

The Electrifier

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DECEMBER 2018

"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

Bright Ideas Educational Grants Awarded

For twenty-four teachers in fourteen 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 \$400 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.

Madison County

Brush Creek Elementary: *Joy Allen, Roslyn Carney & Jennifer Miller*

Madison Early College: *Scott Whitney*

Madison High: *Georgina Ray*

Madison Middle: *Kerstin Davis, Thomas Hicks & Don Schiffhauer*

Mars Hill Elementary: *Crystal Blankenship & Holly Massey*

Mitchell County

Deyton Elementary: *Kelli Chapman*

Harris Middle: *Laura Cole*

Mitchell High: *Melissa Cadell*

Yancey County

Cane River Elementary: *Christy Deyton, Victoria Hensley, Keli Miller & Karen Stevens*

Clearmont Elementary: *Erin McKinney*

East Yancey Middle: *Chris Brocci, Beryl Carroll & Jenny Martin*

Micaville Elementary: *Karen Fox*

Mountain Heritage High: *Daniel McKinney*

Unicoi County, TN

Unicoi High: *Karla Keesecker*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Manager's Report

Investing in Your Capital Credits



One of the benefits in 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 into 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

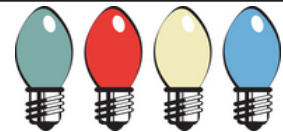
members immediately. The money is used to help finance maintenance and improvements to the Cooperative’s electric system without having to borrow money from outside sources at high interest rates. By using these margins for reinvestment in our electrical system, French Broad Electric has been able to 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 \$1.4 million to those folks who were customers in 1991. 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-way’s, 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 of 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 Fri Dec 21st,
 Mon Dec 24th
 Tues Dec 25th
 in observance of Christmas
 and
 Tues Jan 1st 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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Deadlines for submitting ads or notices to **The Electrifier:**

January issue	Dec 10th
February issue	Jan 10th
March issue	Feb 10th



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 re-submitted. 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 can be submitted online, by phone or by mail.

FOR SALE

Kawasaki KX-250 dirt bike. 777-5422.

Grizzly 6" planer/jointer, \$350. 645-9860.

Powermate 12" wood lathe, \$800. 645-9860.

Professional Aladdin II Evolution slot machine. 683-3371.

McCoy cookie jars (20+), \$650 all. 683-3371.

2002 Toyota Camry SE, needs motor, \$700. 656-2372.

Vintage Christmas album collection (12 vinyl records), Elvis, etc. \$45. 682-7868.

1985 Cabbage Patch "Timothy David" doll w/ box/papers, \$265. 682-7868.

Rubbermaid roughneck storage box, 18gal, \$4ea. 649-2344.

Lane cedar chest, \$50. 649-2344.

2013 Honda CR-V AWD, loaded, 79k mi, auto, leather, \$16,995. 680-1722.

2012 Ford Focus, auto, 62k mi, \$7,599. 680-1722.

1982 Ford F-700 tanker, 429 Lima engine, 5spd manual/2spd rear end. 206-5014.

1885 Ford F-700 tanker, 429 Lima engine, 5spd manual/2spd rear end. 206-5014.

Kerosene monitor w/ kerosene tank, \$800. 206-0266 before 9pm.

Chestnut log cabins (3), \$6,000ea. 707-0921.

Cattle trailer, 2-aisle, \$1,000. 707-0921.

Commercial style SS range hood, \$275. 284-4865.

Joan Walsh Anglund dolls (4) w/ chairs & case, \$80. 649-2074.

Zeopedic twin mattress w/ metal frame, \$200 OBO. 682-2861 or 284-4484.

Chiropractor orthopod, \$150. 682-2861 or 284-4484.

9 Acres, Burnsville. 284-8731.

Electric sewing machine in wood cabinet, \$45. 649-3976.

Steel cables, \$75 all. 649-3976.

17' galvanized boat trailer, \$300. 423/743-5988.

6' bush hog, \$300. 423/743-5988.

Couch & chair, paprika color, \$200. 649-2572.

English shepherd dogs, \$100ea. 683-3126.

Defiant Encore wood heater, \$400. 284-9057.

Books on Billy Graham & David Jeremiah. 675-4271.

Books on Indian heritage & others. 675-4271.

Champion 4,000-watt generator, \$100. 484-7354.

Hardwood, seasoned, clean & split, \$120 you haul/\$175 we haul. 284-7388.

2016 Mazda Miata, 1,500mi. 284-6398.

6' Anderson patio door. 284-6398.

2.8 acre-lot w/ mountain views, Burnsville, \$51,500. 770/310-4169.

Jazzy electric wheelchair w/ 2 batteries, \$1,500. 206-3675.

Yamaha 660 4-wheeler, \$4,000.
620-3021.

Princess House misc pcs, \$100.
649-2678.

Blue Garland China, 20pcs, \$25.
649-2678.

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Pigs or hogs, no sows or boars.
688-1047 or 766-5907.

Midsize 4WD pickup, auto, 4-6 yrs old.
682-7429.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Spring Creek Christmas Bazaar, Dec
8, 10a-2p, Comm Ctr. 770/328-9233.

Will Do: window cleaning, int & ext,
MH area. 912/507-1759.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

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

Farmer's Market, MHU, Sats 10am-
1pm. www.marshillmarket.org.

FOMCA, low cost spay/neuter.
649-9798.

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

Will Do: trash/metal pickup.
768-2479 or 380-1373.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

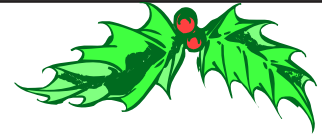
Will Do: handyman services, junk
removal, tree trimming. 284-2137.

FREE water heater, you pick up.
206-0266.

Will Do: caregiving, day or night,
exp & ref. 206-0146.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

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



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

Marshall District

Big Sandy Mush
Sandy Mush Creek
Paint Fork Area
(from Hamburg Rd to County Line)
upper end of Crooked Creek Rd
Town of Mars Hill
Petersburg area

Burnsville District

Hannah Branch
White Oak
Grindstaff Road
Seven Mile Ridge Road
Hwy 80S
Town of Burnsville

Sams Retires



Matthew Sams retired October 30th with 29 years of service. Hired as an Apprentice Tree Trimmer, Matthew moved up the ladder and became a First Class Tree Trimmer,

then an Equipment Operator, and at retirement, he was a Supervisor of Right-of-Way crews.

Matthew is enjoying the life of retirement as he spends time with his family. We wish Matthew all the best in his retirement.

Congratulations Matthew!!!

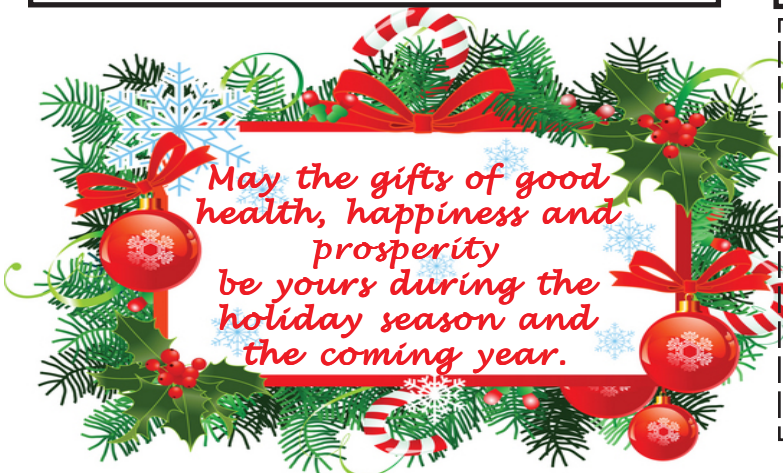
Peterson Retires

Robert Peterson retired November 1st with 32 years of service. Hired as a Laborer, Robert moved up the ladder to become a First Class Tree Trimmer, was promoted to a Meter Reader, then Bill Collector and retired as a Service Technician.



Robert is enjoying the life of retirement as he catches up on his to-do list and is enjoying time with his family. We wish Robert all the best in his retirement.

Congratulations Robert!!!



Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Interest Rate Increase Effective January 1, 2019

We will be increasing the interest rate from 3% to 6% on all mini-split heat pump loans. The new interest rate will be applied to loans for units installed on or after January 1, 2019.

To take advantage of the 3% rate, your unit(s) must be installed on or before December 31, 2018. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (828)649-2051.

