

The *Electrifier*

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MARSHALL, NC

Come Join Us on May 6th for our 76th Annual Meeting

(Madison High School - Marshall, NC)

Schedule of Events

9:00am to 10:30am

- *Registration
- *Health Fair
- *Roving Entertainment
- *Kid Zone

10:30am to 11:30am

- *Featured Entertainment
(The Whisnants)

11:30am

- *Business Meeting

New Time!!!

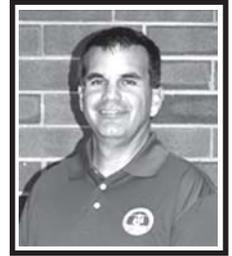
New Time!!!

Breakfast will be sold
as a fundraiser

Door Prizes
will be given away following
the business meeting



Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

Weathering the Storms

It's still early March as this column is being written. Reflecting back on this winter, we experienced some unusually wild weather swings. Early in the year, temperatures hovered in the upper twenties for daily highs for a couple of days with lows dipping into the teens. Now, here in March, we are once again experiencing frigid temperatures. Hopefully, a few of those dreaded summer insects were taken out because of it.

Growing up, we were always told we need some really cold nights to kill the mosquitoes. Evidently, it never gets cold enough to make much of a difference. However, for the most part this has been a winter that will be known for a lack of snow and cold weather. It's been great wearing short-sleeved shirts on those warm, spring-like days, when highs were recorded in the seventies. It sure made me look forward to spring and I am sure that several folks have even thought about warming up their turkey calls. But we cannot count bad weather out yet.

In the past, we have had some doozies of storms hit the system in the month of March and even April. Everything from ice storms to blizzards are in the mix. No matter what comes our way, the National Weather Service wants us to be prepared for any weather event. Severe weather can happen anytime, in any part of the country. It can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms,

including damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and flash flooding, as well as winter storms associated with freezing rain, sleet, snow and strong winds.

This is a great week to sit down and take a few moments to make a plan for your family at home, work, school or even for when you are outdoors. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has an abundance of tips on their website (www.ready.gov), and they even have an app you can put on your smartphone that includes safety tips, weather alerts and a section to input details about your family's emergency kit and meeting places.



So how does French Broad EMC prepare? Your cooperative employees work every day to prevent outages and take steps to lessen the impact on you and your families when storms hit, from performing routine maintenance on equipment and utilizing an aggressive right-of-way trimming program to progressive planning for system load growth. Being prepared makes for a much more efficient and effective response. Not only does all this planning result in faster outage restoration, it helps us keep costs down for you, our member-owners.

A well-maintained system is more resilient and can better withstand damaging storms. French Broad EMC has developed a storm plan that is activated in the likely event that our system will be impacted. The storm plan covers activating the storm center, scheduling employees' work rotation shifts, answering outage calls, fueling up trucks, and securing line materials, equipment, and additional crews (and preparing for their housing and food). With a plan in place, we're not spending precious time and resources trying to figure out what to do. We're hitting the ground running as soon as the first outage call comes in.

A key component of our (and hopefully your) storm plan is communication. We do our best to share safety and preparedness information on our website and social media before the storm and provide updates on our progress when we have widespread outages. We also work closely with the news media and emergency management agencies to keep you up-to-date on our efforts. And even though we have employees here to answer phones around the clock, we have several convenient tools that you can use to stay connected to us throughout a storm, such as our website, Facebook and Twitter. Preparedness can make all the difference for the safety and comfort of our families when storms hit. We will be ready to weather any spring storms that come our way, and I hope you will too.

2016 Capital Credit Assignment

If you were a member of French Broad EMC in 2016, you are entitled to a share of the co-op's profit. At the end of each year, any remaining funds the cooperative has after paying the bills are called **margins**, or **capital credits**. In 2016, FBEMC's margins amounted to 4.626 percent of its revenues. Your share of the profit is recorded in your capital credits account. Your share is based on the amount of electricity you used during the year. Margins are not refunded immediately but are held in reserve to cover the cost of maintaining the electric system and building new facilities. By using these funds, the cooperative can reduce the amount of money it borrows. The goal is to ultimately refund all credits to you. In the meantime, it serves to provide adequate cash flow for reinvestment in the business and show financial stability required to obtain loans.

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Deadlines for submitting ads or notices to: **The Electrifier.**

May issue	April 15th
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The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

This is a **FREE** service to members for advertising non-commercial items. Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted. Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space.

French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed.

When submitting ads for The Outlet, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and account number. Ads without this reference information are subject to not being published.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

Westinghouse oven, white, \$200. 680-9658.

Amana college refrigerator, \$70. 680-9658.

Cargo carrier w/ racks, Sears. 688-3693.

3BR/2BA DW on 1/2 acre. 682-4965 after 5pm.

Firewood, hardwood, \$125/cord, you haul. 407-8434 or 280-0719.

Ford log truck, diesel 9000 series. 423/743-7491.

Electric dog fence, 30ac range, \$135. 682-2860.

Prom dress w/ sequins, hot pink, strapless, size 8 fits 6, \$30. 385-1204.

Precious Moments dolls, various, \$5-\$70. 385-1204.

2006 Wildwood gooseneck 33' camper, sleeps 10, \$6,200. 682-1407.

2006 Chevy Impala, black, 108k mi, auto, \$3,100. 682-1407.

Fiberglass extension ladder, 25', 300lb capacity, \$200. 380-9170.

Master air compressor, portable, \$125. 536-5052.

3BR/2BA DW, must be moved, \$20,000. 231-7025.

3BR brick house on 1.47ac + 23 Acres. 682-6885.

(2) Walkers, (1) Wheelchair. 243-5913 or 423/557-6641.

Kimball piano and bench. 683-9427.

Little Guy teardrop camper. 206-9820.

Bobcat 773. 206-9820.

Late 2010 Macbook Air, \$399. 989-7771.

Walnut lumber, 800 bd ft, \$1,600. 423/743-4157.

LP records, approx. 200, 70s/80s misc music, make offer. 765-2081.

Propane grill w/ 2 burners & side burner, \$100. 622-7225.

John Deere D140 riding mower, 22HP, \$1,475. 622-7225.

2009 Harley Davidson Rocker C, 7k mi, black, \$8,500. 334/296-6198.

2006 Sierra 36' 2BR fifth wheel camper w/ 3 slides & hitch, \$25,500. 691-5987.

Jon boat, 14', flat bottom, 15HP motor, trailer, \$3,250. 691-5987.

Metal lathe & metal milling machine. 778-8012.

2009 33' travel trailer, \$18,000. 385-0077.

1979 Corvette L-82. 423/721-3542.

Porcelain doll collection in boxes. 206-9448.

Dust collector barrel w/ ½ HP motor, \$75. 688-3791.

National Geographic books, 1920-2004, 8 boxes, \$200. 688-3791.

3BR/2BA manufactured home, \$35,000. 989-7755.

Queen excluders(6), \$5 each. 645-2704.

2001 F-150 crew cab, 4x4, 92,400mi, \$6,750. 536-4796.

Gehl hammer mill, \$2,000 OBO. 778-4903.

Bikini Jeep top w/ hardware, fits 2007-2015, \$125. 778-4903.

Gearbox for John Deere LX-5 cutter/bushhog, \$75. 231-8961.

Solar fence batteries(2) Gallagher S17, 6volt, \$75ea. 231-8961.

Bee traps for carpenter bees, \$15. 206-2938.

Hardwood twin over futon w/ mattresses and cover, \$800 OBO. 689-2228.

Strawberries, locally grown, \$12/gal. 683-3696 or 458-6419.

Carnival pattern Blue Ridge Pottery. 423/743-5620.

Overarm router, Delta RU50 & lathe Invicta Delta 46401, \$1,700/both. 919/801-4441.

3BR/2BA SW, \$13,000. 683-3719.

1½ ac land w/ camper, septic, power, near Douglas Lake, \$21,000. 689-4455.

Gibson 250 banjo w/ case, \$900. 675-5892.

Student flute, \$75. 720/883-7679.

Guitar amp, \$75. 720/883-7679.

24" RCA flatscreen TV, \$50. 649-3985.

80 acres w/ farm house, barn, views, Erwin, TN, \$499,900. 423/735-3070.

Tractor turning plow for parts. 689-4145.

Tractor bushhog for parts. 689-4145.

Waterford crystal. 675-4271.

Vintage jewelry. 675-4271.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Plants for volunteer effort in park. 778-0428.

Old shingle splitting tool. 658-9550.

Old barn to dismantle for lumber, doors, antiques, etc. 689-1232.

Electric fence posts, wire, insulators, other fence parts. 678-3500.

Old bricks w/ no holes. 467-1545.

Year-round hunting all rights, max 4 hunters, 40+acres. 208-4977.

Honda TRX and 1979 Ford F-150 for parts. 622-3671.

Kubota mid-size garden tractor for parts. 622-3671.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: Chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: Childcare, pet care, cleaning, yard work. 778-0428.

For Rent: Creekside cabin, fire pit, pvt, fenced, \$75/night. 656-2281.

Madison Co. Farmer's Market, MHU campus, Sat 10am-2pm. 689-3606.

For Lease: 12 acres bottom land w/ water, Meadow Fork. 545-6159.

Will Do: Cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: Mowing and weedeating, free est. 337-8430.

Will Do: Lawncare, free est. 208-4777 before 8pm.

Will Do: Clean houses. 688-3693.

FREE: 150-200gal oil tank, you move. 689-2524.

Bee Log School Reunion for all students who have attended, May 27th 11am-3pm.

Will Do: Graveyard maintenance, hauling. 208-4599.

Will Do: Tree trimming, lot/view clearing, structure removals. 208-4599.

Will Do: Clean homes and vacation rentals, ref. 776-2702.

Will Do: Small excavator, tractor and dump truck work. 208-1999.

FREE: GE refrigerator w/ top freezer. 380-2130.

Will Do: mowing, leaf blowing, pressure washing, more. 689-9906.

Will Do: Housecleaning. 515-0494.

Will Do: cut trees & clear land. 675-4003.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

TIP

Q: Do you ever wonder how or where to recycle items such as rechargeable batteries, CFL bulbs or plastic shopping bags?

A: You can take these items to the recycling center at your local Lowes or Home Depot



Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule for April/May

Burnsville District

Hamrick, Colberts Creek, Clear Creek, South Toe River Rd, Busick community

Marshall District

Spring Creek community, Holcombe Branch, Lower end of Paint Fork, Beech Glen community

Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Spring is just around the corner and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating and cooling.

French Broad EMC continues to offer mini-split heat pumps at an affordable rate, which can be financed on your electric bill upon credit approval.

Visit our website for more information: www.frenchbroademc.com

