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MARSHALL, NC



(Top Left: Olivia Hughes)
(Top Right: Amber Banks)

(Right: NC Youth Tourists
on Capitol Hill)

2017 YOUTH TOUR

In June, Youth Tourists came to Washington, D.C. from states near and far with a common purpose - to learn more about electric cooperatives, to see our government in action and to experience our nation's history first hand.

The Youth Tour brings together high school students, sponsored by electric cooperatives across the United States, to our nation's capital. Students learn more about the cooperative business model and history, engage in leadership opportunities, visit with their members of Congress, tour D.C.'s historical landmarks and make memories that last a lifetime.



Students also compete for the chance to represent their state on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC). Members of the YLC return to Washington, DC for a leadership workshop, attend NRECA's Annual Meeting and address the Youth Tour delegates the following year.

Two students from French Broad EMC's service area, Amber Banks and Olivia Hughes, both rising Seniors at Mountain Heritage High School in Burnsville, joined 43 other students from across North Carolina and more than 1,800 from across the United States for this year's Youth Tour.

Tips for Lowering Your Cooling Costs

Install and set a programmable thermostat -- it could help you save up to 10 percent on heating and cooling costs a year.

Use a fan. Ceiling fans will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4 degrees without impacting your comfort.

Insulate your attic and walls, and seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.

Insulate and seal ducts -- air loss through ducts accounts for about 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption.

Don't heat your home with appliances. On hot days, consider using an outdoor grill instead of your oven.

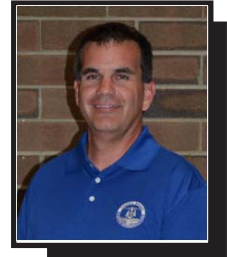
Install energy-efficient window coverings that let natural light in and prevent solar heat gain.

Buy an ENERGY STAR-qualified AC unit -- on average, they're up to 15 percent more efficient than standard models.

Use the bathroom fan when taking a shower or bath and a range hood when cooking -- this helps remove heat and humidity from your home.

Manager's Report

Regulating Coal Ash Management



Jeff Loven

Duke Energy, the investor-owned utility serving many parts of North Carolina, is finalizing plans and cost projections for how it will store and dispose of coal ash to meet recent changes to laws and regulations. Electric utilities across the country are working through similar plans, with coal ash storage facilities in 46 states.

But what is coal ash? When coal is burned to create steam and generate electricity, ash is created and becomes either bottom ash (which falls to the bottom of the boiler) or fly ash (which is driven up with flue gas and captured in filters). The ash has traditionally been stored in unlined basins near power plants. Although the ash has been ruled nonhazardous by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, its storage and handling are subject to federal and state regulations.

The most recent regulations related to coal ash began to take shape in 2008 following a coal ash spill from the Kingston power plant in Tennessee. Six years later, a coal ash spill at a Duke Energy plant into the Dan River prompted the North Carolina General Assembly to enact the Coal Ash Management Act. That initial act was amended in 2016 to, among other things, establish set criteria for the closure of each of Duke's ash basins, in turn preserving environmental goals while

reducing costs to retail customers.

Duke Energy has been working through two main coal ash projects: cleanup at the Dan River site, which has been completed, and developing coal ash management plans to meet new federal and state regulatory standards at its 33 basins across the state. Duke Energy is solely responsible for all costs associated with the 2014 spill, but costs for regulatory compliance at their other ash storage sites — seen as a cost of doing business — will be passed on to ratepayers at both the wholesale and retail level. This includes all of us as members of French Broad Electric.

Duke Energy is a long-time supplier of power to electric co-ops in the state including French Broad EMC. Although we do not own any coal generation, some of the purchased power from Duke Energy does come from coal-fired plants. As a result, North Carolina's electric cooperatives have been engaged in the coal ash management discussion since the beginning, working to represent the interests of members and ensure that coal ash is managed in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner.

Complying with coal ash management regulations will take Duke Energy several years, as it works to improve current basins, cap some basins in place or move ash to new sites. Duke Energy is tracking its progress at www.duke-energy.com/coalash.

Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Summer is here 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.

For more information visit our website at

www.frenchbroademc.com



Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule for August/September

Burnsville District

Clearing Schedule: Busick, South Toe River Road, Banks Creek, Phipps Creek, Little Creek, Bee Log, and Bald Mountain

Herbicide Schedule: East Yancey to Micaville, Town of Burnsville, West Burnsville to Charlie Brown Road, Hwy 261, McKinney Cove, White Oak, Bear Creek, Bald Mtn Transmission line, Ferguson Hill, Hwy 197S, Jacks Creek, Pine Swamp, and Bolens Creek

Marshall District

Clearing Schedule: Lower end of Big Laurel, Spill Corn, Coffee Ridge, Tilson Mountain Road, and Shelton Laurel

Herbicide Schedule: Tennessee service territory

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Monday

September 4th

in honor of



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FOR SALE

2006 Sierra 36ft 5th wheel camper, 3 slides, extras. 691-5987.

14 ft Jon boat w/ trailer. 691-5987.

Metal/glass round table w/ 4 chairs, \$175. 778-9885.

1550-gal water reservoir, poly, \$1,200 OBO. 606-8566.

1949 Chevy truck, \$13,500 OBO. 606-8566.

Antique hay rake, \$200. 704/996-2481.

2BR/2BA Mobile home, 14x70. 284-8731.

Vegetables: green beans, new potatoes. 656-2281.

Field of hay, ready to cut, 2 acres, Prices Creek, \$100. 305/988-9188.

Flea market items, shirts, tools & more, \$1ea. 305/988-9188.

Teeter Hang Ups EP-960 inversion table, \$300. 675-9250.

Migun HY-7000 massage table, \$2,500. 675-9250.

Netgear Nighthawk AC1900 smart wifi router, R7000. 680-9719.

Bowflex complete w/ squats & legs. 680-9719.

2009 Harley Nightster 1200cc, 1,500mi, \$5,800. 765-6199.

1998 Chevy Tracker, 4x4, 5spd, \$2,700. 689-9910.

Mountain home, Bakersville. 688-5527.

Basswood, 10¢/cubic inch, 6"x6". 682-4200.

Chicken eggs, free range, fert, organic, \$5/ doz. 380-1589.

Canning jars. 231-4876.

Calf nursing bottles, holders, crate, etc. 231-4876.

Honda self-propelled w/ grass catcher, \$325 OBO. 240/893-5940.

Cosmos 500 fertilizer/spreader, \$400. 240/893-5940.

Kohler 6500 Gorilla generator, \$725. 337-7728.

Convertible couch/queen bed, blue/white pinstripe, \$150. 682-9670.

John Deere D-140 riding mower, \$1,375. 622-7225.

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

2BR/2BA log home on wooded 1ac, handicap access, \$205,000. 649-1170.

1973 VW super Beetle, \$5,800. 683-3355.

4 acres, 2 furnished homes, barn views, \$165,000. 242-7787.

Piglets, 7wks, (4)females, (2)males, \$50ea. 206-0442.

Justin boots, 10D. 683-9169.

Harley Davidson shirts & vests. 683-9169.

IComfort Guidance Motion Essential II, \$650. 242-5719.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, \$4.50/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

16-gal gas tank for car/truck, \$80. 688-3693.

2003 ZR2 S-10 truck, 4x4, V6, red, 150k mi, \$9,800. 423/330-4166.

2002 Chrysler PT Cruiser, 108k mi, \$3,500 OBO. 688-4297.

46-acre homeplace, views, \$489,000. 593-7383.

Delta 4x6 horizontal band saw, 1/3 HP, \$200. 606-0416.

JD 990 tractor, loader, 8' rear blade, \$16,500. 606-0416.

Perennials, trees & shrubs, \$2-\$15. 545-8802.

Dwarf burning bushes, indoor plants. 545-8802.

Barbie bike w/ helmet, \$100. 656-9405.

Vegetables, potatoes & green beans. 656-2737.

2008 Harley Davidson Road King, \$7,200 OBO. 206-9022.

Wormy chestnut lumber. 208-0295.

English shepherd puppies, \$195/male; \$225/female. 683-3126.

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

Books on Amish & childrens books. 675-4271.

Tea pot collection & glassware. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley writing desk. 675-4003.

2011 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic, black, 10k mi, \$15,500. 208-0184.

2008 TC-30 New Holland tractor, 4WD, \$8,700 OBO. 689-7217.

Bassett 2-drawer coffee table w/ end table, solid oak, \$150. 649-2572.

Motorcycle/ATV helmets (2). 682-4020.

Red bone puppies, registered, avail 8/14, \$300ea. 206-2469.

WANTED

Planet Jr walk-behind tractor, implements, seeders. 450-0709.

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Old buildings to tear down, will clean up. 208-0295.

Medical supplies, catheter tubing. 689-9617.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOMCA, low cost neuter/spay for pets. 649-9798.

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

VBS, California Creek BC, July 30-Aug 3, 6:30pm-8:30pm; kickoff July 29, 12-5pm.

Will Do: painting, interior & exterior. 575-4664 or 206-0441.

For Rent: 2BR house near MH, \$800/mo. 380-9457.

Will Do: graveyard maintenance & structure removal. 208-4599.

Will Do: tree trimming, lot/view clearing. 208-4599.

Farmer's Market, MHU campus, Sat 9am-1pm. 689-3606.

Will Do: caregiver services, exp, Marshall. 649-9676.

Will Do: housing repairs, \$20/hr. 284-8530.

OGS training begins Oct 15, \$3,000/1yr program. 284-7715.

Will Do: elder care, cleaning, live-in or part time, Yancey Co. 675-9075.

For Rent: 3BR/2BA DW, ref req, \$550/mo. 656-9405.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

Will Do: carpentry, grandfather clocks, etc. 680-9193.

Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival, MHU, Oct 2-7. 689-1262.

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September issue	Aug 15th
October issue	Sept 15th
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Keep cool – and save on HVAC costs

When it's hot, it's tempting to crank the thermostat way down. But wait! Air conditioning is a leading culprit of higher energy bills in the summer. Prevent your AC from using more energy than necessary, keep your home more comfortable, and save money all at the same time, with these simple ideas:

- Change air filters regularly, at least every 3 months. Dirty filters make your system work harder.
- Tune up your HVAC equipment yearly to improve efficiency and comfort.
- Make sure air ducts are sealed and insulated.
- Install a smart thermostat. These devices keep energy use at a minimum, and comfort at a maximum, by automatically customizing cooling schedules to fit your life. They can also be adjusted from a mobile app.

Keep in mind that if your unit is older, or improperly sized, it may not be running as efficiently as a newer, properly-sized model could. When buying a new air conditioner, consider an energy-efficient model for savings that will last as long as you own the system.

And all summer long, resist the urge to lower that temperature setting! It won't cool the house any faster, but it will use extra energy. Keep the thermostat set to the temperature you want inside, or even a few degrees higher for additional savings.