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MARSHALL, NC

## Congress Passes Energy Tax Credit Extensions/Revisions

Congress has extended the \$2,000 federal tax credit for builders who build energy efficient homes. The extension is from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. The legislation also includes a provision that extends the tax credit for consumers who purchase qualified energy saving products until the end of 2011, but lowers the credit to the original 10% up to \$500. Included are provisions limiting window incentives to \$200, oil and gas furnace and boiler incentives to \$150-\$200, and water heater and wood heating system incentives to \$300. As part of the legislation, Congress tightened the specifications for oil furnaces and boilers and gas boilers to 95% efficiency, up from the 90% efficiency in current credit.

The cap will be reduced from \$1,500 to \$500. The cap is on the total amount of credits a homeowner may claim between 2006 and 2011, not just for 2011. If a homeowner has already claimed \$500 or more in credit through this allowance, they will be unable to claim new credits for improvements made during 2011.

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### Congratulations to Dillon Vest

Dillon Vest is the 2011 winner of the Katie Bunch Memorial Youth Tour Scholarship (\$2,000) sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives and co-op volunteers.

This scholarship is awarded annually to one NCAEC Youth participant who is an eligible, college-bound student who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic and leadership abilities.



**FBEMC offices  
will be closed  
Friday April 22nd  
in observance  
of Easter**

## BRIGHT IDEAS EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM KICKS OFF 18<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF GIVING

*Teachers Can Apply Now  
for  
2011-12 Bright Ideas Education Grants*

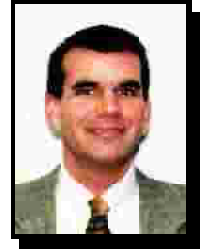
North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including French Broad EMC, have earmarked more than \$590,000 for innovative classroom-based projects through the Bright Ideas education grant program. Teachers may begin applying for grants of up to \$1,500.00. To learn more about the program and start an online application beginning April 1, 2011 visit [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

The Bright Ideas grant program is the only one of its kind in our state, exclusively for North Carolina's K-12 teachers. The deadline to submit applications for the 2011-2012 school year is September 23, 2011. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline, August 15, 2011 will be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 Visa gift card.

French Broad EMC is proud to continue to promote creativity in North Carolina classrooms and to award these grants to deserving teachers. Last year, the cooperatives were able to collectively benefit more than 100,000 students through the program statewide.

Bright Ideas has funded a wide variety of classroom projects in all disciplines that would otherwise cost teachers money from their own pockets or go unfunded. Since its inception in 1994, the Bright Ideas program has awarded more than \$7.3 million in grant money and funded more than 7,000 projects. The primary elements of this year's online application include an explanation of the creative project and its potential benefits to students. Examples of past projects are available on the Bright Ideas website. Find us on Facebook for regularly updated information regarding the program.

## Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

# ***The Clean Air Act ....the Past and the Present....***

In January, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began using authority under the Federal Clean Air Act to regulate six greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, blamed for contributing to climate change. Fossil fuels, such as coal and natural gas, emit carbon dioxide when burned. Since 49% of American electricity is generated by coal and another 20% is generated by natural gas plants, the majority of American households will be affected by this new rule.

In 1970, Congress passed the Clean Air Act, which sought to limit the release of air pollution from stationary sources such as power plants, factories and refineries, and mobile sources such as cars. In the same year, Congress created the EPA to implement requirements of the Clean Air Act. Later amendments to the Clean Air Act in 1977 and 1990 gave the EPA even more authority. The EPA

Administrator calls the federal Clean Air Act "one of the most important and beneficial pieces of legislation in our nation's history. First and foremost, it has protected the American people. It is literally a lifesaver. We estimate that it has prevented tens of thousands of premature deaths each and every year."

Since 1970, energy consumption has increased by 50% nationally, while vehicle use has increased by almost 200%. In the same span, the six most common air pollutants have decreased by more than 50%; pollution from large industrial sources, such as chemical plants, has been reduced by nearly 70%; exhaust from new cars is more than 90% cleaner than models 40 years ago; and manufacturing of most ozone-depleting chemicals has ceased; however, when previous EPA rules to curb pollutants were implemented, proven and commercially

available technology existed to reduce targeted emissions. Unfortunately, methods, tools and equipment to limit carbon dioxide emissions are just now being tested. As a result, carbon dioxide controls will be exorbitantly expensive.

The Clean Air Act, as written, was never designed to deal with carbon dioxide, and it could be awkward, at best and probably a disaster, at worst. New government regulations will almost certainly drive up our costs for power and materials.

Given all of the pressures, we need to communicate effectively with our consumers. We want to assure you that we are working together to keep electric bills affordable and to control costs through innovation. We will continue to put you first, just as we have since French Broad EMC was founded.

## Mark Your Calendar Saturday, May 7th

It is time, once again, for French Broad EMC to hold the 2011 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled to be held at Madison High School in Marshall.

As a part of the Health Fair, various healthcare representatives will be available to offer basic preventive screenings, as well as helpful information.

Featured entertainment will be The Primitive Quartet, who has been traveling and singing gospel music thirty-seven years.

We invite you to come and be a part of this annual event.



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## In Memoriam



Parnell Cooke passed away January 25, 2011 at his home. For 30 years, Parnell Cooke dedicated his time, attention and loyalty to French Broad Electric.

He understood what it meant to serve on French Broad Electric's Board of Directors and he always made decisions on what was best for the members, not necessarily the corporation. His main concern was making sure that all FBEMC customers received high quality service at a price they could afford.

Parnell was a man of principal. If he told you he would do something, then it was done. He valued his family, his friends, Electric Cooperative. Although his time here on earth has past, his legacy in his community and at his Electric Cooperative will not be forgotten and the contributions he has made will continue to allow FBEMC to flourish in the coming years.



## 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 Paula Seay, French Broad EMC, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

### FOR SALE

**3 BR/1 1/2 BA** on 1 ac, all appliances, \$175,000. 683-2915.

**Rocking Chairs.** 689-5125.

**Old Log Houses.** 208-0295; 682-6863.

**Park Model RV.** \$32,500. 352/396-9797.

**3 BR/2 BA** house, Mars Hill, flat yard, stream, \$135,000. 689-2625.

**2-pc Dish Hutch** w/ glass doors, antique, ornate, 5'x6'x2 1/2", \$2000. 206-5299.

**Prom Dresses (2),** icy green spaghetti strap, \$75; coral/2-tone halter, \$75; or \$140 both. 649-3731.

**Hot Tub,** 6' diam, W side of Burnsville, \$750. 407/688-7580.

**Kerosene Heater,** KeroHeat Model CV2230, \$65. 765-2081.

**Case XX Knife,** Copperlock Herringbone, \$75. 765-7248 after 6pm.

**3-pc Dining Set,** cherry, table w/4 chairs, buffet & china hutch. **Porcelain/Ceramic Collection.** 675-4271.

**Audio Tapes,** "Attacking Depression & Anxiety" by Lucinda Bassett, \$50 OBO. 743-7377.

**Professional Spray Gun,** Stewart Warner HiProduction, all but compressor, \$95. 765-2081.

**Home Gym,** Single Stack w/ AB/BACK, leg lifts, curls, pull-ups, chest presses, etc, \$450. 675-0290; 208-2675.

**1989 Itasca Motorhome,** 29,854 mi. 622-3594.

**1971 Ford LTD,** 71,492 mi. 622-3594.

**Washer/Dryer,** Whirlpool/Roper, w/all hoses, \$350. 768-1488.

**Baby Monitor,** Safety 1<sup>st</sup>, visual & audio, \$50. 645-4359.

**Train Table,** 33"x46 1/2", 4 bins, \$50. 645-4359.

**Garcia Spinning Rod** w/ spinning reel, #710, 8 1/2', \$50. 645-2704.

**2003 Fifth Wheel,** 27 1/2', gas/elect, 1 slide, sleeps 6, cover, hitch, \$13,500. 688-4463.

**Dairy Goats (4),** \$50 ea; **Horse,** TB mare, 16 yr reg, \$200. 682-7226 or [whiteoaknc@yahoo.com](mailto:whiteoaknc@yahoo.com)

**4 BR/1 BA,** 2 story on 15 ac, full bsmt, gar, workshop, \$189,900. 864/263-3021.

**Hay,** \$2-\$3/sq bale, Hot Springs. 865/765-2691.

**20+ Acres,** wooded, Yancey Co. 284-5501.

**3 BR/2 BA** doublewide on 3 1/4 ac, Buladean, \$60,000. 678-9701.

**3 BR/1 BA** home on 2 3/4 ac, near Bakersville, \$110,000. 688-4747; 682-5472.

**Hay,** \$30/roll. 678-9861.

**Great Pyrenes** Anatolian Shepherd cross, 10 mo old male. 689-4892.

**Exercise Machine**, Wiseman XP, digital read out, \$100. 423/735-0332.

**Royal Mahogany Flooring**, Andiroba, 462 sq ft, \$750. 284-6878.

**32" TV**, Sony Trinitron, \$200; **20" TV**, Emerson LCD, \$125. 682-4941 after 6:30pm.

**2000 Mini Trackhoe**, IHI 18j, 2,400 hrs. 682-4631; 208-2719 after 5pm.

**Microwave**, over range, SS, \$200. 649-2079.

**Horsedrawn plows; Cultivators(2)**. 645-4827; 778-8289.

**Hay**, \$4/bale, poss delivery. 777-0916.

**2003 Oakwood Mobile Home**, singlewide, appliances incl, \$23,900. 649-2417.

**Country Home** on 6 acres, garage, bldg, \$160,000 or Rent \$500/mo. 775-2055.

**Hay**, \$3.25/sq bale, Flag Pond. 423/388-8316.

**235/r65 Tire**, 17" w/ mag, Leicester. 768-6369.

**TV Cabinet** w/ 2 drawers, 54"x24.5"x45", olive color, \$300. [catchaglmp@aol.com](mailto:catchaglmp@aol.com).

**TV/Radio Combo**, 5", port, \$30. 649-3334.

**2 BR/2 BA** house on 1 1/2 ac lot, 1/2 mi W of Burnsville, full bsmt, \$190,000. 779-8174.

**Volkswagon Dunebuggy**, fiberglass body, \$4,500 OBO. 656-2094.

**Pomeranians**, white/charcoal, \$400 OBO. 689-0001.

**Electric Range**, almond, \$250. **Refrigerator**, almond, \$250. 206-3682.

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

**Porch Furnace**, propane, \$125. 688-4161.

**2003 Ford 250**, 6.0 diesel club cab, met blue, leather, rhino liner, 46,500 mi, \$25,000. **1976**

**Ford 3000** diesel farm tractor w/ disk, ditcher, plow & more, \$8,000. 622-9894.

**Sewing Machine**, Featherweight, attachments, carrying case, \$375. 515-0298.

**2 BR** house on 3 fenced ac, full bsmt, 3 mi W of Burnsville, \$180,000. 208-0980.

**5-pc Bedroom Suite**, solid cherry, \$1,150. 423/538-8700 or [aboxpop@yahoo.com](mailto:aboxpop@yahoo.com).

**Shih-tzu Puppies**, 2 male/4 female, CKC reg, pedigree papers, 1<sup>st</sup> shots, paper train. 682-0361.

**1994 Holiday Rambler**, 34 ft, 56k mi, \$12,000. 691-0927.

**Camper** w/ 8x15 add'n, screen porch, Douglas Lake, \$10,000. 206-0449.

**20-25 Acres +/-**, rolling land. 682-6829.

**Boxwoods**, 1'-3'. 649-3404; 273-7391.

**Newborn Dress**, pink/white lace ruffles, \$15.

**Bedsread** w/curtains, purple/flowers, full, \$40. 656-9405.

**Tractor**, JohnDeere 770, 82.2 hours, \$9,599. 423/538-8700 or [aboxpop@yahoo.com](mailto:aboxpop@yahoo.com).

**Boxwoods**, 18"-40", \$8.50-\$12.50. 765-1925.

**Computer**, All-in-One HPTouchSmart600, Quad Series, 23" monitor. more, \$600. 682-4792.

**Freezer**, Kenmore, 5', upright, \$150; **Exhaust Fan**, 36", whole house, \$125. 689-4102; 776-4102.

**1989 Coachman** 27' Catalina Travel Trailer, sleeps 6; **16' Utility Trailer**, 7' wide. 688-4297.

#### WANTED

**Old Buildings** to tear down, will pay. 682-6863; 208-0295.

**Ride** for disabled person, must have 4WD/AWD, will help with gas. 649-3334.

**Hand Pump** to set over a well. 689-9095.

**CD Players** or Blue Ray players that no longer work, must be free. 689-9617.

**Produce Scale**, market baskets, canning jars. 688-1580.

**Trampolines (2)**, round. 683-4207.

**Books**, records, etc, free, will pick up. 688-3883.

**Crafters** for May 21<sup>st</sup> Wama Jam, music/craft festival for Erwin HS Music. 231-5940.

**Chain Brake**, hand guard orange, late 1980's Husqvarna saw. 683-2915.

**Wood Stove**, cabinet style. 682-4718.

**Old Pressure Canner**, any condition. 682-4718.

**Old Buildings**, to buy. 208-0295 or 682-6863.

**3+ Acres** to build on or w/ small home in Mars Hill. 689-5807.

**Support** for Teen Dances. 656-2396.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Firewood Needs**, cut down, cut up, split, stack. 682-7429.

**Furniture Repair**, refinishing, any type esp antiques. 680-9193.

**For Rent: 3 BR/1 BA** HUD approved, Buladean, \$450/mo. 649-2319.

**For Rent: 4 BR/1 BA** HUD approved, Buladean, \$475/mo. 649-2319.

**Chair Caning**. 689-5125.

**For Rent: 2 BR/1 BA** mobile home, Green Mtn, \$200/mo. 423/743-6578.

**For Rent: 3 BR/1 BA** house, Mars Hill, ref req, min 1 yr lease, 1<sup>st</sup>/last+dep, \$950/mo, avail Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. 689-9104.

**Cleaning Services**, Marshall, Mars Hill, W/ve, N Avl. 689-9095.

**Childcare Services**. 680-9474.

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**Will Haul Trash** for scrap metal. 545-0251.

**For Rent: 1 BR/1 BA** 700 sq ft bsmt of cabin, pvt entrance, W of Burnsville, king bed set & util incl, \$525/mo. 407/688-7580.

**For Rent or Lease:** Office Space, 1200 sq ft and 1.84 ac vacant lot, Burnsville. 442-7630.

**Cleaning Services**, Madison Co, ref. 649-3502.

**Will Mow Yard**, weed-eat, etc. 689-9048.

**Madison County Arts Center**, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, Pierce Edens w/ the Great Unknown, \$5 donation.

**Madison County Arts Center**, Apr 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-8pm, Poster Art Opening, \$5, concert following w/ Mad Tea Party.

**For Rent: 2 BR/1 BA** apt, w/d hookup, part furn, Scronce Ck, ref, \$500/mo/dep. 689-2348 or 778-1897.

**For Rent: 2 BR/1 BA** mobile home, pvt lot, Indian Ck, \$400/mo+dep. 284-3140.

**Madison County Senior Sports Games**, Sat Apr 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm, MHC. 689-5728.

**Madison County Silver Arts** entries, Apr 1-21, ABTech Madison. 649-2947.

**Will Haul Mulch/gravel**, will clear land. 675-4003.

**Computer Repair**, free est. 649-0317.

**Handyman Services**. 688-3883.

**Child Fest 2011**, Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm, Abundant Life Outreach, Spruce Pine. 682-0717 or 765-5130.

**Children's Consignment Sale**, Apr 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Imagination Library, Cross Street Comm Ctr, Spruce Pine. 765-0805.

**Fencing**, split rail, barbed wire, etc. 284-1232 or 675-4540.

**Lawncare**, free est. 678-9861.

**Community Housing Coalition** of Madison County accepting applications. 649-1200 or [www.chcmadisoncountync.org](http://www.chcmadisoncountync.org).

**Madison County Teen Dances**, monthly. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

#### DEADLINES

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

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