

# The *Electrifier*

JULY 2019

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MARSHALL, NC

## Teachers Can Apply Now for 2019 - 2020 Bright Ideas Education Grants

For 25 years, the Bright Ideas education grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's cooperatives, including French Broad EMC, has expanded learning opportunities in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to teachers for innovative, classroom-based projects that would not otherwise be funded.

Each year, about 2,000 applications are accepted from K-12 teachers in a variety of disciplines including music, art, history, reading, science, career-planning and information technology.

French Broad EMC is proud to continue to promote creativity in North Carolina classrooms and to award these grants to deserving teachers. Teachers may apply for grants of up to \$1,500.00.

To learn more about the program and start an online application, visit [www.NCBrightIdeas.com](http://www.NCBrightIdeas.com).

The **deadline** to submit applications for the 2019-2020 school year is **September 13, 2019**. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline, August 15, 2019, will be entered in a drawing to win one of five \$100 gift cards.

## Safety Tips for Summer Fireworks

When we think of summer, we think of picnics, barbecues, parades and fireworks. As exciting and colorful as fireworks are, and as small and simple as some seem to be, they still can pose a danger.

Every year, young children can be found with sparklers in hand, but they are a lot more dangerous than most people think. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and many children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet.

Bottle rockets, small rockets attached to a stick, lit by a fuse and typically fired from a bottle, have been known to cause chest, head and eye injuries.

Firecrackers are designed to explode on the ground. They are designed to be very noisy, but they also can cause burns and other serious injuries.

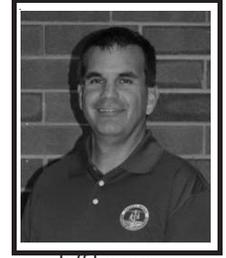
Be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- \*Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- \*Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- \*Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
- \*Never light fireworks indoors & only use them away from people, houses and flammable material.
- \*Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- \*Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- \*Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.

Better yet, kick back and let the experts handle the show.

[www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

# Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

## Look out for Power lines and Stay Safe

Things we see every day can almost fade from view. But failure to notice high voltage power lines can be a deadly oversight. French Broad EMC wants to raise awareness about the dangers of overhead power lines and the precautions to take around them.

Often, when we undertake outdoor activities, we don't even think about power lines. Taking a few moments to become aware of your surroundings is a critical step to keeping yourself and your loved ones safe.

Please follow these guidelines as you prepare to work outdoors this year:

- \* Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools, like ladders, pool skimmers, and pruning poles. Lower your long equipment when moving it. Carry ladders and other long items horizontally.

- \* Be careful when working on or around your roof, installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes, doing roof repair work or cleaning gutters. Never go up on the roof in bad weather.

- \* Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house.

- \* Never trim trees near power lines – leave that to the professionals.

- \* Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.

- \* Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.

- \* If your projects include digging, like building a deck or planting a tree, call 811 before you begin. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. This service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.

Another instance when people often come in contact with power lines is through vehicle crashes. In accidents that bring down power lines, our instincts tell us to flee danger. However, it's almost always best to stay in your vehicle and wait for help. Call 9-1-1 and

wait until the utility arrives and ensures the area is de-energized. Do not assume that because the power line is not flashing or arching that it is de-energized.

If you must get out because of fire or another danger, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground simultaneously. Then hop with feet together — don't run or stride. Electricity spreads through the ground in ripples, like a stone dropped in water. The voltage is highest in the ring closest to the vehicle and decreases with distance. Hop with feet together, so one foot won't be in a higher voltage zone than another, which could make you a conductor for electricity.

If you come upon, or witness an accident involving toppled power poles and lines, don't leave your vehicle to approach the accident scene. Often, our inclination is to step in and help those in danger and offer assistance to the injured. However, in accidents involving power poles, the best thing you can do is call for help. Wait for trained assistance to arrive, or you could become an additional victim needing to be rescued.



# 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.

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Marshall	(828) 649-2051
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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

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### FOR SALE

Washburn 12-string guitar w/ case, \$300. 683-4656.

Soloflex w/ bands, \$295 OBO. 683-4656.

Motorhome cover, class C, \$300. 778-9885.

Kawasaki KX-250 dirt bike. 778-4477.

Potted snowball bushes, azaleas, hostas, trees, & more. 545-8802.

Full-size bed frame & dresser w/ mirror, \$100. 467-8121.

Antique dresser, \$75. 467-8121.

(3) greenhouses: 2-25x100; 1-25x75; fans, heater, sunshades, etc. 206-0785.

Hydroseeder, 550 gal, \$5,500. 206-0785.

Bed, mattress, dresser w/ mirror, \$800. 713-6527.

2.95 ac w/ electric, septic & well, graded driveway, \$90,000. 301-2992.

Hay, square bales, Hot Springs. 865/765-2691.

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

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

Blueberries, you pick, Spruce Pine, \$10/gal. 467-7096 or 467-3051.

Auto stereo speakers, make offer. 206-4053.

Fresh farm eggs, \$2/doz. 656-2281.

Harpicle, 26-string, 2 stands, lapboard, strap, case, tuner, \$500. 424-0271.

Blevins Meadowwind 36-string harp w/ case + tuner, \$1,800. 424-0271.

(2) Forever crystal toasting heart champagne glasses, \$8. 689-9018.

Sole E35 elliptical w/ incline, LED display, 20" stride, \$500. 385-3861.

Peavey PA system, \$400. 682-6988.

Canning jars, \$3/doz. 682-6988.

Psaltery, Robert Beers model of the McKensie piano harp. 337-3700.

+/- 5 Acres, Barnardsville, \$60,000. 775-9380 after 6pm.

29 standing timber trees. 622-7225 or 380-1230.

1978 DW mobile home, Bakersville, must move, \$10,000 OBO. 704/771-5329.

Furniture for den, kitchen, MBR. 225/279-0311.

(2) spaces Forest Lawn Vets Garden of Honor, \$2,500. 658-9837.

2002 Suzi motorcycle, 805cc, red w/ saddle bags, 18k mi. 385-3418.

Leer fiberglass camper cover, 5'8", \$499. 683-4656.

2009 Suzuki motorcycle, 805cc, shield, bags, blue/white, \$3,450 OBO. 683-4656.

1 BR '72 model, can stay on lot. \$3,000. 208-5773.

(7) Kubota 55lb weights, \$60ea. 467-6744.

Canopy for tractor, 50"x63", \$175. 467-6744.

6 Acres, north Buncombe. 380-1452.

1989 Bronco, 5.0, 5-spd, some rust, sell whole or parts. 385-6059.

Husqvarna 20" 455 rancher chainsaw, \$350. 689-3874.

2017 Dodge Ram 3500, 50k mi, 6spd manual, 12k-lb winch, \$49,700. 678-0645.

49ac farm w/ 2 barns, W Yancey.  
684-0213.

Delonghi portable A/C unit, 10k BTU w/  
dehumidifier & remote. 675-9802.

2BR/2BA home near MHU, \$25k/yr rental  
income, \$200,000. 912/844-3244.

Dewalt cordless drill w/ 2 batt +  
charger. 319-2249.

Troy Bilt wood splitter, 27-ton.  
777-4844 or 424-7479.

2011 Toyota Tundra, 5.7 V8, silver, dbl  
cab, 4x4, 63k mi, \$25,900. 380-0913.

Old reclaimed lumber. 208-0295.

Jewelry, tiger eye, cameo, other  
gemstones. 675-4271.

Vintage baskets. 675-4271.

8.02 Acres w/ 2 home sites, water,  
septic, \$10,000 per acre. 208-6849.

3 Acres, riverfront, Toe River Rd,  
\$62,000. 208-6849.

### WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Someone to clean vacation cabin.  
231-2152.

Someone to rebuild crawl space  
entrance. 704/231-9875.

Someone to lay brick, need a quote.  
206-5367.

Someone to help with odd jobs,  
1-4 times per month. 678-0264.

Someone to do yard work, weedeating &  
mowing. [selenamelinda47@gmail.com](mailto:selenamelinda47@gmail.com).

### MISCELLANEOUS

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

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Vietnam Veteran OV1 Mohawk Re-  
union, Oct 2019. 689-9663.

Will Do: sealcoating, asphalt repair,  
free est. 206-0033.

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

FREE: 21" self-propelled TroyBilt  
lawnmower w/ bagger. 843/789-9919.

Farming Training, Oct 2019, Creekside  
Farm & Education Center, Arden, NC.

Farmer's Market, MHU, Sat 9am-1pm.  
689-3606.

For Rent: creekside cabin, \$75/night.  
656-2281.

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

FREE: sheep, black/white male, no  
kids, 200+lbs. 688-2452.

For Rent: 3BR/1BA house, Hwy 212.  
423/438-4147.

Will Do: tear down old buildings.  
208-0295.

## 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.

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tion: [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com)



**French Broad EMC  
offices will be closed  
Wednesday July 17th  
for company picnic**



## Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule for July/August

### Burnsville District

#### Cutting

- \* Bolens Creek
- \* Highway 80 S
- \* Bowditch
- \* Hickory Springs Road
- \* Brush Creek
- \* Double Island Road
- \* Altapass
- \* Biggerstaff Road
- \* Halltown

#### Spraying

- \* Fork Mountain
- \* Glen Ayre
- \* McKinney Cove
- \* White Oak
- \* Brummetts Creek
- \* Pigeon Roost
- \* Cooper Branch
- \* Brush Creek
- \* Roses Branch
- \* Spruce Pine
- \* Little Switzerland
- \* East Yancey
- \* Town of Burnsville
- \* West Burnsville
- \* Transmission Line from  
Burnsville to Relief

### Marshall District

#### Cutting

- \* Sandy Mush Creek.
- \* Upper end of Big Laurel
- \* Grapevine/Petersburg
- \* area north of Jupiter Rd and  
south of 213
- \* Walnut/Barnard/Big Pine

#### Spraying

- \*Sandy Mush/Big Sandy Mush
- \*Upper Big Laurel
- \*Mars Hill...- Bruce Road  
- N. Main Street  
- Parkway View Rd
- \*Grapevine/Petersburg
- \*Spring Creek/Meadow Fork
- \*Grandview
- \*Locust Grove
- \*Hwy 213