

# The **Electrifier**

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*"Owned by those we serve"*

MARSHALL, NC



(Above: Aden Laws)



(Right: NC Youth Tourists)

## 2019 YOUTH TOUR

In June, Youth Tourists came to Washington, D.C. from states near and far with a common purpose - to learn more about electric cooperatives, to see our government in action and to experience our nation's history first hand.

The Youth Tour brings together high school students, sponsored by electric cooperatives across the United States, to our nation's capital. Students learn more about the cooperative business model and history, engage in leadership opportunities, visit with their members of Congress, tour D.C.'s historical landmarks and make memories that last a lifetime.

Students also compete for the chance to represent their state on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC). Members of the YLC return to Washington, DC for a leadership workshop, attend NRECA's Annual Meeting and address the Youth

Tour delegates the following year.

Representing French Broad EMC's service area was Aden Laws, a rising Senior at Mountain Heritage High School in Burnsville. Aden joined 45 other students from across North Carolina and more than 1,800 from across the United States for this year's Youth Tour.

### Update Your Contact Information

Please be sure to notify your local FBEMC office when any of your contact information changes.

Customers are notified of their FlexPay balances, electronic bills, pending disconnects, scheduled outages, etc. via email, text message and/or voicemail.

It is important that we keep our records updated, should we need to contact you.

# Manager's Report

## Various Causes of Power Outages



Jeff Loven

As an electric utility, one of our main concerns are power outages. This month we want to take a closer look at what causes power outages and what we do to minimize the time your power is out.

Severe weather conditions, such as lightning, wind, ice, or even extreme cold, are the most common reasons for power outages. Lightning can damage our electrical equipment and the wind and ice knock trees and branches onto the lines and equipment. Also, extremely cold temperatures increase the load on our electric system due to more energy being used to heat all our members' homes.

Animals and vehicle accidents are other frequent causes for outages. Squirrels, birds and snakes are the usual culprits that chew on the power lines or crawl into substation equipment. Vehicles and tractors occasionally hit poles or pull down overhead power lines. These are causes of outages and are also incredibly dangerous. If a downed power line comes in contact with your vehicle, remain in your vehicle and call 911 as the ground around your vehicle may be energized.

Another source of outages is planned outages. We plan outages to keep other unplanned outages from happening. During planned outages, we are either reworking the system, balancing the load on the lines or carrying out repairs. By conducting

regular inspections along our lines and at our substations, we can catch and fix small issues before they grow. We test equipment, inspect poles, monitor fluid levels and search for excess heat (which indicates a potential issue). While these inspections can lead to a short, planned outage, they help prevent longer outages and keep our system working efficiently.

Some customers have underground power lines and think that they are immune to power outages. However, all underground lines are fed from overhead lines that are connected to our substations. This means that if your lines are underground and you're experiencing an outage, the outage source might stem from an overhead line that is connected to your underground line.

Aging cables and construction work are also sources of underground line outages. It is important to always call

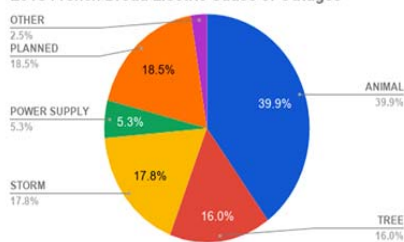
811 before you dig to make sure all construction avoids underground power lines. Underground power line outages often take longer to restore because they require our crews to dig up the cable to locate and fix the issue.

Sometimes the power blinks and then comes back on. If you notice your lights blinking, it means that your power was close to going out but our protective equipment detected the issue and avoided an outage. If you notice your lights blinking often, call

us so we can perform an inspection on the lines in your area.

What does French Broad Electric do to keep power from going out? Regular right-of-way maintenance is vital to keeping the power on. We trim trees and maintain a clear right of-way around all 4,600 miles of our lines to help keep tree branches from falling on the lines. Our crews also conduct regular inspections of all our equipment, poles, lines and substations and continually upgrade aging equipment to ensure an efficient and reliable electric grid.

2018 French Broad Electric Cause of Outages



### Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Summer is here 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.

For more information visit our website at

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### Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule August/September

#### Burnsville District

**Clearing Schedule:** Bolens Creek, Highway 80 S, Bowditch, Hickory Springs Road, Brush Creek, Double Island Road, Altapass, Biggerstaff Road, and Halltown

**Herbicide Schedule:** Fork Mountain., Glen Ayre, McKinney Cove, White Oak, Spruce Pine, Little Switzerland, East Yancey, West Burnsville, and the Town of Burnsville

#### Marshall District

**Clearing Schedule:** Sandy Mush Creek, Upper end of Big Laurel, Grapevine/Petersburg, the area north of Jupiter Road and south of Highway 213, Walnut, Barnard, Big Pine

**Herbicide Schedule:** Highway 213

If you have questions or want more information, please visit our website at [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com) or contact us at 828/649-2051.

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*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

Ameriglide Vesta chairlift w/ carriage, track, left hand, \$550. 918/360-5317.

Late 80's Ross men's mountain bike w/ O24 seamless tubing, 26" tires, \$150. 284-5411.

44" portable adjustable height basketball hoop system, \$25. 284-5411.

Culvert pipe, 12"-42", solid, thick wall HDPE. 423/743-5000.

Outside wood furnace, \$2,500. 208-2206.

1964 Massey Ferguson model 65 diesel. 682-9807.

Corn sheller, \$35. 649-3976.

(3) bar stools, \$45/all. 649-3976.

DeLonghi air conditioner w/ dehumidifier, 10k BTU, remote, timer. 675-9802.

Franklin wood-burning stove, \$180 OBO. 508/898-2371.

Schecter electric guitar "Damien Elite" w/ 24-fret neck, Floyd rose, \$700. 720/883-7676.

3BR/1½ BA brick house w/2BR bsmt apt bsmt, \$100,000 (\$120,000 w/ extra 1½ac) 467-0628.

2007 Harley Davidson CVO Screamin Eagle trike, \$19,995. 284-5636.

2005 Honda Shadow, \$1,200. 385-3782.

Valley pool table, 3½'x7', coin operated, \$1,200. 385-0499.

National cigarette machine, \$500. 385-0499.

Dwarf burning bushes, potted, \$2-\$6. 545-8802.

Whirlpool SS gas stove, \$350. 954/232-3495.

4 acres, high elevation, Weaverville, \$78,000. 253-1223.

½-acre lot w/ 202' Lake of the Ozarks, MO shoreline, \$60,000 OBO. 484-7354.

2010 Honda, 4-door, sunroof, white, \$7,500. 484-7451.

Heirloom half-runner beans, \$35/bushel or \$20/half bushel. 656-2281.

New potatoes, \$20/bushel. 656-2281.

Designer pocket books, \$1-\$3. 776-5268.

Boxes of yard sale items. 776-5268.

2003 Chev Tahoe LT, 4x4, 244k mi, \$3,000 OBO. 231-5470.

Cub tiller, \$700. 682-2125.

Potted Hostas, Lillies, Stonecrop & more. 545-8802.

1973 Chevrolet log truck, \$1,000. 682-2125.

Husky 5HP air compressor, 17gal, 150 PSI, \$200. 207/670-8820.

Whirlpool 30" gas 5-burner stove top, \$500. 207/670-8820.

Dalillies, \$6/clump; \$5/clump if 10+. 688-9084.

English Shepherd-Australian Shepherd cross puppies, \$125. 545-9581.

Jeff Gordon jacket, coat, cards & cars, \$150. 675-7161.

XT3 Enduro series tractor, Cub Cadet mower, 104hrs, \$3,300. 649-3104.

Antiques, saw, cabbage slicer, hand tools, etc. \$25-\$45. 305/988-9188.

Hay, \$5. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

108' of wood fence, 20 poles, 36pcs 1"x6" boards, \$120. 305/988-9188.

(2) burial plots, Bowman Rector cemetery, \$1,800 OBO. 776-5812.

Registered yearling Polled Hereford bull, \$1,500. 380-0215.

Registered yearling heifer, \$1,300. 380-0215.

1998 Toyota Tacoma, 4x4, 5spd, 240k mi, camper shell, \$3,000. 231-4492.

6" Craftsman joiner, \$100 OBO. 231-4492.

Simplicity riding lawn mower w/ grass catcher & 38" deck, \$300. 688-4823.

2002 BMW Z3 yellow convertible roadster, 39k mi, \$16,000. 766-9331.

Shopfox dust collector, 3HP, 220W, \$350. 645-9860.

Electric wood buffer, \$250. 645-9860.

John Deere 403 4' bush hog, \$350. 766-2683.

6 acres residential land, Buncombe. 380-1452.

20 acres w/ 14ac pasture + 6ac wooded, Marshall, \$150/month. 319-7467.

(4) Cooper weather master WSC 235/60 R18 tires, \$200. 675-1130.

1999 Jeep Wrangler Shara, hard top, 2-door, \$6,990. 765-4287 or 225/571-6921.

2009 Suzuki Boulevard, 805cc, windshield, saddlebags, 10k mi, \$3,450. 683-4656.

(2) plots w/ double stone, Green Hill Cemetery, \$1,750. 683-5546.

English Shepherd dogs. 683-3126.

(2) Veterans plots, Ashelawn Gardens, \$800ea. 645-5927 or 789-7995.

Homemade hand-stitched quilts, afghans, bedspreads. 675-4271.

Pottery & crystal. 675-4271.

3 acres, Toe River, \$62,000. 682-6849 or 208-6849.

8.02 acres w/ 2 home sites, Bakersville. \$10,000 per acre. 682-6849 or 208-6849.

2004 Camry, \$4,200. 423/612-0378.

1989 Toyota flatbed pickup truck, 4WD, \$4,800. 423/612-0378.

Trapping supplies, \$100 OBO. 689-3238.

Pioneer stereo in cabinet, \$50 OBO. 689-3238.

4pc full/queen bedroom suit, \$350. 656-9405.

Leonard/Leer fiberglass camper cover, 5'8" w/ clamps, gray, \$499 OBO. 683-4656.

### WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Someone to do yard work, weedeat, odd jobs. 682-1212 or 954/496-9000.

Someone to do odd jobs & yard work. 918/360-5317.

Walk-behind sickle mower. 675-9170.

Artist easel, standing or tabletop. 404/386-3800.

Wood chips, free. 206-0846.

50-200 acres hunting land with all hunting rights. 208-4977.

Someone to do odd jobs. 536-0264

### MISCELLANEOUS

FREE fire wood, you cut, you haul. 712-7020.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: house cleaning, Yancey & Mitchell Co. 284-0729 or 675-9004.

Will Do: odd jobs, Burnsville. 208-5508 or 682-7081.

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

Career opportunities, visit NCWorks Career Center, Madison, 782-2632.

Rehoming 7-mo-old female German Shepherd puppy. Text 779-0315.

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

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

Farmers Market, Sat 9am-1pm, MHU. 689-3606.

FREE 80ft house trailer, you move it. 284-8731 or 208-3130.

FREE queen size sofa bed mattress. 330/554-9103.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

For Rent: brick house, Yancey Co, ref, \$900/mo+dep. 778-1897.

FREE white wrought iron day bed w/ mattress. 380-1452.

FREE bed, your pickup. 380-1452.

Will Do: light housekeeping and caregiving. 645-1341.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

Will Do: caregiving, day/night. 206-0146.

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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)  
(828) 649-2051 • 1-800-222-6190

#### **Burnsville-Bakersville District**

Yancey County (828) 682-6121  
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**1-844-294-5697**

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