outside cover) of the October issue of Carolina Country. You will receive your October magazine by late September to early October, so be sure to remove your registration card from the front cover. Please bring it to the annual meeting so that you can receive your door prize at registration and be entered into the prize drawing after the meeting adjourns.

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

John Deere Power Wheels farm tractor w/trailer - 2-spd. w/reverse, like new, \$75. 828-442-2111.

8-pc. dining room set - made in North Carolina in 1960s by Kent Coffey Furniture Co., \$1,200. 704-732-4983.

'89, 25th Anniversary Mustang - new paint, trans., rear end, clutch, headliner & many more things, very nice, \$6,995 OBO. 828-443-8333.

Stainless steel stove top - 4 eyes, 35"Wx20"L, good cond., \$75. 828-437-5487.

3 big animal cages; dual axle, 10x6 trailer w/2" ball coupler; single axle, 8x4 trailer w/1-1/2" sides w/2" ball coupler; 300 brick. Bob or Marie at 704-396-6934.

Total Gym XLS - wing attachment, Pilates accessory kit, leg pull accessory & videos, exc. cond., \$1,200, pd. \$1,700; Slimline bed cover for '02 F-250 short bed PU, black, like new, \$500; Easy Shaper Ultimate w/1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5 & 3.0 lb. resistance bands, exc. cond., \$40. 704-435-0202.

4 small cabinets - mount on wall for shelves, \$10 ea.; big cabinet, sits on floor, \$25; spruce lumber, 1x6x8, 100 pcs., \$300; new TiVo box, works w/cable, digital cable & satellite, \$25; full-sz. comforter (blue & green), fitted sheet, 2 pillowcases, \$20; blue full-sz. comforter, fitted sheet, 2 pillowcases, \$20. 828-584-0405 or 828-413-5329.

'52 Packard - motor runs good, newly painted, interior in good cond. 828-894-3194.

Schwinn Airdyne exercise bike - \$300; 2-wheel dolly for car towing, \$400; electric wheelchair carrying rack, \$300; Kenmore & White sewing machines, \$50 ea.; large metal lathe (you move), make offer; several hundred feet of oak lumber, 2x12"x12", also assorted sizes of 1", make offer. 704-867-0328.

'57 Dodge truck; '08 Harley-Davidson Softail Night Train, only 1,800 mi., one of a kind custom bike, too many extras to list, \$14,500, over \$23,000 invested; large assortment of Harley accessories. 828-403-8236.

Land in Gastonia, N.C. - Chapel Grove area, private area for possible new home, comes w/older fixer-upper mob. home w/well & septic tank, \$35,000. 704-913-1794 or 704-865-3772.

'67 Ford Mustang coupe w/'88 302 roller motor EF5 w/fuel injection - front power disc brakes, manual 5-spd., PS, extra chrome & hood, 85% restored, \$9,000 OBO or willing to talk trade; '06 Jeep Wrangler, special "Wildbillcon" edition, 4-cyl., soft top, 6-spd. manual, 4x4, 36,000 mi., \$11,000 or willing to talk trade. 828-286-8851.

2 cruise tickets to the Bahamas - 3 days, 2 nights, many extras, \$500. 704-854-8709.

2 new recliners - beige or tan, \$200 ea., pd. \$379 ea.; new & very pretty oak table w/4 chairs, \$350, pd. \$650; used entertainment center w/glass shelves, very nice, \$100 or small one for \$40; glass table for TV, etc.; beautiful wedding dress, sz. XL, \$200, pd. \$900. 704-735-2297 aft. 5 pm.

21" steel deck Lawn-Boy, self-propelled lawn mower - E/W 2-cycle eng., used very little, has been in storage, \$150; Chicago Electric, 110V, 130T, MIG welder w/regulator, rarely used, \$100. 704-263-2498.

Old homeplace on 1.42 ac. - borders Johns River Game Land, Morganton, N.C., brick hse., 3 BRs, 1 BA, hardwood floors, elec. heat, FP w/insert, \$90,500. 828-584-6633.

Sears air compressor - 1.5-HP, 12-gal., not used many times, \$100. 704-447-5025.

1.18 ac. lot in Nebo, N.C. - Hidden Lake (gated log cabin home community), pool, walking trails, 10-ac. lake, short drive to Lake James & Blue Ridge Parkway, will sell for payoff of loan - \$28,000, can e-mail pictures. 772-285-7387.

Empire vented gas heater - like new, freestanding cabinet style, \$500, pd. \$1,000; gas range, \$100. 704-538-7960.

Dell Inspiron 1526 laptop - CD burner, 120 HD, 2-gig memory, \$300; Kenmore washer & dryer, good cond., \$200. 828-726-2200, ext. 4705 (Mon. & Wed., 12-5 pm) or 828-850-2307 (9 am-5 pm).

Plastic bathroom sink - \$10. 704-538-7615.

Grave plot w/vault in Old Rugged Cross section of Forest Lawn Cemetery in Lincolnton, N.C. - \$1,500. 704-735-4219, Mon.-Fri., 9 am-6 pm.

Children's train table w/train set - \$75; complete, white, 3-in-1 crib, \$65; Dora crib sheet set w/comforter & matching curtains, \$20. All items are in good cond. 704-739-4070.

AKC-registered Boxer pups - 2 females (1 brendle, 1 fawn), tails docked, dewclaws removed, born 5-7-09, \$175 ea. 704-276-2330 or 704-678-8050.

Set of 10.31x15, BFG KO tires on Eagle bullet hole polished wheels - locker type, almost new, 100 mi., \$850. 828-433-6760 or 828-443-1913.

Baby pigs - Gary at 704-854-8709.

Project bike - '98 Kawasaki Vulcan Classic, 1470cc, looks great, needs some mechanical work, \$1,500 OBO. 704-231-4726.

Twin electric hospital bed - like new; wheelchair; also, other home health care items; '01 Jaguar, burgundy, sunroof, garage-kept, low mileage, great on gas, very nice, \$12,000 OBO. 704-435-6995.

Hay - '09 cutting, large square bales, stored in barn, \$3.50/bale. 704-435-2266.

Wagon wheel coffee table w/smoked glass top; wagon wheel hub lamp; old cane bottom rocking chair; old floor lamp; oak desk w/chair; old roll-top student desk; large carved dough bowl. 704-922-3135.

14x70 mob. home - 2 BRs, 1-1/2 BAs, freshly painted outside (rose color), heat pump, ramp, 12x10 screened deck w/carpet & stairs, willing to finance, \$3,000 OBO, home must be paid off by 12-3-09, must be moved off property, everything in exc. cond. Noah at 704-739-3985.

House on 4 ac. - 3-BR, 2-BA, brick ranch in western Lincoln County w/full basement, large split-level deck w/built-in swing, goldfish pond & flowering gardens, \$175,000. 828-446-3103.

'05 Honda CRF50 motorcycle - low hrs., like new,

\$800; '06, 90cc, children's 4-wheeler, \$200 neg.; '06 Flagstaff travel trailer, 20', sleeps 7, sell for payoff, \$13,500; complete Century sleigh bed (king), \$500; single bed w/medium sz. headboard, w/trundle, light oak finish, \$300. 828-308-3349 or 828-308-3417.

'05 GZ Suzuki street motorcycle - black, exc. cond., 2,440 mi., includes windshield & extra seat, great beginner's bike, \$2,000. 704-692-8764.

2 lovely lots in Gaston Memorial Park in Gastonia - "Garden of Time," older section no longer available to the public, \$3,500 for both. 704-629-9140.

'55 black Chev. coupe w/black & white int., rebuilt motor, body & chrome in very good cond., road ready, \$32,000; 3,500-watt Honda generator, \$650; 2 pairs of safety work boots, sz. 11EE, still in boxes, \$30 ea.; cedar shavings in very large bag, \$10 ea. 828-403-5976.

'93 Bomber bass boat w/40-HP Mercury - Classic trailer w/3 new tires including spare, livewell, depth finder, power trim, lots of storage area, includes anchors & life jackets, owned by same family since '95, exc. cond., low hrs. on boat & motor, \$3,200 OBO. 704-629-4285 or 704-830-4678.

Antique marble top parlor table - 2'5" tall, tulip design carvings, exc. cond., \$300, can send photos. 828-738-3109.

Bush Hog rotary cutter - 6' cut, Model No. 306, pull type w/2 laminated solid wheels (one on each side), also includes a John Deere cylinder, bush hog is in good working cond., \$700 firm. 704-538-0808 aft. 1 pm.

Snapper, 9-HP, 28" cut, manual start rider - very good cond., \$345; Snap-on thread restoring tool, No. TR-20, \$95; Stanley Bostitch 2" hardwood flooring staples, Model BCS1516, \$35, over \$70 ea. 828-894-2562.

'06 Mustang GT convertible - 1,000 Shaker radio, AT, cold air performance pkg., never seen rain, red w/black top, new in every way, 6,000 act. mi., \$28,975. 828-433-6760 or 828-443-1913.

Minolta copier/fax machine - Model No. DB033, has been used for 3 yrs. sparingly & is in exc. cond., \$2,500, orig. price approx. \$11,000. 704-852-9210.

Adams horse trailer - 4-horse w/rear tack & dressing rm., drop-down windows, new tires, good cond., \$4,500. 704-735-0722.

Very nice wedding gown - sz. 12, \$50; very nice bridesmaid/prom dress, sz. 9/10, \$25. 704-735-6402.

Heat & air gas unit - 2-1/2 ton, 6 yrs. old, good cond.; pair of peacocks. 828-874-3539.

5 Snapper blades for riding lawn mower - \$15; 18' flagpole, \$20; older fax machine w/paper rolls, \$20; 8-1/2' formal sofa (retro); Whirlpool washer & dryer, \$350. 704-732-4983.

Benchcraft rattan furniture from Hickory Furniture Mart - vintage finish, chair, ottoman, sofa & 2 end tables w/glass tops, 4 throw pillows, upgrade fabric w/mauve, tan, burgundy, beige & green, exc. cond., \$1,100; Bill Elliott collectibles, too many to list, \$2,000, over \$4,000 invested. 704-435-0202.

Cabinets - 6 pcs., three 31"Wx27"Hx22"D, one 34"Wx27"Hx22"D, corner cabinet 42"H w/16"dr. & bookcase 71-1/2"Hx25"Wx10"D, \$150 or \$25 ea.; new white vinyl windows, one 68-1/2x48-1/2, one 41-1/2x59-1/2, \$165 & \$150. 828-584-0405 or 828-413-5329.

Child's loft bed - Broyhill design w/armoire, bachelor chest, bookcase & 6-drawer dresser, \$250. 828-286-8851.

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Harley-Davidson motorcycle - \$4,500. Gary at 704-854-8709.

Bush Hog 3-pt. hitch rototiller - heavy duty, tines like new, 5' wide, ready to work, \$1,400 OBO; Gill 3-pt. hitch commercial aerator, 6' wide, 2 rollers w/spikes, roller will swivel to different angles to bust up compacted soil, good cond., \$800 OBO. 704-629-4285 or 704-830-4678.

'07 Mustang convertible - white w/tan top & leather, 500 Shaker radio, AT, 11,600 mi., 2-owner, garage-kept, extra nice, \$18,500. 828-443-1913 or 828-433-6760.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Rent: Mtn. cabin & beach condo - luxury cabin 50 min. from downtown Asheville, N.C., over 2,700 sq. ft., 3 flrs., 3 master suites, amazing view from 850 sq. ft. of decks, stainless steel appl., gameroom downstairs w/full-sz. washer/dryer, sleeps 6-8 w/minimum of 2 nights; ground flr. condo in New Smyrna Bch., Fla., 25' from river & next dr. to Bethune Pk. on A1A w/ocean 1,000' away, sleeps 6, 2 BRs/BAs, launch/dock space up to 20' boat, minimum rent 1

week, can rent monthly-yearly. 407-463-2458.

For Rent: Single-wide mob. home in Lincolnton - 1,100 sq. ft., 2 BRs, 2 BAs, \$450/mo. 828-726-2200, ext. 4705 (Mon & Wed., 12-5 pm) or 828-850-2307 (9 am-5 pm).

For Rent: Nice mob. home between Belwood & Casar - suitable for one or two people, no pets, ref. & dep. required. 704-538-7615.

For Rent: Nice condo - Myrtle Beach, best area, fabulous price, end unit, 2 BRs, 2 full BAs, sleeps 6, washer/dryer, hot tub/jacuzzi, family-oriented, 1 block from beach. 828-286-2776.

For Rent: Myrtle Beach rentals - Ocean Lakes, large 4-BR, 2-BA home, sleeps 10, lrg. screened porch, 2 decks, patio w/grill, covered parking for 3 cars, all on ground level; N. Myrtle Bch., Tilghman Bch. Racket Club condo; 3 BRs, 2-1/2 BAs, Ocean Drive; Myrtle Bch. Compass Cove, efficiency kit., sleeps 4, oceanfront. 704-435-6995.

For Rent or Lease: 3,500 sq. ft. building in Crouse, N.C. - on Hwy. 150, not far from Wal-Mart, use as office space or warehouse. 704-735-2297 aft. 5 pm

or 704-732-3892.

For Sale or Trade: '75 Ford flatbed truck - 390 eng., lots of new parts, \$1,800 or trade; six 750x16 tires on 2-pc. 8-lug wheels, less than 600 mi., \$550 or trade. 828-584-0405 or 828-413-5329.

WANTED

Approx. 5 acres for pasture within 10 mi. of Marion, N.C. - reasonable, prefer water available but not necessary. Ms. Brady at 336-577-1813.

4, used, scaffold castor wheels with or without scaffold sections. 828-288-1168.

Doghouse for large dog & fenced-in kennel. 828-659-3744.

June apples. 704-732-2769.

Alaska quarters - need 4 rolls, will trade or buy at reasonable price. 704-732-0058.

Someone in Morganton area to teach me the art of hand quilting - interested in some of the old patterns. 828-584-7778.

Wood stove w/double doors in front - prefer small stove but would consider any sz., will take any extras. 704-435-3753.

Smoke Alarms

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increase escape time. Work with your family, including children, to develop an emergency escape plan that includes drills for exiting your home during the day and night.

Test the smoke alarms in your home to make sure they work properly. Change the batteries in your smoke alarm at least once a year, and test the batteries twice a year. Use the fall and spring time changes to help you remember when to test the alarms. To test your smoke alarms, press the "test" button and make sure that each device beeps or rings loudly.

These devices usually have a life of about eight to 10 years, and you should replace the whole fixture after this time frame.

Smoke alarms can be purchased at most hardware and home supply stores. Some fire departments even offer smoke alarms for little cost. To find out more about purchasing a smoke alarm, contact your local fire department by calling their non-emergency phone number.

These inexpensive devices are critical for your safety. The early warning signal provided by a smoke alarm can save your life and your home.



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Notice of Capital Credit Assignment

Non-Profit Operation

Each year the Cooperative's revenues in excess of its operating expenses are recorded on the books as capital furnished by the members, and is known as "capital credits". Members are notified of the percentage of margins or capital credits assigned for each year. To compute your individual capital credits for the year 2008, you need only to apply the percentage figure shown in the table below to the sum of energy charges, and any fuel and yard light charges from your 2008 electric service bills, excluding sales tax.

Refunds of Capital Credits to Estates

Discounted refunds of capital credits accumulated from operating margins are being returned to estates of deceased members on a continuing basis as the required documents are presented. If you know of such a deceased member for whom an application of refund has not been submitted to Rutherford EMC, the proper representative may apply for the refund and submit the required evidence of death at any REMC office. It is important that the electric service be changed to the surviving spouse or the person currently receiving service.

General Refund to Members

Capital Credit refunds are planned as REMC's financial position permits.

The percentages for margins shown below are applicable to consumers served on Rate Schedules E, G, and Security and Street Lighting. Industrial and large power consumers served on other schedules can be notified individually of capital assigned.

Your Capital Credit Assignment Would Be:

<i>If Your Total Electric Bills for 2008 Were:</i>	<i>2008 Operating Margins (Bill x 5.532838%)</i>
\$500.00	\$27.66
\$1,000.00	\$55.33
\$2,000.00	\$110.66
\$3,000.00	\$165.99
\$4,000.00	\$221.31

Where to Get Home Weatherization Assistance

Local agencies are coordinating the federal program to help low-income families add energy-efficiency improvements to their homes

The national Recovery Act signed into law in February expands eligibility of families and individuals (low-income, elderly or disabled) to take advantage of programs that help improve efficiency and comfort in homes. North Carolina agencies will be coordinating this program that helps low-income families add energy efficiency materials and methods to their homes.

Families with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines or those receiving certain cash assistance payments are eligible for weatherization services. For example, a family of four can earn up to \$44,100 a year and be eligible for the program. A family of two can earn up to \$29,140.

Weatherizing your home can save you at least \$300 in yearly energy expenses, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

To apply, contact your local agency to arrange for an energy audit and testing on your home. These tests are used to determine air infiltration, heat loss, levels of carbon monoxide and identify recommended energy efficiency, safety and health measures.

**County and Local Agencies
Coordinating Low-Income
Weatherization
Assistance in Rutherford
EMC's Service Area**

Burke, Caldwell, Catawba
Blue Ridge Community Action
Morganton (828-438-6255)

Gaston
Gaston Community Action
Gastonia (704-861-2283)

**Cleveland, McDowell,
Polk, Rutherford**
Isothermal Planning and
Development Commission
Rutherfordton
(828-287-2281)

Lincoln
I Care, Inc
Statesville (704-872-8141)

Mitchell
W.A.M.Y. Community Action
Boone (828-264-2421)

To get detailed information and see the forms required, contact the state coordinating agency:

WEATHERIZATION SERVICES
Office of Economic Opportunity
N.C. Department of Health and Human
Services
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
919-715-5850
www.ncdhhs.gov/oeo



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trip. They elected a board of directors and hired a manager and an assistant manager to oversee the co-op. Rutherford EMC's Daniel Kim served on the soda pop co-op's board. At trip's end, they dissolved the co-op, liquidated its assets, and returned membership fees and capital credits to themselves, as the cooperative's members.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is a joint effort of Rutherford EMC and other local electric cooperatives, their statewide cooperative associations, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Arlington, Va.