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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Rutherford County Economic Development is pleased to announce the winner, first runner up and second runner up of the inaugural “Coolest Thing Made in Rutherford County” contest. The contest was held via virtual voting on Facebook, with nominations posted on December 1 and public votes were cast through December 31, 2020. The winners were determined by the number of “likes” each nominee received on a Facebook post showcasing their product. Thirty-one products made in Rutherford County were nominated for this contest.

The second runner up, with 56 votes, was the [Pajik Fence Stretcher](#), made by Price’s Machine Shop in Rutherfordton. If you need to make your next fencing project easier, faster and simpler, this is the tool you will need.

The first runner up, with 65 votes, was the [Custom Tailgate Bench](#) made by Harrill & Harrill Design Co., of Forest City. Be sure to visit their store to see the specialized home décor, custom furniture, vintage finds and antiques.

The winner of the “Coolest thing Made in Rutherford County” contest for 2020, with an impressive 214 votes, was the [Emerson Bag](#), made by Night Owl Iron Works of Rutherfordton. Night Owl has found great success providing quality, handmade products for businesses and individuals alike. They also focus on traditional blacksmith techniques and work with the local community through a variety of [classes](#). Enroll today!

Rutherford County Economic Development is proud of all of the excellent nominees that were submitted for this contest. We appreciate all of the community members who nominated products for the contest, and for the hundreds of people who voted for their favorite products. Through this contest, we hope citizens of Rutherford County had a unique opportunity to learn about products manufactured right here in the community, and to develop an appreciation for the businesses, large and small, who contribute to our economic landscape.