

The **Electrifier**

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MARSHALL, NC

Bright Ideas Educational Grants Awarded

For twenty-five teachers in seventeen schools in the area, Christmas came in early November in the form of a check. These teachers were awarded funding for the Bright Ideas project proposals they submitted earlier in the fall. They were selected from applications submitted to French Broad EMC for consideration.

The grants, in amounts ranging from \$200 to \$1,500, will help fund innovative ways to improve classroom instruction. The grants will purchase supplies that are not affordable through normal school budgets, which typically are strained to meet the basic needs of teachers.

Buncombe County

Erwin High: *Lacey Grogan Davis*

Erwin Middle: *Diane Trazzer*

Leicester Elementary: *Caryn Levy & Cary Christopher*

Madison County

Brush Creek Elementary: *Chastity Jenkins*

Madison Early College: *Oshen Wallin*

Madison High: *Kristina Lowe*

Madison Middle: *Drew Brooks*

Mars Hill Elementary: *Holly Massey, Heather Mitchell, Kasaundra Wallin & Denise Powell*

Mitchell County

Deyton Elementary: *Kelli Chapman*

Harris Middle: *Laura Cole*

Mitchell High: *Tracy Deyton & Greg Franklin*

Yancey County

Bee Log Elementary: *Missy Toomey*

Burnsville Elementary: *Jamie Biggerstaff*

East Yancey Middle: *Beryl Carroll, Keli Miller & Aaron Young*

Micaville Elementary: *Ashley Howell*

Mountain Heritage High: *Sallie Senseney & Thomas Surber*

Unicoi County, TN

Unicoi Middle: *Shannon Blevins*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Manager's Report

Investing in Your Capital Credits



Jeff Loven

One of the benefits of belonging to a cooperative is member ownership: You, our member-consumers, actually own French Broad Electric. One of the primary benefits of ownership is sharing in the "profits" generated by the business.

French Broad Electric issues "patronage capital" based on the amount of electricity you buy during the year. Better known as "capital credits," this is each member's "investment" in the business of French Broad Electric. Your electric cooperative works hard to keep rates as low as possible without affecting the quality of service you receive.

When we go through the budgeting process we are ever mindful to keep costs in line without having huge margins that can cause rates to rise. However, we are required by our lenders to retain a minimal "cushion" to make sure the business remains financially solvent.

At the end of the year—after all the Cooperative's bills have been paid—we calculate the amount of money left over, and assign the "profit" as capital credits, based on the amount of money each member has paid in to the business through electricity bills. This amount is credited to each member's account annually. However, French Broad Electric does not return this money to members immediately. The money is used to help finance

maintenance and improvements to the Cooperative's electric system without having to borrow money from outside sources at high interest rates.

By using these margins for reinvestment in our electrical system, French Broad Electric has been able to provide high quality electrical service to its entire territory and minimize loan payments. Minimizing the amount of money the Cooperative borrows from financial institutions keep rates competitive with other utilities.

Your Board of Directors has determined the Cooperative to be in sound financial condition, and your investment in your business will be refunded based on the amount you paid through your electricity bills. Until the general retirements are made, the money is used for system improvements so the Cooperative does not have to depend so heavily on borrowed funds.

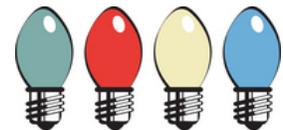
This year, we will be refunding over \$1.2 million to those folks who were customers in 1989. Members whose capital credits are \$50 or more will receive their "refund" by check in December.

Capital credits represent one of the primary differences between co-ops and other electric utilities.

As they do every year, crews have been busy improving our Right-of-Ways, adding new infrastructure, and replacing old poles and wire so that we assure

our distribution system is capable of providing high quality electrical service to all our members.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the employees of French Broad Electric, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.



French Broad EMC Employees and Directors extend their very best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

All French Broad EMC offices will be closed
1/2 day Thurs Dec 22nd,
Fri Dec 23rd & Mon Dec 26th
in observance of Christmas
and
Mon Jan 2nd in observance of
New Years

To Report a Power Outage

(During Normal Office Hours)

- Madison (828) 649-2051
- Mitchell (828) 688-4815
- Yancey (828) 682-6121
- TN, Madison (800) 222-6190

(After 4:30pm)

- Madison (828) 649-2051
- TN (828) 649-2051
- Yancey (828) 682-6121
- Mitchell (828) 682-6121



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

(Madison, Buncombe & Unicoi Counties)
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Deadlines for submitting ads or notices to **The Electrifier.**

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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.** 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.

Mail ads to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

15" planer, self feeder w/ dust devil, Jet. 688-2957.

Treadmill, F63 Sole, \$400. 380-2772.

2015 Shasta Oasis 28' camper. 230-3133 after 4pm.

2002 Chev Tahoe 4WD. 688-2099.

Elhew Pointer bird-dog puppies, grouse stock. 689-2599.

Firewood, split & cut, you haul, \$125/cord. 407-8434 or 280-0719.

Barn lumber and rusty tin. 208-0295.

Serger 4-needle machine. 689-4145.

Portable Kenmore sewing machine in a case. 689-4145.

Books: 1800's & 1900's & Billy Graham. 675-4271.

Jewelry: cameo & estate. 675-4271.

English Shepherd puppies, \$175. 683-3126.

GF 3800 gas monitor, \$1,200. 675-9802.

Double sided mirrored closet doors. 675-9802.

80 acres w/ farm house & barn, views, Erwin, TN. 423/735-3070.

2007 Suzuki 4WD, \$4,800. 688-3693.

Serta leather lift chair, gray, \$550. 423/743-7491 or 423/388-8071.

1989 Mazda, 5-spd 4WD. 688-1722 or 467-3876.

Bedroom suite, antique headboard/foot board, dresser, drawers, \$350. 682-7721 before 8pm.

Paul Bunyan rocker, \$120. 682-7721 before 8pm.

Dining room table w/ 8 chairs, walnut, \$250. 656-2071.

Wrought iron twin bed w/ mattress & box sprints, black, \$150. 656-2071.

Refrigerator, Amana, 2'x2', \$75. 680-9658.

Wardrobe, 5'7"x3', \$60. 680-9658.

Freezer, Amana. 252-9795.

Cemetery plots (2), Bowman-Rector Cemetery, \$1,000/both. 545-7621.

8 Wii games & Guitar Hero guitar, \$30/all. 545-7621.

John Deere D140 riding mower 22HP, \$1,475. 622-7225.

Stihl 028 AV Super Boss chain saw, \$225. 606-0416.

1970 Cadillac Seville. 860/614-7837.

1979 Harley Davidson Iron Head Roadster, 1,000cc, \$3,600. 301-5035.

1964 Ford Galaxie 500, 390 motor, 4spd strait shift, \$10,900. 301-5035.

Rockwell & Holiday collector plates, others. 688-5461.

Clogging shoes, ladies, black, size 8½, \$50. 206-9616.

Kenmore dryer, \$350. 284-5204 after 5pm.

Wood stove, Fisher fireplace insert, \$300. 284-5204 after 5pm.

1974 Oldsmobile Salon, 93k mi, \$45,000. 688-3099.

1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass, 59k mi, \$6,500. 688-3099.

Firewood, \$100/pick-up load. 688-5461.

Club Car gas golf cart, \$1,500. 777-9305.

1980 Volvo 244DL, 70k mi, \$6,500. 625-2430.

2000 Buick Park Ave Ultra, 182k mi, leather, 4dr, sunroof, \$2,500. 757-275-5610.

2002 Dodge Durango, 4dr, 4WD, auto, 172k mi, \$3,500. 757-275-5610.

Maple wood hutch, dove tail drawers, upper glass doors, \$250. 380-9377.

Whirlpool Duet HE front-loading washer/dryer, \$1,000/both. 284-3877.

Whirlpool side-by-side refrigerator, black, \$600. 284-3877.

Busick 37' camper, \$7,000. 803/548-4320.

Silver soprano flute w/ case, \$100. 720/883-7679.

Line 6 Spider IV 15 guitar amp w/ effects, manual, \$100. 720-883-7679.

WANTED

Old barn to dismantle for lumber. 380-1232.

Salvaged items: antiques, old doors, reclaimed lumber. 380-1232.

- Junk Cars. 689-5125.
- FREE horses and cheap goats. 645-7544.
- Cow chute. 243-5535.
- Red wagon. 689-9040.
- Ruff Hauz dog house. 689-9040.
- MISCELLANEOUS
- Will Do: tear down old buildings. 208-0295.
- Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.
- For Rent: 3BR/2BA house, unfurn, no pets, Laurel. 775-2055.
- Will Do: help you move. 284-3009.
- Will Do: handyman services, junk removal, tree trimming. 284-2137.
- Will Do: CNA services, ref available. 380-0204.
- Will Do: alterations. 380-0204.
- Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.
- Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.
- Will Do: healing touch therapy. 649-9676.
- For Rent: creekside vacation rental, fenced, pvt. 656-2281.
- Will Do: sewing, alterations, ironing. 682-2129.
- Will Do: clean rental homes. 776-2702.
- Will Do: cut trees & clear land. 675-4003.
- Will Do: pressure washing & staining. 675-4003.
- FREE: Norfolk pine tree in planter, 9'. 689-5727.

How Much Does It Cost To Run A 1,500 Watt Space Heater?

Most electric space heaters and electric fireplaces are rated at 1,500 watts. This would be the "high" setting on the heater. However, most space heaters also have a "low" setting or a thermostat, so for the sake of simplicity we'll assume the space heater in this example is operating continuously at the full power setting at 1,500 watts.

Now, to figure out how much you pay per hour for a 1,500 watt space heater, use this formula: **space heater watts x .001 x cents per kWh = cost to run per hour**

For a 1,500 watt space heater based on a rate of \$0.13 per kWh (FBEMC rate) it would look like this: **1,500 x .001 x .13 = .195 or 20 cents per hour rounded up.**

If you run your 1,500 watt space heater at full power every day for 6 hours each day, it will cost \$36 a month: **0.20 x 6 hrs x 30 days = \$36.00**

So, if you run your 1,500 watt space heater at full power every day for 24 hours, it will cost **\$144** a month.



Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Schedule December/January

Marshall District

- Highway 63
- Sandy Mush Substation to Trust
- Mars Hill Substation,
- up Hwy 19 to county line

Burnsville District

- Ferguson Hill to Riverside
- McKinney Cove
- White Oak Creek
- Bear Creek

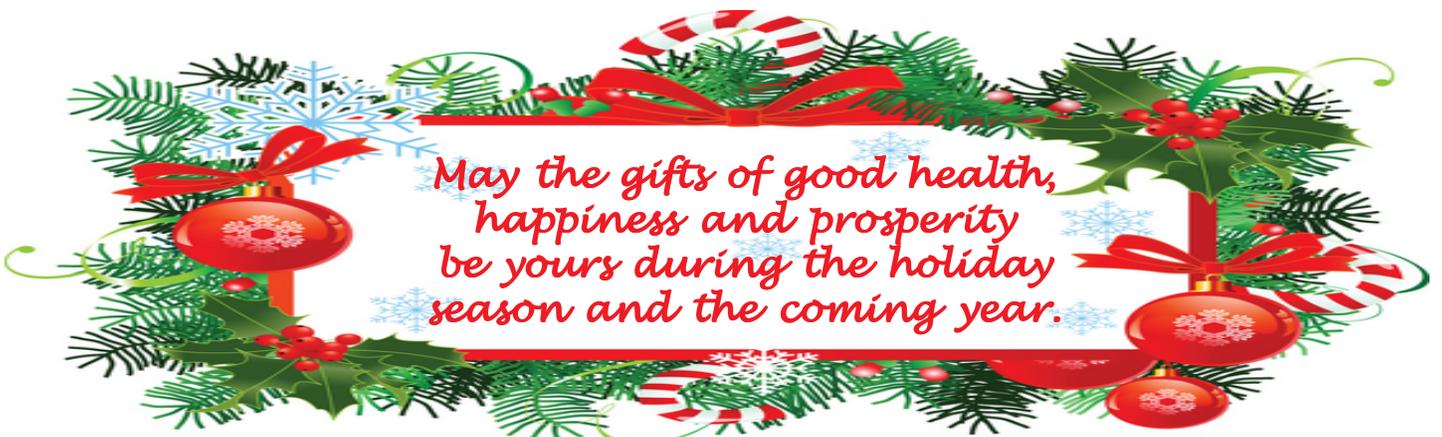
Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter is here and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating/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.



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*May the gifts of good health,
happiness and prosperity
be yours during the holiday
season and the coming year.*