

The Electrifier

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"Owned by those we serve"

Marshall, NC

MINISPLIT 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. Visit www.frenchbroademc.com for more information.

NOW OFFERING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Over the past 6 years, we have installed over 3,000 systems across our service territory. These systems have provided an affordable and efficient way for our members to heat and cool their homes and businesses. In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine maintenance on both the inside and outside units annually. Cleaning the equipment from debris build up will extend the life of the system and improve the efficiency.

Recognizing this need, FBEMC has put together a program that will give our members peace of mind and a way to keep their system running for many years. For a charge of \$17.50 added to your monthly bill, FBEMC will clean and service your system once per year. We will also inspect the system and make any other repairs necessary. If you have more than one indoor unit, they only cost an additional \$7 per unit per month.

For more information, please visit our website: www.frenchbroademc.com.

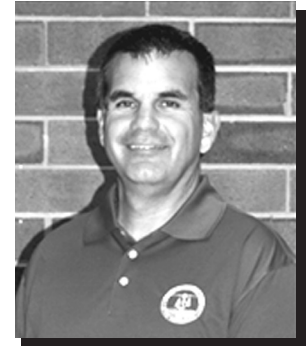
*French Broad EMC Employees and Directors
extend their very best wishes for a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*All French Broad EMC offices will be closed
1/2 day Wednesday Dec 23rd,
Thursday Dec 24th and Friday Dec 25th
in observance of Christmas and
Friday, Jan 1st, in observance of New Years.*



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 keeps 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 \$1.64 million to those folks who were customers in 1993. Members whose capital credits are \$1 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.





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.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to:

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

FOR SALE

Troybilt 27-ton wood splitter, \$999. 682-7916 or 778-0389.

1986 Toyota van, 130k mi, \$800. 682-8038.

House on 9.62 ac. 682-8038.

1995 PA46-350P, TTAE 1690, NDH. 850/803-2153.

12' Jump Zone trampoline w/ enclosure, \$60. 779-0352.

Black fireplace screen, \$30. 779-0352.

Black walnuts, shelled. 689-8419.

Banty roosters (6), \$5ea OBO. 645-7544.

Barbie & porcelain dolls. 675-4271.

Books on religion & the Bible. 675-4271.

(2) plots, Bowman-Rector Cemetery, \$5,000 OBO. 206-8662.

Hay, square bales, Hot Springs. 875/765-2691.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, \$5/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

Coleman canoe, 17' w/ 2 seats, 2 paddles, \$400. 768-7094.

Galvanized chain link dog kennel, \$195. 689-3592 before 9pm.

Mini-Moog synthesizer '70s analog w/ case, \$3,000. 208-4993.

Puzzles, Books, & more. 675-6374.

McCoy pottery & glassware & more. 675-6374.

Hoosier cabinet w/ flour sifter rack & pie drawer & top hutch. 321/432-7670.

Antique parlor stove, \$175. 689-4024.

Corvette hoods, 1985-1993. 467-3876.

18" gooseneck HT-3 track light fixtures, black w/ bulbs, \$90/all. 675-4661.

Seasoned red oak log firewood, you cut and take. 412/537-6150.

Chest of drawers, old skillets, cabinet & tools. 682-4355.

Mixed hardwood firewood. 284-8069.

Truck fiberglass cover, tinted windows, fits 2005-2015 Ford SWB. 284-8069.

Guitars, banjo & various instruments. 720/883-7679.

New Balance walking shoes, white, size 7.5D, \$75. 688-3693.

(2) lots, Ashelawn Gardens of Memory, \$1,600/both. 645-5927.

Treadmill. 622-7225.

Firewood, hardwood, will deliver. 206-9097.

Baseball cards, \$2ea & figurines, \$5ea. 208-2245.

Antique grindstone wheel on metal stand, \$160. 658-3805.

Rings, sizes 7-10, necklaces, bracelets, \$10ea. 208-2245.

Australian cattle puppies. 682-2050.

(5) Goodyear Wrangler P23575R15 tires, \$200. 688-1412.

Full cedar BR suite w/ mattress & box springs. 206-7489.

Dining Room suite w/extension + 6 chairs. 206-7489.

1999 Ford Expedition, 4x4, sale or trade for truck camper. 506-9700.

10' cattle trailer, \$1,000. 803-9090.

(3) chestnut log houses from 1930's, \$20,000 OBO. 803-9090.

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Correctional Officers. 919/480-0064 or www.oshr.nc.gov.

Someone to do housekeeping 4hrs/1day/week, \$20/hr. 252/987-3440.

42" transmission for riding lawn mower. 206-3682.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 273-3161.

FREE 1988 and 1991 Honda Prelude cars. 273-1676.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

For Rent: pasture, hay fields & corn field. 689-4663.

FREE piano. 658-3000.

Will Do: elder care, ref. 649-9676.

Will Do: clean houses, ref. 688-3693.

For Rent: 3BR apt, avail Jan 1st, no pets, dep req. 776-2393.

For Rent: retail/office space, Hwy 25/70. 776-2393.

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

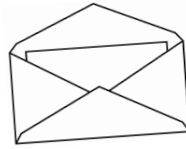
Burnsville District (cutting)

- * Crabtree * Little Switzerland
- * Green Mountain Drive
- * Buker Ridge
- * Town of Burnsville

Marshall District (cutting)

- * Upper end of Big Laurel
- * Grapevine/Petersburg
- * Alexander * Leicester
- * Little Sandy Mush
- * Meadows Town Road

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



We would like to remind you that the return envelopes, which are included with your monthly billing statement, have a barcode on the bottom and when mailed, these envelopes come directly to French Broad EMC.

For example: If you try to use the envelope to mail your phone bill, because of the barcode on the envelope, it will come to French Broad EMC and not go to your phone provider.

Please do not use these envelopes to mail anything to anyone other than French Broad EMC.

**Now Offering
New Payment Methods**

In addition to echeck and and all major credit cards, we are now accepting payments on our web site through the following providers:

- * PayPal
- * Amazon Pay
- * Venmo

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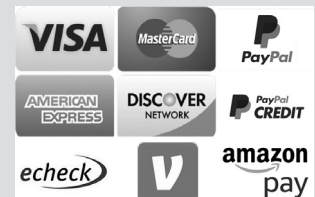
Marshall (828) 649-2051
 Toll-Free Marshall 1-800-222-6190
 Burnsville (828) 682-6121
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**To Report A Power Outage
After Hours**

Marshall District
 (Madison, Buncombe &
 Unicoi Counties)
 (828) 649-2051 • 1-800-222-6190

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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 is the **15th** of each month.



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