



The Electrifier

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MARCH 2019

"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Nineteen employees were recognized and received service awards before the Christmas holidays.



Burnsville District

Back Row, L to R

Kent Phillips (15 years)
Dennis Silver (15 years)
Raylene Morrow (15 years)
BJ Webb (15 years)

Middle Row, L to R

Arlen Wilson (10 years)
Danny Hensley (20 years)
Aaron Hensley (10 years)

Front Row, L to R

Aaron Jeffords (5 years)
Angela Crout (5 years)
Darren Riddle (5 years)



Marshall District

Back Row, L to R

Jonathan Hensley (5 years)
Steven Marlor (20 years)
Chad Roberts (15 years)
Greg Massey (25 years)
Miles Briggs (5 years)

Front Row, L to R

Brad Payne (25 years)
Brian Hensley (5 years)
Joe Franklin (15 years)

Not pictured: Ronald Rice (30 years)

*****Mark Your Calendar *****

Saturday, May 4th at 9:00am

It is that time again. French Broad EMC will hold its 78th Annual Meeting on *Saturday May 4, 2019* at Madison High School in Marshall.

Registration, as well as other events, will begin at *9:00am*.

As a part of the Health Fair, various healthcare representatives will be available to offer basic preventive screenings, as well as helpful information. Featured entertainment will be

The Primitive Quartet. We invite you to come and be a part of this annual event.



Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

It is now mid-February, and no doubt this winter has pushed a few bad days our way as it normally does in January. However, February has shown to be rather mild and the forecast is for warmer than normal temperatures the rest of the month. This is a stark contrast to what we experienced last year.

Last December and January were consistently cold and utilities across the nation set record peak demands. Low temperatures the first week of January were near zero and highs were only in the teens. After a short reprieve, the middle of January once again replicated this pattern. This type of weather brings higher

than expected utility bills. Thankfully this winter has not been as chilling as 2018 was for us.

So far this winter, our average utility bills have been lower than a year ago. The obvious reason is the temperatures have been higher than average and we have only experienced two short dips in the jet stream that allowed cold air in from Canada. Fortunately, both of these polar blasts moved in and out of our area quickly.

Even though our demand and energy costs have been slightly lower, we are still seeing cost increases for coal ash and renewable generation included in our wholesale power bills. The contract our Board of Directors was able to

restructure with Duke Energy a couple of years ago is now showing significant benefit. With the different rate structure, we are now seeing reductions in other areas to offset most of the cost increases. Over the next year, our power cost to our members will increase very little, overall only about 1.5 to 2%. This is one of the many benefits of being a member of an electric cooperative.

Our directors are also members who live in our communities and are French Broad Electric customers. They strive to keep our costs as low as possible and find ways to keep our power

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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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Yancey County	(828) 682-6121
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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:**

April issue	Mar 15th
May issue	Apr 15th
June issue	May 15th
July issue	June 15th



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

Kawasaki KX-250 dirt bike. 777-5422.
Padded vinyl card table, \$20. 689-9018.
Tree stands, (2) ladder, (1) climber, \$200/all. 208-2912.
2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport, \$2,500. 423/767-1137.
LP gas fireplace insert, logs, trim kit, \$200. 423/767-1137.
2013 Kia Sorento, loaded, auto, 3rd row seating, 96k mi, \$14,995. 680-1722.
2015 Kia Soul, auto, 65k mi, \$10,995. 680-1722.
2 plots, Ashelawn Gardens Veteran part. 645-5927.
2001 Chevy Blazer, 4x4, 178k mi, \$1,500. 658-3671.
AKC Old English Sheepdog puppies. 284-2887.
24 acres w/ mtn views & water, bldg sites, \$220,000. 864/381-3438.
Snow tires(4) mounted on rims, 10k mi, \$400. 516/410-9906.
2.5 acres, view of Mt Mitchell, water & septic, older mobile home. 337-4636.
2010 Chevy Silverado, 67k mi, \$14,900. 645-9860.
97 Cadillac SLS, 10,500mi, \$3,650. 284-4166.
Oversized sectional sofa w/ matching chair, \$750. 380-2500.
Brick house on 34 acres, 3 barns. 682-3093.
Mens clothing, med-XL. 649-2344.
Ladies clothing, med-XL. 649-2344.

5 acres w/ view of Mt. Mitchell, \$38,800. 385-6369.
1972 VW dune buggy, stock engine, 4spd, red, \$3,500OBO. 208-2912.
Hay, \$5/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.
House of Hardy 3-1/8 fly reel w/ padded case, \$650. 645-3205.
House of Hardy Marquis #5 fly reel w/ padded case, \$300. 645-3205
3pc cherry bedroom set, \$500. 206-0107.
1995 Subaru Legacy wagon, \$1,000. 284-3546.
11 +/- acres, Cane River frontage, views, \$87,000. 682-6759.
25 acres, \$79,000. 682-2674.
1999 International truck, 35ft, \$12,900. 682-2674.
Hardwood, seasoned, clean, split, \$125/you haul; \$175/we haul. 284-7388.
Tea pot, music box collections. 675-4271.
Men's Quartz watches. 675-4271.
Lumber, chestnut. 688-2957.
Honda riding mower. 688-2957.
Reclaimed lumber. 208-0295.
4-wheeler tires(4), 25-10-12 & 25-8-12, \$200. 423/956-0731 after 6pm.
WANTED
Junk cars. 689-5125.
Old bedsprings, twin or double, rust ok. 536-2016.
Oak logs, 4'1 x 4"d, fresh cut, quant 8-10. 545-5153.
Broken block and brick. 380-1003.
Yokes for oxen. 545-3580.



Bright Ideas

EDUCATION GRANTS

Teachers Can Apply for 2019-2020 Bright Ideas Education Grants

French Broad EMC is now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers in K-12 classrooms with innovative ideas for hands-on learning projects are encouraged to apply.

Grant applications will be accepted April 1 - September 13th. All teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of August 15th will be entered into a drawing for a Visa gift card.

Teachers at qualifying schools can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects. To apply, or for more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit www.NCBrightIdeas.com.

Ox-driven farm equipment. 545-3580.

Hay for cows, 4x5 rolls. 208-3971.

Cane River HS annuals, 1961-1964.
208-7893.

Yorkie reg male stud service. 689-9408.

Free horses or cheap goats. 645-7544.

Old buildings to tear down. 208-0295.

Old duplicator for CDs/DVDs. 689-9617.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

FREE potbellied sow, 2yrs, 150lbs.
689-3330.

For Rent: 3BR/2BA house. 423/794-9455.

Will Do: junk removal, Mitchell Co.
208-1410.

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

Med Instead of Meds classes, Wed Mar
27-May 1, Mad Co Ext Ctr, \$20. 649-2411.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

NCDPS, job openings, apply
www.oshr.nc.gov.

Will Do: clean empty homes & do odd
jobs. 284-3546.

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

Farmers Market, Mar 16th, 9am-1pm, MHU.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

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

Will Do: handyman svcs, junk re-
moval, tree trimming. 284-2137.

Jacob's Ladder thrift shop, Tues-Sat,
10am-4pm. 519-9090.

Larry Sparks concert, Apr 12, 5pm, Freedom
Christian Church, \$25 tickets. 380-2273.

Will Do: exp caregiver, day/night.
206-0146.

Job Fair, Mar 18, 5-7pm, ABTech-
Madison. 782-2632.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

Will Do: cut brush & trees. 675-4003.

**FBEMC offices will
be closed
Friday April 19th
in observance of
Good Friday & Easter**



ROW Clearing Schedule March/April

Marshall District

- *Big Sandy Mush
- *Sandy Mush Creek
- *Town of Mars Hill area
- *Town of Marshall area
(south of Hwy 25/70)
- *Walnut
- *Barnard
- *Big Pine

Burnsville District

- * Chestnut Mountain Road
- * Hwy. 80 S
- * Bowditch
- * Hickory Springs Road
- * Lundy
- * Bandana
- * Town of Burnsville