

# The *Electrifier*

JULY 2020

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MARSHALL, NC

## Teachers Can Apply Now for 2020 - 2021 Bright Ideas Education Grants



For over 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 2020-2021 school year is **September 11, 2020**. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline, August 15, 2020, will be entered in a drawing to win one of five \$100 gift cards.

## *Note*

### Update Your Contact Information

Please be sure to notify your local FBEMC office when any of your contact information changes.

Customers are notified of their FlexPay balances, electronic bills, pending disconnects, scheduled outages, etc. via email, text message and/or voicemail.

It is important that we keep our records updated, should we need to contact you.

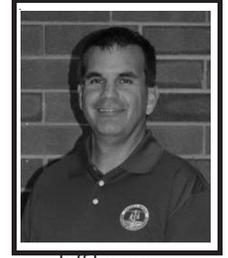
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When making a payment by phone, please **Do Not** use the speaker phone option.

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



Jeff Loven

# Phase Two Affects Utilities

When Governor Cooper announced that North Carolina was moving to Phase 2 of a three-phase plan last month, I was optimistic we would be transitioning back to our pre-COVID-19 "normal" lives. I think everyone agrees that we needed to reopen our churches, businesses, and restaurants and get our economy going as quickly as possible. At the same time, we also have to take necessary precautions in order to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Here at French Broad Electric, we have taken numerous steps to protect members and employees while still providing the critical service you expect. So far, we have been very fortunate in that COVID-19 cases in our area have been minimal. We will continue to employ our strategies for limiting our exposure while making sure the lights stay on.

As we move through the month of June, we still see families and businesses adversely effected by the impact of COVID-19. In an effort to combat the financial impact of COVID-19, all utilities in North

Carolina were ordered to suspend non-payment disconnection procedures for 60 days and this order was extended at the end of May. Now disconnections for non-payment will be extended until the end of July.

It is important to remember that even though disconnections for non-payment have been suspended, the monthly bill is not forgiven and the past due amount continues to increase. We are concerned that some members are going to have a difficult time paying these amounts once we transition back to normal operations in August.

If you are falling behind on payments, we encourage you to give our office a call and let us work with you to make a payment arrangement. We can work with our members ahead of time to make sure their electrical service is not interrupted. We can provide you information about local agencies that are providing financial support for electric bills.

The recent CARES Act allocated \$900 million to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

(LIHEAP). This program is administered by local Departments of Social Services and offers qualifying families assistance with their energy costs. North Carolina 2-1-1 is another great resource provided by United Way of North Carolina. Simply call 2-1-1 or visit [NC211.org](http://NC211.org) to obtain information on health and human services and resources within your community.

Please remember that French Broad EMC is a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative. There are no shareholders or third parties to carry the load of unpaid electric bills. The bottom line is, any unpaid electric bills affect capital credits allocations and the eventual retirement dollars for all members. As a co-op, we truly are all in this together.

These are unprecedented times for all of us, but hopefully it brings some comfort to know that French Broad Electric is out there working diligently with our members' best interest in mind. Please continue to stay safe and stay healthy as we strive to get back to normal as quickly as possible.



# 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

Registered Hereford bull, 15mos,  
\$1,500. 380-0215.

100-lb propane tanks, \$100ea.  
230-8118.

Katadin ram, \$200. 230-8118.

Firewood, seasoned hardwood, \$125/  
p/u; \$250/trailer. 683-7916 or 778-0389.

Pioneer stereo, CD changer, turntable,  
speakers, \$800. 683-3371.

Tools, antiques, clothes, pots/pans &  
more. 305/988-9188.

2002 Yamaha V-Star 1100 custom,  
47k mi, \$2,800. 385-0053.

Cast iron hand crank corn grinder on  
handmade bench, \$100. 423/743-0287.

Wagon wheel coffee table w/glass, brass  
knob hames legs, \$650. 704/637-7888.

(4) plots side by side, Ashelawn  
Gardens of Memory, \$5,000. 206-9158.

Heirloom ½-runner green beans, new  
potatoes & more. 656-2281.

2006 GMC Sierra 4-door, 4WD,  
137,208mi, \$10,000. 423/767-1137.

Hay, ½ for cutting, raking & rolling;  
extra \$2/sq or \$30/roll. 305/988-9188.

4,000sq ft home & barn on 9+acres,  
furnished, \$619,000. 305/988-9188.

Baby guinea's, \$8ea. 683-2398 only  
Mon-Sat before 9pm.

2018 Casita Deluxe travel trailer, 17',  
loaded, trailer cover. 682-6061.

Tiger Lilies, Day Lilies, Spirea, Almond  
bushes & more. 545-8802.

Dwarf burning bushes. 545-8802.

1995 Award camper, 30', \$4,000.  
689-5863.

6' metal parrot cage w/ tray, (2) bird  
perches, on casters, \$95. 682-9195.

Canning jars, quarts & ½ gal. 689-2642.

Maroon vinyl recliner, \$25. 688-1144.

Child's bench-style toy chest, pine,  
32"x14"x24", \$30. 688-1144.

German Shepherd pups, AKC.  
649-9483.

Fitness Leisure spa/hot tub, seats 5,  
230gal, \$500. 407/257-5777.

250-gal oil barrel, \$120. 738-8245.

Wood cook stove w/ oven & hot water  
reservoir, \$100. 738-8245.

Area rug, 5x7, \$50. 765-6281.

Shark Professional vacuum cleaner  
w/ attachment, \$150. 765-6281.

2BR/1BA SW on 4+ac, Bakersville.  
843/835-2050.

Appalachian fire place insert, \$700.  
683-3847.

Ceramic eagle collection. 682-2757  
or 208-2757.

1988 Ford Bronco II, XLT, \$7,500 OBO.  
683-4727 or 333-8910.

2002 Buick Century, champagne color.  
284-1141.

2BR/1BA home, mountain views &  
creek. 305/490-1213.

Jewelry: vintage & costume. 675-4271.

Books: religion & the Bible. 675-4271.

Versa front-tine tiller, \$200. 645-9075.

Off-road tire(1), LT285/70R17, \$60;  
road tire(1), P255/75R17, \$55; or  
\$100/both. 424-9166.

Walnut lumber, ¾" thick, 3,000bd ft,  
\$4/ft. 374-0015.

Canning tomatoes, peppers, ½runner  
beans. 656-2325.

Olympic summer & winter mugs; Steins  
from 1980-1996, \$5ea. 689-9018.

Vintage 400-day anniversary clock  
Kundo w/ key, \$40. 689-9018.

Sharp AC 5k BTU w/ remote, \$100;  
Haier AC, \$75. 689-4024.

Solar panels (6) 10'x4'x4". 206-2862.

Lumber: chestnut & more. 688-2957.

Wormy chestnut fire mantels. 688-2957.

2003 Honda VTX 1300, \$3,500.  
777-5422.

## WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Someone to work on an eight-day  
clock. 828-206-3675.

700-1500sqft bldg to lease w/concrete  
floor & 12'x12' roll up door. 228-697-8379.

Concrete yard deer. 682-1212 or  
954/496-9000.

Groundskeeper, 20+ flex hours/week,  
Bakersville, \$13+/hr. 234-7909.

Someone to grade driveway w/ tractor  
& blade. 658-9564.

French doors. 504-2160.

2-3BR home, \$700/mo, Burnsville-  
Candler. 284-7041.

Old buildings to tear down, will clean  
up. 208-0295.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.
- Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.
- Will Do: pressure wash. 675-4003.
- Farmers Market, Sat, 10-1, MHU. 689-3606.
- FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.
- Will Do: respite care, exp, ref. 649-9676.
- Will Do: tear down old buildings. 208-4599.
- Will Do: tile, small renovations, ref. 423/580-3231.
- FREE: beer brewing kit. 206-4160.
- COVID-19 assistance for Madison Co residents: apply by July 31st at 649-2711 or [www.madisonfriendshipfund.com](http://www.madisonfriendshipfund.com).

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.

Visit our website for more information:  
[www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com)



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**Marshall District**

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**NOTE**

The deadline for submitting ads to **The Electrifier** is the **15th** of each month.

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

**Burnsville District**

**Cutting**

- \* Hwy 197N
- \* Mine Fork
- \* Dale Road
- \* Mitchell Branch
- \* Mica Spring Heights

**Spraying**

- \* Bowditch Area
- \* Peacock Mtn
- \* McKinney Cove
- \* White Oak
- \* Bolens Creek
- \* Crabtree
- \* Pine Swamp
- \* Jacks Creek
- \* Double Island
- \* Hwy 19 W
- \* Bald Mtn
- \* Little Creek
- \* Depot Street
- \* Bald Mtn. Transmission Line
- \* Unimin Transmission Line

**Marshall District**

**Cutting**

- \* Upper end of Big Laurel
- \* Grapevine/Petersburg

**Spraying**

- \* Lonesome Mountain
- \* Revere-Rice Cove community
- \* Lower Big Laurel to Spill Corn
- \* Shelton Laurel community
- \* Paw Paw
- \* Paint Fork community
- \* Beech Glenn community
- \* Mars Hill Area/Gabriels Creek
- \* Panhandle/Flint Hill/Flat Creek
- \* Culberson Branch
- \* TN service territory