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Ray Attends Youth Tour in DC

Summer Ray of Burnsville attended the 2011 Rural Electric Youth Tour June 11-17, 2011 in Washington, D.C. The Youth Tour is an opportunity to learn about electric cooperatives, American History and the US government. Students also had the opportunity to visit the historic sights of the nation's capital. Through a competitive application and selection process, French Broad Electric Membership Corporation sponsored Summer Ray's attendance. Summer is the daughter of Danny and Tonya Ray.

The Youth Tour aims to educate youth on all aspects of rural electrification in order to promote a better understanding of the value of the rural electric cooperatives.

The Youth Tour provides an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative-related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and the political environment of the nation's capital. The trip also gives participants an opportunity to meet elected officials and to better understand how their federal government operates.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is a joint effort of local electric co-ops, such as French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, their statewide co-op associations and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Arlington, VA.



New Payment/Billing Option Now Available

"FlexPay"

The FlexPay prepaid program is a "pay as you go" program and an alternative to standard monthly billing. This completely optional program works a lot like a prepaid phone or debit card. You put money into your account, and as you use electricity each day, the amount you use is deducted from your account balance. The FlexPay program allows participants to avoid deposits and monthly bills, customize their payment schedule, purchase electricity when it is convenient for them and monitor their own usage.

Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

Right-of-Way, Costly But Effective

Other than wholesale power costs, the biggest expense French Broad Electric incurs each year is the cost of maintaining our power line right-of-ways. A right-of-way (ROW) is the area underneath and around power lines and requires a clear buffer from vegetation. For distribution poles and lines, the ROW clearance required is at least 20 feet on either side for a total clearance of 40 feet. For our higher voltage transmission lines, the ROW clearance required is 60 feet on either side for a total clearance of 120 feet. Keeping right-of-ways open and accessible allows French Broad Electric to maintain poles and lines, thus ensuring a reliable delivery of electricity and reducing outages.

Currently, French Broad Electric maintains over 4,800 miles of right-of-way. Most of these right-of-ways traverse through one of the most rugged and difficult areas in which to provide electrical service in the United States, the Appalachian Mountains. We serve areas such as Mount Mitchell State Park, which has the

highest elevation in the Eastern United States and the power line is inaccessible except by helicopter. The vast majority of our area is covered with fast growing, high density foliage, which albeit beautiful, causes major problems if not continuously maintained.



French Broad Electric uses a combination of contract crews, as well as its own clearing crews, to maintain all of these power lines. We have crews that side trim each tree in the right-of-way to make sure the limbs do not come in contact with the line. We also have crews that come in behind and use chainsaws to cut the underbrush. In addition to these crews, we have crews that do the more detailed work that includes trimming yard trees and chipping brush. French Broad EMC only chips the brush that would fall in a maintained yard area which is mowed on a regular basis.

Keeping these right-of-ways clear is crucial to being able to provide high

quality electric service. Trees and other vegetation that come in contact with our lines cause temporary faults, which cause your power to blink off and on. Trees that come in permanent contact with our lines cause outages and often break our wire and poles. This type of damage causes longer outage times and is expensive to repair.

Having to cut all of our 4,800 mile of right-of-ways in a five year period requires a tremendous effort. We are aggressive in our decisions on what to cut and we work hard every day to cut as much as possible. Most of our members are very understanding in our efforts to keep their power on and are appreciative of our commitment to providing high quality service. We, in turn, are appreciative of their cooperation and their willingness to help us and the rest of their neighborhood.



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French Broad Electric Membership Corporation
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Teachers Can Apply Now For Co-Op's 2011-2012 Bright Ideas Education Grants

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation is one of 26 North Carolina electric cooperatives which will fund the Bright Ideas Education Grant Program for the 2011-2012 school year.

Teachers in public schools located in and near the cooperative's service territory can learn about the program and apply online at www.ncbrightideas.com. Faxed or handwritten applications will not be considered. Grants up to \$1,500 are available.

The deadline is September 23, 2011.

All North Carolina certified K-12 educators are eligible for a Bright Ideas grant. Teachers may apply for only one grant each school year; however, teachers may apply each and every year.

Bright Ideas grants finance innovative and creative classroom projects that would otherwise go unfunded. North

Carolina's electric cooperatives have financed a variety of hands-on projects, including activities in music, art, history, language, reading, science, career-planning and information technology.

Simplicity is the hallmark of the application process. The primary elements are narratives explaining the project and how it will benefit students. A sample application is on the website as well as contact information for teachers who have questions or require more information.

Since it began in 1994, the state's Bright Ideas program has awarded grant money to North Carolina's teachers to sponsor over 5,000 projects, benefiting more than 800,000 students.

Bright Ideas is part of the electric cooperatives' ongoing commitment to North Carolina communities.

Grant winners will be notified during the month of November.

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FOR SALE

3 BR/2 BA 2004 SW Mobile Home, app furn, heat pump, front/back porch, \$18,500. 649-2417.

Fish/Ski Boat, 1988 Stratus, 8 ft, 135 hp Mercury motor, \$2,500. 689-4524.

1½ Acre w/ septic, power, camper, pontoon, Jefferson Co, TN, \$40,000. 689-4455.

I-Heater, \$200. 689-4455.

Hay, barn kept, \$30/lq roll. 678-9861.

Bedframe, Jenny Lind, \$60. 649-0059.

2-story, 1,700 sq ft house on 9.45 ac, sm greenhouse, springs, \$159,000. 649-0059 or 206-5299.

Exercise Machine, Nordi Track Classic Pro Skier, \$400. 658-0859.

11 Acres mtn land w/ 2 bldg sites, views, pvt access, \$8,500/ac. 656-2161.

Oven, stainless steel, wall unit, \$500. 688-3864.

Potted Trees/shrubs. 645-7612.

Ladder Racks (2), for sm/lq pickup truck. 645-7612.

1994 Nissan Pathfinder 4WD, transmission needs work. 622-7230 or 206-0551.

14" Tires(4), P205/75R14, \$150. 689-4041.

Monitor Oil Heater, 422, \$450. 689-4041.

Potatoes, kennebec. 656-2281.

Okra. 656-2281.

Park Model RV, 2007, 44', on leased lot in FL, covered, \$29,900. 352/396-9797.

Boxwoods, 2x2, 3x3, \$0.75-\$1/inch. 766-5907.

Entertainment Center, Broyhill, solid cherry, holds 37" TV, media storage w/ doors, \$300. 446-5878.

Coffee Table, oak, 36" square w/ glass top, display drawer & shelf, \$150. 446-5878.

2 BR/2 BA SW mobile home, 1.38 ac, well, TN, \$44,500 OBO. 423/743-6593.

Honey. 649-2768.

3 BR/1½BA home, remodeled, garage, workshop, pond, Buladean, \$145,000. 688-1115.

2007 Jeep Liberty, AT, 55k mi, \$12,500.
ramahbear@yahoo.com.

2 BR/3 BA log home, 1900 sq ft, full bsmt, 3.55 ac, Green Mountain, \$24,900. ramahbear@yahoo.com.

3 BR home, furn, garage, Burnsville, \$119,000. 407/883-9143.

MagnaSite reading aid, \$950 OBO. 659-2490.

Wheelchair, Jet 3 motorized, 2 batteries, \$1,500 OBO. 682-7188.

Propane Heaters (2), Direct Vent Empire, model #DV-215-7SG, \$350/both. 675-5533.

2 BR/1 BA brick, full bsmt, garage, 1 ac, \$175,500. 689-2066.

Breast Pump, Medela, attachments, instructions, \$175 OBO. 689-2392 or 207/649-1843.

2001 PT Cruiser, 5spd, sunroof, limited edition, 138k mi, \$4,200. 385-0926.

2 BR/1 BA on 1 ac, Glen Ayre, \$95,000. 336/978-5305 after 6pm.

6 1/2 + Acres, mountain property, Glen Ayre, \$75,000. 336/970-0480.

Water Softner, 150PSI, 120F, \$500. 688-3622.

2001 Dodge Ram 1500, 4x4, 129k mi, 6" lift, white/gray, \$6,000. 675-5938 or 284-3214.

Books (120), Louis L'Amour, western. 688-3791.

Riding Lawn Mower, Hond HT 3813, 2 cyl, \$65 OBO. 682-7145.

Tiller/Cultivator, \$65 OBO. 682-7145.

Field & Brush Mower, DR, Kawasaki, 26" cut, 15hp, \$1,200. 649-2963.

3 BR/2 BA house on 2 ac, Mars Hill, \$165,000. 689-9844 or 301-1599.

Pack & Play, \$25. 301-1599.

Kayak, Walden, 10ft, dk green, paddles, \$200. Kayak, Dicks, 12ft, tan, paddles, \$250. 919/452-1275.

3 BR/1 BA on 1.66 ac, garden, barn, creek, well, Ledger comm., \$129,000. 688-5930.

Tractor, 230 MF, 2WD, 34hp, Perkins diesel, aux hyd, \$5,500. 675-5025.

2000 Dodge Ram, work/utility van, \$4,500. 645-9188.

1977 Fifth Wheel, Kountry Air, 35ft, 2 bunks/1 full, you move, E Yancey Co, \$1,997 OBO. 888/357-3687.

China & crystal. 675-4271.

Watches & cameras. 675-4271.

Garage Door, metal, roll-up, 9ft wide, \$100. 682-7818.

Antique Oak Washstand w/ pitcher & bowl, \$450 OBO. 683-8054.

Quilt, queen size, tulip appliqué, \$400. 683-8054.

Bricks, 3500, 20¢ ea/\$700 all. 682-9647.

Whirlpool Tub, 48"x72", 8 jets, bisque, \$1,500. 682-9647.

Posters (5), 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, 24"x36", \$125. 658-0859.

4 BR/2 1/2 BA log home on 0.80ac, near MH, poss fin, \$259,500. wg1811@bellsouth.net or 561/212-1455.

Champion Juicer, white, \$90. 689-2079.

Buck Fireplace Insert, 30x25x14, \$100 OBO. 682-9231 after 4pm.

Park Model RV, 2007, on leased lot, covered, FL, \$29,900. 352/396-9797.

WANTED

Junk Cars, will pay cash. 689-5125.

Driver, occasionally, for errands. 305/940-9157 collect.

Garbage Removal in exchange for aluminum. 649-3334.

Yard Mowing for disabled person. 649-3334.

"Little School House Cookbook", by Mitchell Co Retired School personnel, 2005. 649-3823.

Young Bull of breeding age. 678-9861.

Steel Guitar, 7-pedal. 683-0430.

3-4 BR home to rent, Cane River school district. 310-8352 or 682-7852.

Jenny Donkey, 5yr old or younger, gray color, free. 208-2178 text.

Toyota Prius. 656-2396.

4WD Pick-up truck for farmwork. 656-2396.

Glass Tabletops, 24"-28" diam. 682-4718.

Electric Guitar w/ amp. 682-4718.

3BR/2BA home to rent w/ land & pets accepted. 273-8219.

Firewood. 713-1998 or 689-9476.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alterations, sewing needs. 682-3725.

Housecleaning. 688-3693.

Will Haul Trash for scrap metal. 689-3717 or 380-1963.

Computer Repair, free est, Marshall/surr area. 649-0317.

Farmers & Artisans Market, Sat 9am-1pm, MHC. www.marshillmarket.org.

Marshall Island Farmers Market, Sun 12noon-4pm.

Music Under the Roan, Bakersville, Sept 17, 3-9pm. 688-1047.

Fencing, splitrail, barbed wire, etc. 284-1232 or 675-4540.

Chair Caning. 689-5125.

Cleaning Services. 231-2856.

Zumba classes, Mon & Thurs, 6:35-7:35pm, \$4/ class, Madison Co Wellness Ctr. 337-0432.

Hay, free, 8-10 acres, you mow/you keep, Marshall. 649-2433 or 775-6534.

For Rent: Hay Farm, approx 10 acres, Marshall. 649-2433 or 775-6534.

For Rent: 2 BR house, \$300/mo+dep. 540/408-4370.

For Rent: 3 BR/2 BA, \$750/mo+dep, good credit only. 540/408-4370.

Housecleaning, Marshall, MH, Weaverville, N Ash. 689-9095.

Lost: Eyeglasses, downtown Marshall to Bypass, if found, call 656-2693.

For Rent: 2 BR house on wooded lot near Mars Hill, \$475/mo. 680-9670.

For Rent: 3 BR/2 BA SW trailer, pvt lot, no pets, \$400/mo+\$300 dep. 689-3315.

For Rent: 2 BR/1 1/2 BA SW trailer, storage bldg, garden, no pets, \$450/mo+\$300 dep. 689-3315.

For Lease: 63 Acres, Toe River. 874-2819.

Petsitting, our home/yours, ref. 380-9652.


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

Will Clear Land. 675-4003.

For Rent: 2 BR mobile home, Green Mountain, \$250/mo. 423/743-6578.

FREE masonry cement (6) 75lb bags. 689-2079.

Petsitting/Housecleaning. 423-5505.

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