



# The *Electrifier*

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APRIL 2019

"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC



**Come Join Us  
Saturday May 4th  
for the  
78th Annual Meeting**

(Madison High School - Marshall, NC)

## Schedule of Events

9:00am to 10:30am

- \*Registration\*
- \*Health Fair\*
- \*Roving Entertainment\*
- \*Kid Zone\*
- \*Breakfast Fundraiser\*

10:30am to 11:30am

- \*Featured Entertainment\*
- (The Primitive Quartet)

11:30am

- \*Business Meeting\*
- \*Door Prizes\*

## **Scam Targets FBEMC Members**

### **Scammers Seek Upfront Payment from Co-op Members**

Some FBEMC customers have informed us that a scammer has been contacting them claiming to be a utility employee in order to get money illegally from them. The latest calls say they are from FBEMC and they pretend they are calling to let you know your account is delinquent and unless you pay right away the service will be disconnected.

Even though the caller might insist he/she is with French Broad EMC or another utility please know that we would **NEVER** call you and demand you to pay us immediately over the phone or risk having your power disconnected. We would also never do this on the weekend. Multiple written notices are sent to our customers when an account is delinquent. The power company will also never call and demand payment via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer.

If you get a questionable call like this and are concerned about your account, please hang up and call FBEMC directly at 828-649-2051. Do not use the number that is on your caller ID to call the person back.

As always, please call our office if you have questions or concerns.

# Manager's Report

## Annual Meeting Time



Jeff Loven

As we head into April, it is now relatively safe to say that the winter of 2019 was not too bad. Temperatures remained mild throughout the period and we only had 5 days all winter where the low temperature dropped into the teens. In January and February, we saw the high temperature reach 65 degrees or higher 11 days compared to 6 days for the same time period in 2018.

We have seen some snow, plenty of rain, and several days of high wind events. Throughout the period, power outages have been minimal. Our crews are always prepared to respond at any time when a member loses electrical service and so, when the lights did go out, we were able to get electrical service restored very quickly.

With April fast approaching, we turn our attention to our French Broad EMC annual meeting. For over 78 years now, hardworking men and women in our communities have come together to improve the quality of life by bringing electricity to our rural homes and

businesses. Since our cooperative was formed, it has remained committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable power to our members.

Since its creation, French Broad EMC has maintained the goal of helping our communities prosper by delivering quality service at a good value to our members. We are proud of our legacy of putting people first and working to make our communities a better place to live, to work, and to raise a family.

We are committed to building a better, stronger world for our customers, and we recognize that we have this opportunity because of the work that was done by those who helped form our cooperative.

Our Board of Directors share the vision of making French Broad Electric a progressive electric cooperative, but one who always puts the members needs first. They have made French Broad EMC one of the most technologically advanced electric

utilities in the nation and continue to make sure our commitment to serving all our members with high quality service at a reasonable cost is upheld. They are all members of our communities as well as the cooperative, so they understand what is important to all of us.

So, if you have a chance, come join us Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Madison High School in Marshall for our 78<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. It will be a morning of fun, entertainment, and the opportunity to meet the employees that keep our lights burning year-round as well as your Board of Directors. There will be entertainment for the kids, a free health fair, and breakfast will also be served. Registration will begin at 9:00am and continue until 10:30am. At 10:30am, The Primitive Quartet will take the stage to perform some of their best songs before the business meeting, which will start at 11:30am. After that, there will be several prizes to be given away. We look forward to seeing you there.

# The Electrifier

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### FBEMC Offices

Marshall	(828) 649-2051
Toll-Free to Marshall	1-800-222-6190
Burnsville	(828) 682-6121
Bakersville	(828) 688-4815

### To Report A Power Outage After Hours Marshall District

(Madison, Buncombe & Unicoi Counties)  
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Online Credit Card Payment  
Available 24 Hours a Day  
for VISA, MasterCard, Discover

1-844-294-5697



### NOTE

The deadline for submitting ads to  
*The Electrifier*:

May issue ..... April 15th  
June issue ..... May 10th  
July issue ..... June 15th  
August issue..... July 15th

## 2018 Capital Credit Assignment

If you were a member of French Broad EMC in 2018, you are entitled to a share of the co-op's profit. At the end of each year, any remaining funds the cooperative has after paying the bills are called **margins**, or **capital credits**. In 2018, FBEMC's margins amounted to 5.5 percent of its revenues. Your share of the profit is recorded in your capital credits account. Your share is based on the amount of electricity you used during the year. Margins are not refunded immediately but are held in reserve to cover the cost of maintaining the electric system and building new facilities. By using these funds, the cooperative can reduce the amount of money it borrows. The goal is to ultimately refund all credits to you. In the meantime, it serves to provide adequate cash flow for reinvestment in the business and show financial stability required to obtain loans.



# The Outlet

All numbers are in 828  
area code unless other-  
wise 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.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

### FOR SALE

Jazzy 610 electric wheelchair, \$1,000.  
231-3847.

James Taylor autographed Copley  
CA-804 acoustic guitar. 785-3395.

Brother sewing machine, \$75. 765-6281.

Hired Hand propane forced air heater,  
vent free, \$300. 675-5811.

Window A/C units (2), \$50 ea. 675-5811.

Baseball cards, 1960's&70's. 785-3395.

Buck wood stove, \$500 OBO.  
688-1898 or 810/247-1013.

MPI Monitor, \$500 OBO. 688-1898 or  
810/247-1013.

House on 34 acres, 3 barns, apple  
trees. 682-3093.

Home on 46 acres, tool shed, cabin,  
Buncombe Co, \$428,000. 593-7383.

Sassafras full bed, 9 drawer chest,  
cabin décor furn. 593-7383.

Daylilies, all colors, \$6/clump or  
\$50/10 clumps. 688-9084.

Handmade crafts, quilts, wall hang-  
ings, pillows, etc. 688-9084.

Treasure & plant sale, Mars Hill Method-  
ist Church, May 4<sup>th</sup> 8am-1pm. 689-9247.

Dolls, 1936 & up. 649-2344.

Doll clothing. 649-2344.

Deerskin jacket w/ fringe, \$300. 688-1144.

Coonskin cap, vintage, \$70. 688-1144.

1.26 acres w/ 350' lakefront property,  
Spruce Pine, \$79,500. 561/789-5111.

Pressure washer. 649-3839.

Shelving, scrap wood. 649-3839.

78-45-33 rpm records, 50¢-\$5 ea.  
675-3035.

Books, hardcover & paperback, 25¢ ea.  
675-3035.

Sony Cybershot digital camera w/ case  
& SIM card, \$40. 380-3874.

1999 4x4 Tracker, \$1,200. 688-9427.

German Shepherd pups, AKC. 649-9483.

Imperial freezer, heavy duty, \$550. 545-9219.

1980 Harley Davidson, mustang seat, drag pipes, \$3,800. 545-9219.

4BR/3BA home on 5 acres, views, \$324,900. 919/559-1115.

Potted plants and bushes. 545-8802.

Potted dwarf burning bushes. 545-8802.

2013 Jayco Swift camper, 165-RB Hybrid, \$5,900. 682-2727.

1989 SW 14x45 trailer, \$1,400. 206-0785.

Greenhouses, various sizes, \$6,000/all. 206-0785.

1981 Winne Class A, not running, \$1,000 OBO. 689-3058.

1972 1BR/1BA trailer + utility bldg, \$3,000. 208-5773.

63.3 acres, Spring Creek, heavy timber, deer, bear. 622-3695.

1989 John Deere tractor 850, \$4,500 OBO. 688-4226.

2002 Suzuki Intruder 805cc, 18,467mi, red, saddle bags, full-face helmet, \$1,900 OBO. 385-3418.

3 acres on Toe River, \$62,000. 208-6849.

8.02 acres, Bakersville, 2 home sites, water & septic, \$10,000/ac. 208-6849.

Card table fabric folding chairs (4), \$40. 689-9018.

Round glass-top patio table w/4 chairs, \$50. 645-7241.

1999 Pont, <23k mi, red, \$3,500. 645-7241.

Large metal lathe & tools, \$5,000. 778-8012.

(2) John Deere riding lawn mowers, 48", \$350 & \$750. 778-8012.

English Shepherd puppies, \$225/f - \$195/m. 683-3126.

Full-size mattress & box springs. 380-9652.

Books on Bible & religion. 675-4271.

Designer pocket books. 675-4271.

Reclaimed barn lumber. 208-0295.

60 acres, Yancey Co, more avail. 301-8871.

Kawasaki KX-250 dirt bike. 777-5422.

#### WANTED

Someone to paint trim on 2-story house, Leicester. 434/685-2177.

Local, authentic tobacco basket. 380-3662.

Bare bed spring, single or double, rust ok. 536-2016.

Dishes, Crooksville Petit Point Cottage x-stitch. 515-5110.

To rent 2BR home. 284-8294.

Junk cars. 689-5125.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: home video VHS tapes to DVD/USB. 678-0041.

Will Do: personal assistant, in-home care, day or night, 20yrs exp. 776-0017.

Will Do: clean houses. 206-4989 before 8pm.

For Rent: 3BR/2BA house, ref & dep. 656-2438.

For Rent: 2BR/1BA house. 575-7927.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Will Do: paint, repairs, odd jobs, ref. 423/580-3231.

Easter Egg Hunt, Tipton Hill Comm Ctr, Apr 20 @ 11am, FREE lunch. 688-2524.

Will Do: barn/structure removals. 208-4599.

Will Do: caregiving, exp, ref. 649-9676.

Will Do: light housekeeping & caregiving. 645-1341 or 380-1445.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

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

Will Do: pressure washing. 537-4714.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: tear down old buildings. 208-0295.

Will Do: banjo lessons, begin to adv, Burnsville. 284-2042.

## Right-of-Way Schedule for April/May

### Burnsville District

- \* Highway 80 S
- \* Upper Browns Creek
- \* Lower Browns Creek
- \* Bowditch
- \* Hickory Springs Road
- \* Lundy
- \* Bandana
- \* Spruce Pine
- \* Town of Burnsville

### Marshall District

- \* Walnut
- \* Barnard
- \* Big Pine
- \* Big Sandy Mush
- \* Sandy Mush Creek
- \* Town of Marshall area  
(between Hwy 25/70 & Hwy 213)

## Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Spring is just around the corner and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating and 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)

