

The Electricifier

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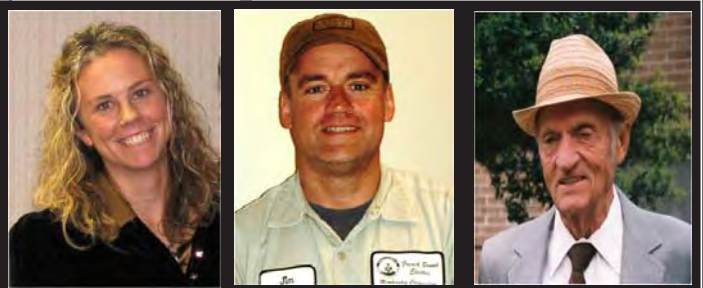
"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Twenty-four employees and four directors were recognized with service awards before the Christmas holidays. We are proud of their commitment and want our members to be aware of their accomplishments.

5 YEARS



(L to R): Jason I Worley, Cameron Lowe, Jeff Hocz, Betty Jo Taylor, Jonathyn Robinson, Amy Ayers, Jim Rudicil and Dan Quinn

10 YEARS

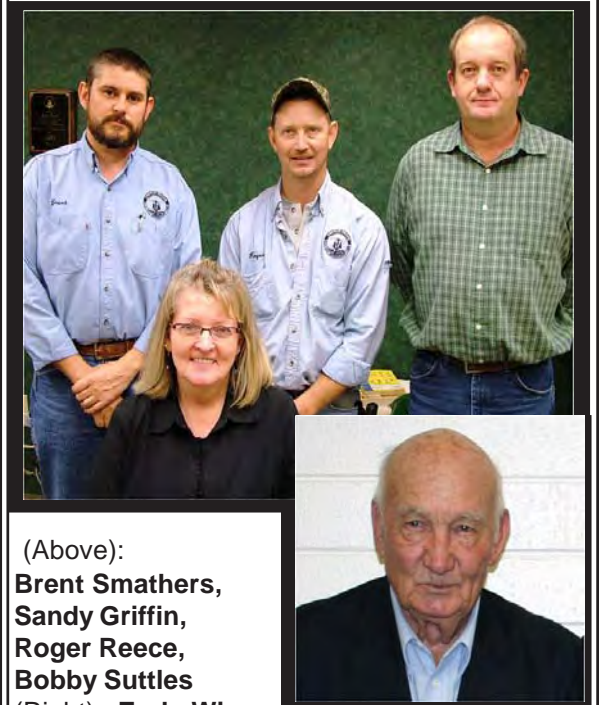


(Top Row):
Paula Seay
Julie Robinson

(Middle Row):
Gary Ball
Rebecca Fuller

(Bottom Row):
Brian Blankenship
Victor Horton

15 YEARS



(Above):
Brent Smathers,
Sandy Griffin,
Roger Reece,
Bobby Suttles
(Right): Earle Wise

Manager's Report

What is Electrical Demand?

Electricity by nature is difficult to understand and to appreciate. Most of us flip the switch and expect instant light. We probably never think about how electricity is always available in our home to power our refrigerators, TV's, and other appliances. Anything that is invisible, travels at the speed of light, and has an endless amount of uses but can be extremely dangerous is mysterious, to say the least.



Electricity is typically measured in units called watts. A "watt" is the rate at which work is

done when one ampere of electrical current flows through an electrical potential difference of one volt. Individual appliances are typically rated according to how many watts they consume in one hour of operating time. For instance, a small electric heater is commonly rated at 1,500 watts or 1.5 kilowatts. Since a watt is a very small unit of measurement, we use kilowatts (1,000 watts) to define how much energy we use at our homes.

When designing and operating an electrical system, a utility must measure the "electrical demand", which is the maximum amount of electricity that is being consumed at a given time. The utility's transmission system, substation system, and distribution system must be able to handle this maximum demand; otherwise the system would become overloaded and shut down. In order to keep these systems operational, engineers must design the electrical system to handle this maximum demand. In reality, the maximum demand on the electrical system occurs very rarely and typically occurs only for a short period of time but the wires and electrical equipment must

be designed to handle this load all the time.

While a typical residential customer only pays for the amount of electricity they consume, most commercial customers that use a large amount of electricity are billed for both demand and consumption. For example, a saw mill typically requires a significant amount of electricity to operate due to numerous electrical motors that are installed throughout the mill. These motors can all operate at the same time and require much larger electrical facilities than a residential account.

On the electrical generation side of the utility industry, the terms demand and capacity are interchangeable. The generator has to be able to generate enough electricity or have enough capacity in its generators to handle the electrical load at any given moment. In fact, utilities that generate electricity are required to have extra generator capacity which can be brought online quickly, in the event something happened to increase the demand, or in the event an online generator failed. This extra capacity is known as "spinning reserve".

Getting electricity to our homes and businesses requires a very complex network of systems, all working together all the time. Next month we will go into more detail on electrical generation and how future capacity is being developed throughout our region and what that means to our customers.



Jeff Loven

Service Awards, continued...

20 YEARS



Steve Tipton



Toby Griffin

25 YEARS

(L to R): Stacey Laughrun, Keith Boone and Robert Peterson



Summary of Bylaws Pertaining to Annual Meeting

Meeting. An annual meeting of the members of French Broad EMC shall be held on the first Saturday in May for the purpose of electing directors and hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year.

Quorum. Attendance in person or by proxy of at least two percent of the total members is required for transaction of business.

Four Directors to be Elected. Those currently serving on the board whose terms expire this year are John Chandler of District No. 1, Madison County; Dan Quinn of District No.4, Mitchell County; and Carl Ramsey of District No. 4, Unicoi County, TN.

Board Nomination Procedure Outlined. The board of directors shall appoint a Committee on Nominations not less than 30 nor more than 150 days before the annual meeting. This committee will meet on March 21, 2012, and prepare a list of nominees to be posted at each FBEMC office at least 20 days before the annual meeting.

In addition the bylaws provide that any 50 or more members may make nominations by filing a petition containing their signatures not less than 45 days before the annual meeting, listing separately the nominees by Directorate District and the nominees they oppose. The last day to receive nominations by petition is March 21, 2012.

Qualifications for Director. In order to be nominated for the board of directors, he or she must be a member of the cooperative, receive service at his or her primary residence, and shall not be a close relative of an incumbent director.

Credentials and Election Committee. At least 10 days before the annual meeting, the board of directors shall appoint a Credentials and Election Committee of not less than 5 nor more than 15 members. This committee shall pass on all questions that may arise with respect to member registration and count all ballots cast in any ballot voting.

Voting. A member shall have one registration and one vote regardless of the number of electric accounts he or she may have. An association or corporate member, including churches, may vote through a duly designated representative. This designation should be in writing.

Each member will register him or herself and up to five proxies he or she may have, receive the proper number of ballots, move directly from the registration area to a balloting area, and cast his or her ballot(s). All ballots must be cast by the time registration ends at 6 p.m.

Nominating Committee Named Nominations Deadline Is March 21

In preparation for the 2012 Annual Meeting to be held on May 5, 2012, the Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating Committee in accordance with FBEMC bylaws.

The committee is made up of representatives from each of the co-op's directorate districts. They will meet on March 21 and make nominations for the directorate positions which expire this year.

The committee members and the districts they represent are listed here:

District No. 1, Madison Co.:
Nancy Allen, Bill Ricker, H.C. Wood and Bobby Zink

District No. 2, Buncombe Co.:
Rick Bailey

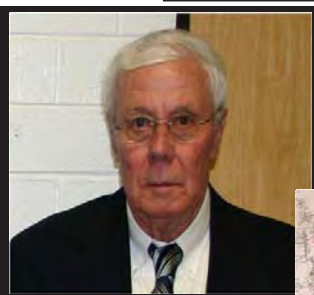
District No. 3, Yancey Co.:
Gary Gouge, Benny McKinney and Bob Proffitt

District No. 4, Mitchell Co.:
Wesley Brewer and Russell Greene

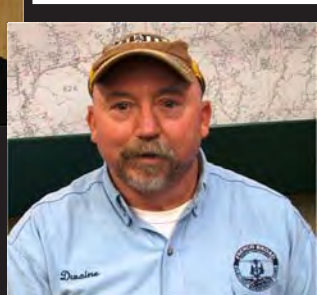
District No. 5, Unicoi Co., TN:
Denlis Foster

2012 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, DC, June 16-22, 2012. French Broad EMC will send one high school junior to be part of a reality show that allows you to experience government in real time. You can obtain an application from your high school's junior class guidance counselor or by calling Sam Hutchins at French Broad EMC (649-2051 or 1-800-222-6190). The deadline to return completed applications is March 9. Selections are based on your application, a short essay, and an interview. Go to NCElectricCooperatives.com and YouthTour.coop to get highlights from the 2012 tour. Apply now for a week you won't forget!

30 YEARS



Bill Riddle



Dwaine Strom

35 YEARS



Carl Ramsey



Bruce Hensley



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



TAKE NOTE:



For the March issue, the deadline for ads & notices is **February 10th.**

FOR SALE

Mobile Home, SW, app incl, front/back porch, must move, \$17,500. 649-2417.

Commercial Mower, Ford LGT, 16D, 54" deck, Hydro, all manuals, \$1,900. 649-2417.

3 BR/2 BA house on 2 ac, perennial garden, Mars Hill. 380-2594.

Clothing, Victoria Secret & Venus, winter/summer. 649-3334.

Reclaimed Lumber. 208-0295 or 682-6863.

1991 Ford F-150, 4WD, \$1,500. 284-6776.

2006 4-Wheeler, Artic Cat, 4x4 w/ winch, \$5,500. 284-6776.

Great Pyrenees, 8 mo, male, white, house trained, \$300. 706/726-3986.

Fireplace, wood burning w/ blower, \$300. 208-2346.

3 BR/2 BA 14x80 mobile home, 1998, Micaville school dist, \$12,500. 208-3117.

3 BR/2 BA home, Mars Hill, \$159,900. 779-3497.

Stereo w/ speakers, Phillips, AM/FM radio, 3 disc CD, dual cass, \$50. 682-6931.

3 BR/2 BA house + 25 acres. 678-9575.

Concrete Fountain w/ 24" boy on top, \$200. 649-1045.

Acquarium & supplies. 649-1045.

Hay, \$4/bale. 682-7268.

Doublewide on 1 acre, 1800sq ft, \$750/mo, sale or lease. 273-8565.

3 BR/2 BA singlewide on 1 acre, seller fin w/ down pymt. 689-5740.

18 Acres, wooded, views, springs, house sites, \$159,000. 206-9265.

2007 RV, 44', FL, porch, \$1,640 fees, \$29,900. 352/396-9797 or 407/694-3044.

2008 Camper, Salem LE 27RB, sleeps 9, no slides, hitch incl, \$11,500. 284-2123.

Firewood, 18"-24", oak, locust, seasoned, on 18' utility trailer, \$500. 606-8566.

Honey, \$12/qt; \$6/pt. 649-2768.

Generator, Troy Bilt, 7550 watt, portable, \$850. 645-7012.

Home, 3 levels, view of Mt Mitchell, 3500', \$339,000. 239/389-6155.

Dishes, Homer Laughton/Fiesta, app 100 pcs, multi colors, make offer. 683-9169.

2 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.7 acres, 1998, Flag Pond, \$59,900. 330/402-0898.

1977 Cadillac Sedan deVille, 51,639mi, \$8,500 OBO. 659-2490.

Horses(4), 1-Appaloosa; 1-Paint; 2-TN Walkers, shots current, 300 bales of hay, \$1,500. 688-1047 or 766-5907.

Diamond Ring, 1/3c. pink sapphire/ diamond accents, 18k w/ band, \$700 OBO. 656-2075.

1983 Mustang GT convertible 5spd, custom wing & hood, \$2,200. 688-4486, 385-2425.

2 Lots, 0.967 ac adjoining 0.968 ac, rd front, East Yancey. 284-0079 or 682-9880.

Shi-Tzu Puppies, born Oct 7, CKC reg, papers, 1st shots/wormed, 1 female \$400; 2 male \$350. 216-4608.

WANTED

Junk Cars, will pay cash. 689-5125.

Ride, occasionally. 649-3334.

Car, older model with low miles. 689-9095.

Old Buildings to tear down. 208-0295 or 682-6863.

Volunteers, ACS, help in the fight against cancer. 675-0305, Kathlene.Stith@cancer.org.

Used Subaru. 843/709-4700.

White Corn for grinding cornmeal. 656-8289 after 6pm.

Roof Repair on high barn. 689-4389.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chair Caning. 689-5125.

Water Aerobics, Tues & Thurs, MHC. 689-8484.

Will Clean Houses, Marshall, Mars Hill, Weaverville, N. Avl. 689-9095.

Water Aerobics, Tues & Thurs, MHC Pool. 689-8484.

For Rent: 3 BR/2 BA house, Weaverville, \$700/mo+1st/last/dep. 626-2812.

For Rent: 2 BR/1 BA apt, fully furn, Bakersville, \$400/mo. 688-2001.

Will Clean Gutters & sweep chimneys. 208-4599.

Will Cut Trees, haul mulch & gravel. 208-4599.

Computer Repair, free est. 649-0317.

Chauffeur Services for errands, etc, using his car. 658-1296.

For Rent: 2BR/1BA home, part furn, no smoking, ref, \$650/mo/1st/\$500dep. 467-5452.

Scotland Tour, July 2012, Edinburgh, scotlandtours@webtv.net or 649-9390.

Will Haul scrap metal & old cars. 545-0251 or 424-1704.

Kindermusik, Feb-May, ages 1-3 1/2. dhuff@mhc.edu or 206-3145.

Healthy Life program, Mar 7-Apr 27, Wed & Fri 10am-11am, Mad Co Co-op Ext Ctr, FREE. 649-2411.

Renewable Energy workshop, Sat Mar 24 9am-4pm, \$10 pre-reg by Mar 16. 649-2411.

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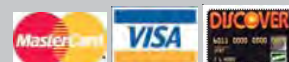
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DEADLINES

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