

# The Electrifier

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MARSHALL, NC

## Bright Ideas Educational Grants Awarded

For twenty-five teachers in seventeen schools in the area, Christmas came in early November in the form of a check. These teachers were awarded funding for the Bright Ideas project proposals they submitted earlier in the fall. They were selected from applications submitted to French Broad EMC for consideration.

The grants, in amounts ranging from \$125 to \$1,500, will help fund innovative ways to improve classroom instruction. The grants will purchase supplies that are not affordable through normal school budgets, which typically are strained to meet the basic needs of teachers.

### Buncombe County

Leicester Elementary: *Tammy Gregg*

Weaverville Elementary: *Tera Yopp*

### Madison County

Brush Creek Elementary: *Joy Allen, Chastity Jenkins & Whitney Wilde*

Hot Springs Elementary: *Lisa Burlison & Judith Kroft*

Madison High: *Dawn Bankson*

Madison Middle: *Thomas Hicks, Angela Rembert*

Mars Hill Elementary: *Olivia Cauthren, Anita Henry & Mary Smith*

### Mitchell County

Bowman Middle: *Laura Cole*

Deyton Elementary: *Kelli Chapman*

Greenlee Primary: *Marisa Westall*

Harris Middle: *Deb Blevins & Dustin Hughes*

### Yancey County

Cane River Middle: *Christy Deyton & Keli Miller*

Clearmont Elementary: *Erin McKinney*

East Yancey Middle: *Beryl Carroll*

Micaville Elementary: *Karen Fox*

Mountain Heritage High: *Jessica McKinney*

### Unicoi County, TN

Unicoi Middle: *Veronica Booth*

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

# Manager's Report

## Investing in Your Capital Credits



Jeff Loven

One of the benefits in belonging to a cooperative is member ownership: You, our member-consumers actually own French Broad Electric. One of the primary benefits of ownership is sharing in the “profits” generated by the business.

French Broad Electric issues “patronage capital” based on the amount of electricity you buy during the year. Better known as “capital credits,” this is each member’s “investment” in the business of French Broad Electric.

Your electric cooperative works hard to keep rates as low as possible without affecting the quality of service you receive. When we go through the budgeting process we are ever mindful to keep costs in line without having huge margins that can cause rates to rise. However, we are required by our lenders to retain a minimal “cushion” to make sure the business remains financially solvent.

At the end of the year—after all the Cooperative’s bills have been paid—we calculate the amount of money left over, and assign the “profit” as capital credits, based on the amount of money each member has paid in to the business through electricity bills. This amount is credited to each member’s account annually. However, French Broad Electric does not return this money to members immediately. The money is used to help finance

maintenance and improvements to the Cooperative’s electric system without having to borrow money from outside sources at high interest rates. By using these margins for reinvestment in our electrical system, French Broad Electric has been able to provide high quality electrical service to its entire territory and minimize loan payments. Minimizing the amount of money the Cooperative borrows from financial institutions keep rates competitive with other utilities.

Your Board of Directors has determined the Cooperative to be in sound financial condition, and your investment in your business will be refunded based on the amount you paid through your electricity bills. Until the general retirements are made, the money is used for system improvements so the Cooperative does not have to depend so heavily on borrowed funds.

This year, we will be refunding over \$1.2 million to those folks who were customers in 1990. Members whose capital credits are \$50 or more will receive their “refund” by check in December. Capital credits represent one of the primary differences between co-ops and other electric utilities.

As they do every year, crews have been busy improving our right-of-ways, adding new infrastructure, and replacing old poles and wire so that we assure our distribution system is capable of providing

high quality electrical service to all our members. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the employees of French Broad Electric, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.



French Broad EMC Employees and Directors extend their very best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

All French Broad EMC offices will be closed  
1/2 day Thurs Dec 21st,  
Fri Dec 22nd & Mon Dec 25th  
in observance of Christmas  
and  
Mon Jan 1st in observance of  
New Years

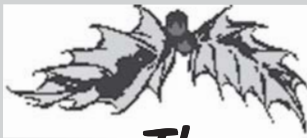
### To Report a Power Outage

**(During Normal Office Hours)**

- Madison (828) 649-2051
- Mitchell (828) 688-4815
- Yancey (828) 682-6121
- TN, Madison (800) 222-6190

**(After 4:30pm)**

- Madison (828) 649-2051
- TN (828) 649-2051
- Yancey (828) 682-6121
- Mitchell (828) 682-6121



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

January issue	Dec 10th
February issue	Jan 15th
March issue	Feb 10th



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.

Mail ads to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

1.26 Acres w/ 350' lakefront property, \$99,000. 675-9536 or 561/789-5111.

Truck bed cover, white, \$800. 779-4319.

Hay, mixed grass, \$4/square bale. 865/435-1915.

Firewood, seasoned oak, \$200/cord, you pick up. 768-4981.

55gal aquarium w/ lights, filter, \$90. 688-1144.

Italian wedding jug bride & groom, \$48. 688-1144.

Silver soprano flute, student model, \$100. 720/883-7679.

Line 6 guitar amp, Spider IV 15, \$75. 720/883-7679.

16gal gas tank for Ford truck. 688-3693.

Electric leaf blower. 688-3693.

Baby crib. 704/607-0330.

Antique chest of drawers w/ matching head&footboard, \$175ea. 305/988-9188.

Hay, you rake, cut & take, \$1.50/bale. 305/988-9188.

B-flat clarinet, \$100. 675-0540.

Propane wall heater, 15k BTU, \$125. 689-2016.

3BR home, open concept w/ fireplace, lg flat yard, Spruce Pine. 385-6632.

2013 Victory Boardwalk, pearl white, \$7,200. 385-2751.

1.25 acre lot w/ creek, shared well, \$49,900. 407/764-0943.

2003 ZR2 S10 truck, 4x4, V6, red, 150k mi, \$7,900. 423/330-4166.

2005 Salem camper trailer w/ reg hitch, \$7,750. 689-9375 after 6pm.

Motor home class A or C cover, fits 26' w/ side zip door, \$130. 919/452-1275.

Thule car tow dolly, spare tire, tongue jack & wheel covers, \$1,200. 919/452-1275.

2016 Mazda Miata, 1,200 mi. 284-6398.

2 lots Pisgah View Memorial, \$1,600. 689-2219.

Ford 1900 tractor w/ equipment, \$9,995. 689-2219.

Piano, Yamaha P95B, portable, stand & bench, \$470. 912/294-1978.

John Deere D-140 riding mower, \$1,275. 622-7225.

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

Glass-top table, 42"x72" w/ 4 high back chairs, \$300. 284-6555.

Refrigerator, dbl door, Frigidaire, black, \$350OBO. 284-6555 or 284-4608.

Student desk, hutch & chair, med brown oak wood. 683-9169.

VW parts, engine, body, 70's & earlier, \$650/lot. 423/416-0253.

2BR/1BA block home on 1 acre, Spruce Pine, \$68,000. 385-6627.

3BR/2BA DW, deck & HP, must be moved, \$60,000 OBO. 656-2490.

600 lb donkey, \$100 OBO. 645-7544.

GE chest freezer, \$300. 380-6402.

Hand-crafted 2-horse sled. 649-0070.

Lime spreaders(2), 1-metal, 1-wood. 649-0070.

Fondue set & Waterford crystal. 675-4271.

Books from 1800's & 1900's. 675-4271.

Jazzy wheelchair. 683-9401.

(2) plots, Pisgah View Cemetery, \$4,000. 683-9401.

Lumber: 15k ft chestnut; 3k ft hemlock. 688-2957.

Jet planer, 15". 688-2957.

English shepherd puppy, 5mo female, \$225. 683-3126.

Glass table w/ 4 chairs, \$150. 778-9885.

Kawasaki KX250 dirt bike, \$5,000. 778-9885.

Black walnuts, cracked, \$8/pint; \$13/quart. 689-8419.

Firewood, seasoned/dry locust, 18", \$100/ half cord. 622-3671.

#### WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Greenery w/ berries. 731-7913.

### Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter is here and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating/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](http://www.frenchbroademc.com)



Dirt bikes that need work, cheap/free, will trade for firewood. 458-1809.

Old barn, house, bldg. to tear down for lumber. 380-1232.

Old doors, lumber, flooring. 380-1232.

5+/- Acres w/wo house. 779-4322.

Oliver horse drawn, wooden beam, flat land plow, whole or for parts. 689-4167.

Honda 250 TRX 67A Asabaro Gravelly walk behind. 622-3671.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

For Lease: fenced horse pasture w/ shelter, Little Switzerland. 467-9324.

Will Do: hauling & structure removals. 208-4599.

For Rent: 1BR/1BA hillside cottage, Buladean, \$60/night. 688-6175.

Will Do: building repairs, free est, \$20/hr. 284-8530.

For Rent: Creekside cabin, fire pit, pvt, fenced in yard. 656-2281.

Will Do: pet sitting at your home, free consult. 385-4427.

Will Do: caregiver services, exp, ref avail. 206-9808.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

For Rent: 2BR/1BA SW, \$400/mo. 206-5003 or 649-5010.

Will Do: housekeeping. 206-7030.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: work on small dirt bikes. 458-1809.

Will Do: pain/reno projects, ref. 423/580-3231.

Will Do: sit with or help with elderly. 208-4008.

Will Do: Healing Touch therapy. 649-9676.

Will Do: caregiver, day/night. 206-0146.

Will Do: housecleaning. 515-0494.

Will Do: cut trees & brush. 675-4003.

For Rent: 3BR/1BA brick home, garage, yard/garden, near Mars Hill. 703/405-3459.

For Rent: 2BR apt, Marshall. 649-2453.

Will Do: lawn care. 731-7913.

### *Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Schedule December/January*

#### Marshall District

Walnut  
Sandy Bottom  
Hopewell  
Shelton Laurel  
Little Laurel  
Laurel River

#### Burnsville District

Little Creek  
Rice Road  
Blue Rock  
Halls Chapel  
Wolf Pen Branch  
Hickory Springs Road  
Phipps Creek  
Banks Creek

*May the gifts of good health, happiness  
and prosperity be yours during the  
holiday season and the coming year.*