



The *Electrifier*

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JUNE 2020

"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

COLLECTIONS TO RESUME JUNE 1, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 124 which prohibited utility disconnects, late fees, and reconnection fees for residential accounts. This Order went into effect from April 1 to May 30th, 2020. In response to this Executive Order, French Broad EMC suspended all disconnects for non-payment, late fee charges and reconnect fees.

As of June 1, 2020, French Broad EMC will resume collections on past due accounts, late fee charges and reconnect fees, as applicable. We urge anyone who has a past due amount to either make payment on their balance to avoid disconnection of electrical service or contact their local

office (Bakersville 688-4815, Burnsville 682-6121 or Marshall 649-2051) to make a payment arrangement.

Please keep in mind that payment arrangements which are not met will result in disconnection and any applicable fees will be applied. Members can also choose to move to our Flex-Pay system where all past due amounts can be financed without any late fees or interest. Again, we encourage all members who have a past due amount to contact a FBEMC district office and make a payment arrangement that is manageable. We are grateful to be a part of your community and honored to provide electricity and services that power your life.

POLE REPLACEMENT POSES UNIQUE CHALLENGES

Ensuring consistent electric service to FBEMC members in remote areas of our service territory presents some unique challenges. On April 3rd we scheduled an outage for the Upper and Lower Shut-in and Paint Rock communities to perform a preventive emergency repair to replace two deteriorated poles. This was a huge undertaking but if the deteriorated poles had fallen without warning, it could have taken several days to restore service to this area. This repair was in one of the most remote areas of our system, inaccessible except by foot or helicopter. While we had the power turned off and a helicopter on site, we chose to replace ten additional poles on the same line. We were able to utilize crews from both the Marshall and the Burnsville districts to complete this job. As always, we appreciate your continued support as we strive to provide reliable electric service.



Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

Unprecedented Times of Crisis

The last few months have been a difficult time for everyone. 2020 will go down in history as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted our country like nothing else in our lifetime. Currently, over 20 million Americans are unemployed, families have lost loved ones to this awful disease and our economy hasn't seen a drop of this significance since the Great Depression. No one could have predicted this would happen and being fully prepared for such an event would have been impossible.

Through it all, it is evident that one of our greatest strengths as a country is our ability to "Step-Up" in times of crisis. We do not have to look far to see how our medical professionals and first responders have selflessly put the welfare of others ahead of their own well-being, working tirelessly to serve our community.

Our local businesses have also quickly adapted to provide key services in new and innovative ways and meeting needs however they can. Here at French Broad EMC, we quickly recognized that now, more than ever, our community needed us to make sure the lights stayed on and that we were there for our members.

Electric service is not an option. Like food and water, reliable electricity is critical to ensure everyone's health and safety and to maintain some sense of normalcy as people were mandated to stay at home. Despite all the uncertainties, our employees were dedicated to making sure power was delivered to each community we serve.

In addition to ensuring reliability during this unrepresented event, your Board of Directors made a commitment to keep energy costs as low as possible. As it became obvious this crisis

was going to negatively impact our local economy and our members, they began assigning credits to your monthly bills in order to lower everyone's cost of electricity.

Since January, the Board has credited the membership with over \$2 million dollars in purchase power and fuel adjustments (PPAF). In addition to those credits, they will credit an additional \$800,000 in June to assist our membership. This is one of the greatest advantages of being a member of an electric cooperative, in times of need, our Board of Directors make sure our customers benefit, not stockholders.

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 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.

2007 Hyundai Sonata, 1-owner, 213k mi, garage-kept, \$2,750 OBO. 674-1543.

Parts for 1990-1996 Nissan, 4WD & 2WD. 380-6004.

1-story hewn log house. 208-0295.

Tobacco sticks. 206-2875.

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

Plastic rock well cover, 3'x4'x3', \$25. 333-0971.

FOR SALE

Batteries (240) for right hearing aid, \$160. 645-0182.

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

Hosta, snowball bushes, daylilies & more. 545-8802.

Dwarf burning bushes, \$5-\$6ea. 545-8802.

Attic Aire 30" alum whole house fan, \$225. 208-4729.

2002 Yamaha V-Star 1100 custom M/C, 46k mi, \$2,800. 385-0053.

2004 Trail Vision camper w/ slide out, \$5,500. 208-3615.

Oak Baldwin piano bench w/ pad, \$50. 689-9018.

Exercise equipment, BowFlex, weight bench, bar bells & more, \$150. 208-4729.

Sharp A/C, 5,000 BTU w/ remote, \$100. 689-4024.

Great Pyrenees (2) spayed females, 2yo, shots, \$100. 676-6468.

Stein World 2-tone antique tan/walnut credenza, \$100. 689-9018.

1998 Millennium Odyssey pontoon boat, \$4,000. 208-4131.

2009 Outback 25' camper, sleeps 8, \$9,800 OBO. 683-4656.

2009 Suzuki M/C Boulevard 805cc, blue/white, \$3,250. 683-4656.

6BR/3½BA house on 2-9.69 ac, home land & barn, \$625,000. 305/988-9188.

Tools, tires, antiques, furniture & more. 305/988-9188.

Solar panels (6)4'x10'x4". 206-2862.

Soft Ride 4-bike rack, fits std hitch, \$50. 208-9509.

NUC colony of honeybees, Italian Q, workers, honey & brood, \$150. 208-2444.

2004 Ford Focus SE wagon, 157k mi, make offer. 284-6901.

Mobile feed bin, 30-ton capacity. 385-0244.

Proflo 5' frost-free yard hydrant, \$20. 284-6901.

2003 Trail-Lite 26' camper, \$5,500. 645-5809.

2007 Honda CR-V EX-L, moonroof, \$6,000. 230-2203.

1988 Ford Bronco, 89k mi, power locks, \$8,000. 230-2203.

Power Horse 9k-watt generator, electric/pull start, \$500. 208-2117.

Makita 10" dual angle chop saw with bench, \$300. 208-2117.

2BR mountain loft timeshare, Blue Green Vac, 9,000 pts. 336/601-0519.

2002 & 2003 Buick Rendezvous. 680-9081 or 273-9084.

Glass top table w/4 chairs. 680-9081 or 273-9084.

2001 Chevy Tracker, 4x4, 4dr, auto. 206-5827 before 6pm.

Shark professional vacuum with attachments, \$170. 765-6281.

Area rug, 5'x7', \$60. 765-6281.

Barbie & porcelain doll collections. 675-4271.

Books on Bible & religion, David Jeremiah & more. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley desk. 675-4003.

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Someone to weed-eat, use your weed-eater, \$15/hr. 622-7126.

Someone to remove and chip branches. 645-4486.

Free-standing, adjustable basketball goal. 656-2621.

Rear-tine garden tiller. 689-4024.

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

Female Chihuahua, short-hair, white, CK club. 675-1178.

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

Someone to bush hog & mow, Marshall. 919/815-1666.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: pressure wash. 675-4003.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Farmer's Market, Sat 10-1, MHU. www.marshillmarket.org.

Will Do: lawncare. 450-8073.

Will Do: housecleaning. 450-8073.

For Rent: 2BR 1,000sq ft apt, commercial potential, Hwy 25/70. 776-2393.

Explore the world with 50+ women travel group. 380-2594.

Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Summer is around the corner 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 our website for more information:
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FBEMC offices will be closed Friday July 3rd in honor of July 4th Independence Day

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To Report A Power Outage After Hours

Marshall District

(Madison, Buncombe & Unicoi Counties)
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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.

Right-of-Way Schedule for July/August

Marshall District

Cutting

- * Upper end of Big Laurel
- * Grapevine/Petersburg
- * Walnut
- * Barnard
- * Town of Mars Hill

Spraying

- * Lonesome Mountain
- * Revere-Rice Cove community
- * Mars Hill Sub to Bald Mtn
- * Hwy 19 area
- * Paint Fork community
- * Beech Glenn community
- * Shelton Laurel community
- * TN service territory
- * Mars Hill Area/Gabriels Creek
- * Panhandle/Flint Hill/Flat Ck
- * Culberson Branch
- * Lower Big Laurel to Spill Corn
- * Paw Paw

Burnsville District

Cutting

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

Spraying

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