

# The *Electrifier*

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Each October, cooperatives across the country celebrate the role, accomplishments and contributions of these democratically controlled, member-owned businesses. More than 130 million Americans find solutions to many of their everyday needs through different cooperatives, providing common goods and services.

Electric cooperatives were established to provide electricity to rural America and now make up the largest electric utility network in the nation. North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including French Broad EMC, are located in the communities they serve and have a special interest in seeing these communities succeed. One way to ensure success is by delivering safe, reliable and affordable power. Safety is a big part of the electric cooperative business, and in recognition of Co-op Month, we'd like to share a few safety tips with you:

- Check to make sure electrical cords are in good condition. Any cracked or frayed cords need to be replaced.
- Outlets or switches that feel warm or hot to the touch may indicate an electrical problem. Have an electrician examine the problem to make sure you don't become the victim of an electrical fire.
- Encountering an electrical shock when plugging in or unplugging an

appliance means there is an electrical hazard. Such hazards should be checked by a qualified professional.

- An appliance that repeatedly blows a fuse or trips a circuit breaker could indicate a defect that may cause a fire or electrical shock. Unplug the appliance immediately and contact an electrician.
- Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are products designed to prevent serious injury or death from electrical shock by detecting ground faults at very low levels. A GFCI will automatically disconnect the power when an electrocution hazard exists. GFCIs are a wise investment for your home because they are credited for reducing residential electrocutions by more than 50 percent over the last two decades, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

North Carolina's electric cooperatives are committed to the communities they serve safe. Familiarize yourself with these safety tips, and please feel free to contact French Broad EMC with any questions you have about electrical safety.

# Manager's Report

## WARM UP TO FALL TEMPERATURES




Jeff Loven

We are quickly trading in the warm days of summer for the cooler fall temperatures. As the days get shorter and the temperature drops, we find ourselves switching the thermostat in our homes to heat mode. Most of our heating systems have not been operated in several months, so we like to remind you, our members, that having your heating system serviced by a qualified technician is a good idea. Making sure your system is running efficiently will save money while inspecting the unit for proper operation reduces the risk of fire or mechanical problems during the coldest time of year.

More and more customers are choosing small electric heaters to heat particular areas in their home, known as "zone heating". There are many types of electric heaters, such as ceramic, infrared, radiant or convective heaters, which are available online and at many of the local retail stores. While these

small heaters are relatively inexpensive to purchase, using these devices to heat your home can be very expensive.

One portable electric heater typically uses  1500 watts of electricity in one hour which costs about 20 cents. While 20 cents does not sound like a lot of money, if you use the portable heater as a constant source of heat for a particular room, you can easily operate it for more than 16 hours per day. In a month's time, that is an additional \$100 on your electric bill. When you take into account that it can only heat about 150 square feet of space, multiple heaters are needed to keep the various rooms in your home warm. As you add more heaters, your electric bill will increase dramatically during the cold winter months.

These small electric heaters also have safety concerns. Make sure that any unit you plug into an outlet is United Laboratories approved

(UL labeled). Make sure the electrical outlets you are using have the appropriately sized wire and breakers. These devices are not designed to be used with extension cords and you should always make sure no flammable objects are anywhere near the heater because the surface of some heaters can become very hot. Keep in mind that these devices were not designed to replace a properly designed full-home heating system.

It is essential that you understand how portable electric heaters work and the costs associated with them. They are great for warming up the bathroom on a cold morning for a few minutes or knocking the chill off in a den or kitchen for an hour or so, but using them to replace a conventional full-house heating system is neither practical nor financially beneficial, and can be dangerous. Please use these devices wisely this upcoming winter.





**District Manager Retires**

Rick Thomason was hired in 1979 and worked his way up to Assistant General Manager/Marshall District Manager.

Rick was also instrumental in revamping the hydroelectric plant in Marshall and managed the plant since 1980. Many of you had the pleasure of talking with Rick on the phone or seeing him in the Marshall office. As District Manager, Rick handled the day-to-day operations, assigning crews to jobs and assisting customers with questions and concerns.

After 32 years of service, Rick plans to spend more time with his family and work around the house. We wish Rick all the best that retirement can offer.



**Fowler Promoted to District Manager**

Greg Fowler, a lifelong resident of the Spring Creek community, has been promoted to District Manager after holding the position of Metering Supervisor for the past eight years. Greg graduated in 1993 from NC State University with a degree in Horticulture, was hired in 1995 to cut right-of-way, then worked his way to Crew Supervisor before being promoted to Metering Supervisor.

Greg lives in Spring Creek with his wife, Melissa, and their two sons, Clark and Trace.



**Flemming Promoted to Operations Manager**

Rocky Flemming has been promoted to Operations Manager, while continuing to serve as Safety Coordinator. Rocky has worked at French Broad Electric for 31 years in the areas of right of way, line construction,

service, and safety. He lives in Marshall with his wife, Angie.



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Mail ads to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay  
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**FOR SALE**

**3 BR/2 BA** 2004 SW Mobile Home, app furn, porches, Jacks Creek, \$18,000. 649-2417.

**3 BR/2 BA** home w/ garage & carport on 3 acres. 775-2055 or 765/778-3744.

**Gem Stones.** 675-5140.

**Old Barn Lumber.** 682-6863 or 208-0295.

**Silver Dollars,** Morgan, BU. 622-7224.

**1929 A-Model,** Ford couple. 622-7224.

**Girls' Bike,** 20", purple, \$30 OBO. 645-4359.

**Dog Crate,** large, 42 1/2" x 28"x31 1/2", \$35. 352/697-1276.

**1988 Ford F-150,** 4WD, \$1600. 649-9130.

**Wood Cook Stove,** Home Comfort, w/ water tank, \$400. 649-9130.

**Homemade Quilts.** 675-4271.

**Collectible Dolls.** 675-4271.

**Dining Room Table** w/ 6 chairs+extension, Ethan Allen, \$350. 658-9174.

**Oak Lumber,** dry kiln. 658-9174.

**2 BR** trailer, 12'x65', \$3,000. 707-7307.

**Infrared Heater,** \$240. 380-0815.

**TV,** 18.5", flat screen, Element, remote, manual, can deliver, \$150 OBO. 682-1203.

**2000 Ford Mustang,** 6 cyl, needs work, \$800 OBO. 682-9371.

**Shot Gun Shell Reloader,** MEC grabber, Model 762R, \$175. 765-4545.

**#8 Shot,** \$2/lb. 765-4545.

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

**Belgian Haflinger Gelding,** reg w/ papers, \$400 OBO. 682-0403 or 208-0866.

**Baby Crib** w/ Sealy mattress, convertible, lt maple, drawer underneath, \$40. 213-9165.

**1966 Oldsmobile,** 49k mi, \$1,200. 675-9352.

**Fencing,** locust split rail, 7ft, will deliver, \$5 ea. 284-5411.

**Colorado Blue Spruce Trees,** 3'-5', you dig. 688-2649.

**31 Acres** w/ 2 BR mobile home, barns, bldg sites w/ views. 423/743-0990 or 423/388-9566.

**Oil Tanks**, 1-500 gal, 1-250 gal, \$125 ea or \$200/both. 423/743-0990.

**0.9 Acre** wooded lot w/ old home, Beech Glen comm., \$55,000 cash. 407/267-0733.

**Arcade Game**, Nintendo, Popeye game, \$200 cash. 407/267-0733.

**Gas Logs**, Buck, \$200. 689-2428 or 206-1438.

**Table**, 6 ft folding, \$25. 515-0298.

**Rotary Cutting Mat**, 23"x35", \$25. 515-0298.

**Cane Mill**, 2-roller, horse drawn, needs work, \$225. 688-2295.

**18.35 Acres**, wooded, old cabin, Petersburg comm, \$159,000. 206-9265.

**5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Camper**, 1996 Frontier Wilderness, \$5,400. 688-4914.

**Bed Cover**, Slim Line, silver, fits LWB Dodge, locking lid w/ light, \$600. 688-3134.

**1999 Chevy S10**, 2WD, std, 81k mi, \$3,000. 284-2304.

**Cargo Trailer**, 6x12, dual axle, rear ramp, side door, \$2,500. 688-6700.

**Piano**, upright, \$800. 645-7979 or 458-4250.

**Cattle Trailer**, 16x6. 675-4658.

**VW Beetle Engines** for parts, \$50. 675-9090.

**Lawn Mowers**, (2), self propelled, \$100 ea. 675-9090.

**3 BR/2 BA** mobile home on 1 ac, poss fin. 689-5740.

**Printer**, Dell 2335 laser, fax/scanner/copier, \$319 OBO. 682-2211.

**Boxwoods**, (3) XL, Buladean, make offer. 919/496-2882 or [ShlebySirt@aol.com](mailto:ShlebySirt@aol.com).

**Tractor**, John deere 770, \$8,999 OBO. 423/538-8700 or [aboxpop@yahoo.com](mailto:aboxpop@yahoo.com).

**2003 Honda VTX**, customized, accessories, \$7,500 OBO. 450-7566.

**3 BR/2 BA** mfd home on 2 ac, Beech Glen, \$99,900. 352/467-0391.

**3 BR/2 BA** house on 8+ ac, block util bldg, Marshall, \$189,000 negotiable. 545-1670.

**2008 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel**, Jayco Eagle, 40<sup>th</sup> Ann, 35ft w/ 3 slide outs, camper cover, \$30,000. 688-3202.

**Utility Trailer**, WWII, 4'x6', hitch, needs paint, \$375. 682-9863.

**Men's Clothing**, shirts, jackets, shoes, etc. 682-9863.

**1978 Chevrolet Corvette**, Silver Ann Ed, \$18,000. 675-4972.

**Bed Frame**, rustic stained locust log, king, \$300. 682-7914.

**1987 Ford Lariat** 300, XLT, 6 cyl, 3 spd+OD, 100k mi, \$2,500. 689-2829.

**3 BR/1 ½ BA** on 1.14 ac, fruit trees, Buladean, \$130,000. 688-1115.

**Grass-fed Beef**, by piece or \$4.50/lb for quarter. 284-3422.

### WANTED

**Junk Cars**, will pay cash. 689-5125.

**Video Cameras** that no longer work, must be free. 689-9617.

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

**Cheap Car** to drive in snow. 213-9165.

**Roll Top Desk**, <35" wide. 682-1699.

**Deer Antler Sheds**, no bleached white, must have some color. 689-3896.

**Transportation** to jazz/classical concerts. 658-2663.

**Model A Fords**, other old cars, parts. 904/716-3138.

**Wood Cook Stove** w/ top shelves. 352/445-2381.

**1960 Walnut HS Annual**. 649-9130.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**For Rent: 2 BR** vacation home, Ocala, FL, \$65/nt, \$300/wk, \$800/mo. 688-4914.

**FREE: Horse w/ saddle**. 675-9536.

**Mars Hill Gospel Singing**, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm, MHC. 649-3914 or 645-3322.

**Mountain Goods Fair**, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm, Smoky Mtn Diner, vendors welcome. 206-8700.

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

**FREE: Oil Tank** w/ stand, 200 gal, must haul. 688-3371.

**For Rent: 1 BR/1 BA** apt, \$350/mo/dep. 284-3537.

**For Rent: 4 BR** house, Green Mountain, \$550/mo. 284-0965 or 675-9541.

**Wood Finishing**, cabinet refacing. 675-8001.

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

**For Rent: 2 BR** single family house on wooded lot, MH, \$475/mo/dep. 680-9670.

**Will Haul Mulch**, gravel & dirt. 675-4003.

**Will Clear Land**. 675-4003.

**For Rent: 2 BR/2 BA** house, near MHC, no pets, \$700/mo/dep. 689-9667.

**Lawncare**. 768-7355.

**For Rent: 3 BR/2 BA** on pvt lot, part furn, \$600/mo/1<sup>st</sup> & last dep. 683-4894.

**For Rent: 2 BR/2 BA** condo, near MHC, app furn, elect heat, no pets, \$800/mo+\$500 dep. 689-2625.

**Chair Caning**. 689-5125.

**ShadowLine Reunion**, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 11am until, Center Comm Ctr, covered dish. 689-4565.

**Handyman**, indoor/outdoor. 645-4359.

**For Rent: 2 BR/1 BA**, brick, garage, full bsmt, near MH. 703/281-2904 or 252-7216.

**Handyman**. 423/735-4426.


**LOST**: male orange tabby cat since in Walnut comm. 910/619-2669 or 717/715-6061.

**For Rent: 3 BR/1 BA** house on 1 fenced ac, pets, Spruce Pine, \$675/mo/dep. 284-5055.

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

**Cleaning**, Burnsville, Bakersville. 688-3693.

**For Rent: House**, Hot Springs. 622-3377.

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