



# The Electrifier

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MARSHALL, NC



## Bright Ideas EDUCATION GRANTS

***Teachers Can Apply***

*for 2020-2021*

*Bright Ideas Education Grants*

French Broad EMC is now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2020-2021 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 23. 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](http://www.NCBrightIdeas.com).

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

***Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00am***

It is that time again. French Broad EMC will hold its 79th Annual Meeting on ***Saturday May 2, 2020*** 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 Inspirations Quartet.

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



## Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

### Respect the Dangers of Electricity

Reliable, affordable, clean electricity is what French Broad EMC strives to provide every member on our system. Even more importantly, we want to make sure everyone knows the dangers of electricity and that we do everything possible to ensure each member's safety around power lines.

Electricity travels at the speed of light on our overhead and underground lines to your home or business and is used for lighting, machinery, entertainment, cooking, and so much more. Almost everything in our homes uses electricity and it would be hard to imagine life without it. It is difficult to comprehend how something so useful can also be very dangerous. After all, we cannot see it, hear it or smell it. While it looks harmless up in the air on our wires and poles, electricity, by nature, is always looking for a path back to ground (the earth). Although our power lines are placed 30 feet or more in the air, when an object comes in contact with the wires and provides a path to ground, it becomes very

obvious just how deadly electricity can be.

This past weekend at my house the lights blinked and in a few seconds the power was out. It was a sunny afternoon and the weather was mild, so my first instinct was to see if we had lost our transmission feed from Duke Energy. That was not the case and, after talking with our service technician, it was determined that the problem was isolated to the single-phase line feeding our area. As I rode out the line, it didn't take but a few minutes to find the issue. A member had decided to cut some trees outside of our power line right-of-way. The last one he cut went a different direction than intended and fell across our line breaking the pole and bringing down the power line.

Fortunately, our protective devices operated as designed and de-energized the line. However, the men who were cutting the trees seemed oblivious as to what had happened. I was in a panic as I approached the men who were still cutting the tree that laid across the downed line and

one was even standing on the wire! I wanted to make sure they knew how fortunate they were that none of them were injured and how close they were to being killed. It's been several days since this happened and I still think about how easily this story could have been a tragedy despite our best efforts to protect all our members.

Please remember that a downed power line may still be energized and you will be injured or killed if you come in contact with it.

Call FBEMC or 911 immediately to report any line that is on the ground and keep a safe distance away. Do not cut trees near our lines. Call French Broad EMC and we can schedule a time to remove any danger trees with one of our trained crews. Do not dig around our underground lines without calling 811 for a locate. Your safety is our primary concern and is everyone's responsibility. Please remember to always look up before you begin any project and call us for assistance.

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### To Report A Power Outage After Hours

#### Marshall District

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Deadlines for submitting ads or  
notices 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

Cabbage Patch Kid Timothy David 1985 Porcelain Collection, \$275. 682-7868.

(2) spaces, Vets Garden of Honor, Forest Lawn, \$2,300. 658-9837.

(70) country music cassette tapes, \$50. 682-7868.

1½ acre w/ old house near Bakersville, \$34,000. 704/637-7888.

Lot, Lake Hartwell, make offer. 321/432-8460.

2008 HD, Heritage Deluxe, \$9,000. 206-3603 after 5pm.

Suzuki 400 4-wheeler, \$3,000. 206-3603 after 5pm.

Reg Maremma Sheepdog puppies, (7) females, (4) males. 713-9230 or 208-6995.

Wood lathe grizzly model GO766 22/42, \$1,600. 688-9889.

2BR/1½BA brick home on 0.95ac + down-stairs 2BR/BA, Bakersville. 467-0628.

Boxwoods for clippings, 3'-4', blight free, \$25ea. 688-2012.

Electric dryer, apt size, \$200. 675-1178.

52 acres, borders National Forest, Marshall, \$343,000. 649-3633.

Stihl pole pruner, \$525. 208-9698.

Powermatic 6" joiner model 54A, \$1,100. 688-9889.

Lab/Great Pyrenees pups. 910/617-3922.

1988 Ford Bronco, 89k mi, AC, power lock. 230-2203.

1993 Camaro, V-6, black, power options. 230-2203.

Camera w/ case, EOS Rebel XS EF-S 18-55 IS kit, black, \$175. 467-3388.

20.5 acres, creek access, Marshall. 206-0107.

Troybilt Tomahawk chipper/shredder, 8HP, \$275. 765-0805.

Leer truck topper, fits 2009-2014 Ford F150, short bed, \$750 OBO. 775-6161.

American Tourister suit case, large on wheels. 683-9169.

Hardees raisin men collector items (25), \$25. 683-9169.

Snapper rider 2012, 28' cut+trailer, \$700. 658-3749.

TroyBilt 7spd Pony riding mower, \$750 OBO. 203/247-3052.

Mens XL interchange hooded black Columbia jacket, \$120. 682-6627.

Legend Race Car, Honda crotch rocket engine, Ford fiberglass body, \$4,000. 688-9104.

Suzuki 225 Moto-4 4-wheeler. Make offer. 622-7225.

3BR/1BA house w/ 4½ac w/ creek, Little Switzerland. 284-0217 or 208-4547.

(5) tires/rims, 235-75-R16 Jeff Wrangler 2016, \$400. 208-3408.

(2) antique beds, 1-brass, 1-wrought iron, \$100ea or \$150/both. 680-1271.

CK-20 K10TI mid-mount mower deck w/ extra belt/blades, \$700. 688-1144.

(20) white plastic inside shutters, 6"x28", \$10/pair. 688-1144.

2000 Chevrolet Tracker, parts car, \$500 OBO. 284-6428 before 8:30pm.

1985 Ford F150, 5spd, \$600 OBO. 284-6428 before 8:30pm.

2016 Honda CRF150F trail bike, \$2,650. 423/612-0378 or 423/735-0529.

Craftsman 10" tilting tablesaw w/ ext & extra blades, \$100. 689-2016.

Old hew log house. 208-0295.

English Shepherd puppies, \$195 ea. 683-3126.

Music box & teapot collections. 675-4271.

Books, 1800's-1900's. 675-4271.

3BR/1BA house w/ lg yard & stream, Grapevine. 252-3499.

2003 Toyota Camry, leather int. 284-3179.

TV stand, black/glass, fits up to 65". 284-1518.

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Amish carpenter or handyman to do house repairs. 561/313-3871.

(2) pair homing pigeons. 682-1212 or 954/496-9000.

Life-size concrete deer. 682-1212 or 954/496-9000.

Canning jars, free or cheap. 675-5430 or 284-3314.

Someone to remove paint from chestnut cabinet & drawers. 980/328-8030.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: pressure wash. 675-4003.

Will Do: cut trees. 675-4003.

For Lease: RV spot on Lake Hartwell, water, electric, sewer, \$2,000/yr. 675-5417.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: build fence, mow, weedeat, build porches/decks. 337-8430.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: water, septic systems, mowing/clearing. 777-4092 or 777-4094.

Will Do: piano tuning, ref. 367-4412 or 284-7877.

Scotland Tour, July 27-Aug 8. 649-9390.

For Rent: 3BR/1BA house w/ large yard & stream, Grapevine. 252-3499.

For Rent: brick house, Yancey Co, ref, \$900/mo+dep. 718-1897.



*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.

**Pay-By-Phone**

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.

**Office Closings**

FBEMC offices will be closed Friday April 10th in observance of Good Friday & Easter.

*Thank You!*

**ROW Clearing Schedule  
March/April**

**Marshall District**

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

**Burnsville District**

- \*Altapass
- \*Henredon Rd
- \*Dale Rd
- \*Pine Swamp
- \*Mica Spring Heights
- \*Bear Den
- \*Biggerstaff Rd
- \*Mine Fork
- \*Mitchell Br