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MARSHALL, NC

Keep Up With Your Electricity Usage for 2021

Record Chart for Electric Bills						
<u>Month</u>	<u>Meter Reading</u>	<u>Date Read</u>	<u>KWH Used</u>	<u>Number Days</u>	<u>Amount of Bill</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
JANUARY						
FEBRUARY						
MARCH						
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						

We encourage you to clip out the above chart and use it to record your electrical usage for the year. It will serve as a ready reference for the cost of electricity for any particular month. If you keep these records over several years, you will know when and how your usage is affected by holidays, vacations, company, etc. As the cost of energy continues to rise, more and more emphasis will be placed on energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption. This exercise should show if your efforts are successful over time.



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When making a payment by phone, please ***Do Not*** use the speaker phone option.

When your phone is on speaker phone mode, the payment system does not recognize the numbers that you are entering and the system will not process your payment.

Thank You!

Manager's Report

"Bright Ideas Grants" Give Back to Those We Serve



Jeff Loven

Since 1994, the North Carolina Electric Cooperatives Bright Ideas program has given almost \$15 million dollars to educators for more than 12,300 projects benefiting over 2.5 million students. The Bright Ideas program was developed to provide funding to our local teachers for innovative classroom projects that fall outside normal funding parameters. For the past 21 years, French Broad Electric has participated in the Bright Ideas program, funding projects from teachers in and near our service territory.

This past fall marked another successful year for the Bright Idea program at French Broad EMC. In total, \$25,000 was used to fund projects in Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell, and Unicoi County, TN. Many grants have been awarded toward technology-based curriculum items such as iPods, iPads, Kindle's, etc. Our school systems have very limited resources for purchasing these items. We live in a society heavily influenced by technology

and our children need to be fluent in the use of these technology-based tools. Being able to contribute to the purchase of these technologies is a worthwhile investment in our communities and our children.

A few of the many interesting projects that were funded this year included a grant to Madison Middle School for \$1300 to purchase new equipment and material for their 6th grade science teachers. The 6th grade students will be able to use this equipment to gain an understanding of various wave properties of energy in earthquakes, light, and sound. They will be able to experiment with energy properties of frequency, wavelength, and amplitude.

Another great project that was funded was for Mr. Cedergren's class at South Toe Elementary School. With a \$1450 grant, they will purchase drone equipment in order to educate several classes about the many ways they can be used in science, business, and other areas of the real world.

Ms. Montgomery of Madison Middle School was awarded a \$1500 grant to assist in the purchase of additional lab tools for her science classes. These tools will be used in many different scientific experiments to study physics and irrigation. With these tools at their disposal, students will be more prepared for the high school science curriculum.

As you can see, great things are going on in our local school systems and French Broad Electric and its board of directors are proud to contribute to such a worthy cause. We are proud of the work our local educators do for our youth in our communities and want to assist providing them with the tools to do more. Our Bright Ideas grant program provides an opportunity to our teachers to help more kids and get them involved in developing the skills that will be necessary for them to be successful as they become adults.



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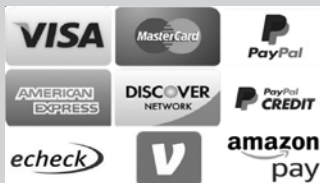
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to **The Electrifier**
is the 15th of each month



The Outlet

All numbers are in
828 area code unless
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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.

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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 OR submit online at www.frenchbroademc.com.

FOR SALE

Old books, 1800's-1900s. 675-4271.
Costume & vintage jewelry. 675-4271.
Laura Ashley desk. 675-4003.
Samsung 65" flat screen TV, \$400.
206-3989.
Leather (brown) couch, reclines on both ends, \$300. 206-3989.
2003 Honda Civic Hybrid, 112,500mi, auto, \$5,000. 206-1422.
12' Jump Zone trampoline w/ enclosure, \$60. 779-0352.
Black fireplace screen. 779-0352.
1982 AMC Concord car, 6cyl, 74,796mi. 656-2316.
Shibarua 854A diesel engine, 2133cc, \$1,000. 649-3276.
Permachink Armour-Guard Borate, 25lbs, \$50. 649-3276.
1.5 ac, power, storage bldg., views, Little Pine, \$30k. 768-0824.
2002 Yamaha XVS 1100 V-star, \$2,500. 385-0053.
2006 Ford Mustang, 4.0L, 132k mi, \$4,800. 215-6617.
1999 Corolla for parts, \$400. 380-0363.
Vermont Casting wood heater stove, \$200. 380-0363.
Pullets (2-3 different types), will be laying by Spring. 622-3326.
Wormy chestnut lumber, 700 sq ft, rough sawn, \$8/bd ft. 675-9250.
2005 Toyota Tacoma, for parts, \$150. 658-3805.
Metal extension ladder, 28', \$50. 658-3805.
Firewood, hardwood, will deliver. 206-9097.
Hospital bed. \$500. 777-4844.
5' free-standing propane fireplace w/ mantle. 321/243-2099.
4WD diesel tractor, bushhog, scrapebox. 321/243-2099.

(4)snow tires, 205/50 R17, \$400 OBO. 516/410-9906.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.
Wood heater. 707-7025 or 776-2288.
Correctional Officers, www.oshr.nc.gov or 919/480-0064.
Barbie Dream House or similar doll house. 380-2753.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: Chair Caning. 273-3161.
Will Do: Asphalt/Concrete/Pressure Clean, Repairs, Clearcoat. 712-2931.
Will Do: Fine Finishes/Stain, Paint Restorations. 712-2931.
Will Do: Elder care, ref. 649-9676.
FREE: Bevelled wall mirror, 3'x4'. 380-3874.
FUNctional Fitness Class, Thursdays 11am, Dec-Jan. 689-5267.
For Rent: Mobile Home lot, Leicester, \$385/ mo. 333-8910.
For Rent: 1BR/1BA cottage w/ deck & views, Mars Hill. 689-2886.
FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.
Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

ROW Clearing Schedule January/February

Marshall District

* Hwy 25/70
(Marshall to Walnut)
* Grapevine/Petersburg
* Alexander * Leicester
* Little Sandy Mush
* Meadowstown Roadl

Burnsville District

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

**MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP
PROGRAM
NOW OFFERING
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

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.

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.

Do You Have Access To The Internet?

The Madison County Broadband Committee is actively working to improve internet access in each area of the County. In order to increase services, we need your assistance. Please take the simple survey, created by the North Carolina Department of Information Technology, and it will ask you a few questions and automatically record your current internet speeds.

Please access the survey at <https://investinmadison.com/SURVEY>.

**Bright Ideas
Educational Grants Awarded**

For thirteen teachers from nine 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 \$500 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

Barnardsville Elementary: Jason Hyatt

Madison County

Brush Creek Elementary: *Mandy Sheehan*
Madison Middle: *Jamie Calloway, Kerstin Davis,
Lindsay Montgomery & Don Schiffhauer*

Mitchell County

Deyton Elementary: *Kelli Chapman*
Greenlee Primary: *Dana Street-Ward*

Yancey County

East Yancey Middle: *Beryl Carroll*
Micaville Elementary: *Renee Johnson*
Mountain Heritage High: *Amanda Ogle & Angie Holtzclaw*
South Toe Elementary: *Eric Cedergren*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!