

The Electrifier

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MAY 2018

"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

May is National Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and in recognition of the occasion, we are raising awareness about potential home electrical hazards and the importance of electrical safety. Electricity is an essential and dependable resource, but we must all be aware of the serious, and sometimes deadly, consequences of using electricity unsafely, and then we must take steps to prevent the misuse of electricity.

Many electrical accidents and tragedies involve common items such as power outlets, appliances, power cords, power equipment and extension cords. The good news is that these accidents can be avoided through a few simple precautions.

Here are some basic tips to keep in mind when using electricity:

- **Unplug it.** Appliances, tools and other devices are still connected to electricity when they are plugged in. Turn off AND unplug all portable electric devices when you're finished using them.
- **Toss it.** Inspect electrical cords often for broken connectors or fraying, and throw away any worn cords to eliminate the possibility of shock, short circuit or fire.
- **Cover it.** Use plug covers in outlets if you have young children. Teach them never to put their fingers in electrical outlets or appliances, and keep cords and electrical devices away from them.
- **Avoid it.** Never go near a power line. If you encounter a downed line, leave the area immediately and notify your cooperative or call 911. Never place ladders, poles or other items near power lines, and don't drive over downed lines.

If there is a downed power line nearby, leave the area immediately and notify French Broad EMC or call 911.

Rogers Retires



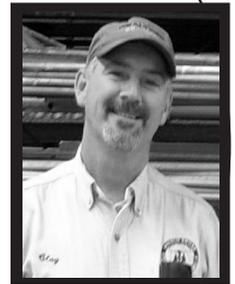
Larry Rogers retired in March with 22 years of service. He came to work at French Broad Electric in 1995 as a Right-of-Way Laborer and retired as a Service Technician.

Larry is enjoying working at his church, spending time with his family, hunting and fishing.

We wish Larry all the best in his retirement!

Cantrell Retires

Clay Cantrell retired in March with 30 years of service. He came to work at French Broad Electric in 1987 as an Apprentice Right-of-Way Laborer and worked his way up to a Lineman, a Line Technician and he retired as a Line Crew Leader.



Clay is enjoying relaxing, catching up on his to-do list, travelling, spending time with his family and helping his church family.

We wish Clay all the best in his retirement!

MANAGER'S REPORT

Vegetation Management



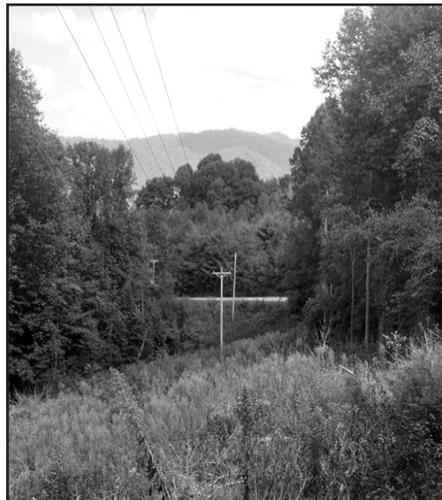
Jeff Loven

French Broad Electric takes great pride in providing members with the most reliable electricity possible. Tree contact with power lines is the single leading cause of outages on our system and that is why we have a carefully planned vegetation management program. At the same time, we are also committed to protecting the natural beauty of our landscapes and minimizing the impact we make on the environment.

With almost 5,000 miles of distribution power lines and 100 miles of transmission lines, controlling the tree and brush growth is critical to ensuring reliability to all our members. Keeping trees away from power lines is also a safety measure. Trees and other objects that come into contact with power lines can become energized, leading to shock or electrocution. Even fallen power lines can still be energized, which is why no one but a French Broad EMC Line Technician should ever go near a downed power line.

A clear path for power lines also provides a safer working environment for the line technicians performing routine maintenance or power restoration. This vegetation must be continually managed in our right-of-

ways in order to deliver safe, reliable electricity to our members. That is why your cooperative uses a combination approach to right-of-way maintenance that includes selective herbicide application. Early in the process, trees and large growth are removed by our crews.



The next summer, crews use a backpack applicator to apply environmentally safe herbicide targeted to vegetation that could grow into power lines. This herbicide allows lower growing vegetation to thrive, as is evidenced in our lines that have been treated for several years. We are now in our eighth year of this program and we have recognized significant improvements in vegetation control,

costs, and appearance without any negative impacts on the environment.

This low-volume manual method of vegetation management helps protect the natural habitat of the many plants and wildlife in our area. These practices are even endorsed by the NC Department of Natural Resources, The National Wild Turkey Federation, and Buckmasters.

Members can also help insure safe, reliable electricity by avoiding tree planting near or under power lines. Collectively, we can all work together to ensure that our right-of-way management program serves every member and ensures reliable electric service.

French Broad EMC offices
will be closed
Monday, May 28th
in honor of



as we remember
the men and women
in our Armed Forces
as they serve around the world.



The Outlet

All numbers are in the 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 publish

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

Jazzy electric wheelchair w/ 2 batteries, \$1,500. 206-3675.

Padded stackable chairs, 50-\$750; 25-\$500. 622-9336.

RadonSeal, 5gal, \$50. 622-9336.

Futon, 8" full mattress & frame, \$185. 275-2984.

1998 Yamaha Virago 535, 2500 mi, \$800. 864/993-8560.

Craftsman Ω1 pneumatic impact wrench, \$35. 864/993-8560.

Candy roaster seeds, \$5/doz. 803-9090.

(3) chestnut log cabins, \$5,000ea. 803-9090.

Strawberries, \$12/gal. 458-6419.

2007 Grizzly 600 4-wheeler w/plow blade, \$5,000. 620-3021.

Woods finish mower, RD-600, \$975. 284-4865.

Woods rotary tiller, GTC-60, \$1,175. 284-4865.

Books by Mary Baker Eddy & others. 689-6621.

Crystals, various kinds and sizes. 689-6621.

Propane grill w/ 2 burners, \$100. 622-7225.

John Deere D140 riding mower, \$1,175. 622-7225.

Daylily clumps, 10 colors (my choice), \$50. 688-9084.

8pc Coda drum set w/ 2 prs drum sticks, \$500. 208-5286 or 208-5514.

Wood cook stove, \$150. 682-4029.

Gas hot water heater, \$150. 682-4029.

Kawasaki KX250 dirt bike, \$5,000. 777-5422.

1998 Subaru, \$3,500. 688-4347.

1966 Mustang coupe, 289 eng, auto, white/blue int, \$20,000 OBO. 208-4271.

Handmade black walnut banjo with case. 688-3835.

1997 Honda Valkarie Touring, 17k mi, \$4,000. 689-4208.

2016 BMW M235 blue w/ red int, 20,700mi, \$34,000 OBO. 536-5249.

Industrial sewing machine, over lock & single needle. 380-9833.

2013 31i 5th wheel Wildcat camper, outside kitchen, sleeps 10. 284-8069.

3BR/2BA DW on 3ac, flat pasture, creek, \$120,000. 570/510-6603.

Trimmer, curved shaft, gas w/ electric start, \$80. 279-7007.

Mower, electric start, 21" 7HP, mulching, \$75. 279-7007.

2001 Shadow Cruiser truck camper for æton short bed pickup, \$6,250. 675-9040.

1998 GMC Sonoma ext cab, 4x4, V6, \$3,000. 252-2157 or 777-4012.

CKC reg Australian Shepherd puppies, born 2/16/18, \$700-\$900. 284-7155.

655 Ford backhoe, 2WD, \$7,500. 682-6576.

Firestone studded tires, 225/60R16, \$100/4. 682-9879.

Hay, 2.2ac, you cut/ take, \$2 sq/\$25 round or trade for road scrap. 305/988-9188.

Wood lathe, Central Machinery, benchtop w/ sanding disc, \$175. 682-9879.

1994 Astro van, 106,325 mi, 6cyl, \$2,350. 423/416-0253.

Sawmill bits, #3 8/9 9/32. 649-0070.

Farming equipment. 649-0070.

1.26 acres, 350i lakefront property, Spruce Pine, \$99,000. 675-9536.

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To Report A Power Outage After Hours Marshall District

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NOTE

The deadline for submitting ads to **The Electrifier**:

June issue	May 15th
July issue	June 15th
August issue	July 15th
Sept issue	Aug 15th

Thule cargo carrier w/ light hook-up, \$150. 231-4889.

Princess House crystal, wide selection from 70s & 80s. 545-5659.

Dining room table w/ chairs, solid wood, seats 10, \$400. 545-5659.

Troy Bilt Tuffy rear tine roto-tiller w/ manuals, \$150. 319-0670.

3BR/2BA DW on 3ac, pool, \$175,000; \$253,000 w/ adj 4.8 ac. 777-4813.

English Shepherd puppies, \$195/m; \$225/f. 683-3126.

Ashley wood heater, \$200. 778-4155.

Fridgidaire window A/C, \$100. 689-2486.

Potted plants, trees, shrubs, asst sizes. 545-8802.

Dwarf burning bushes, asst sizes. 545-8802.

Honda 450 Foreman, 4x4. 688-2957.

Designer pocket books. 675-4271.

Tablecloths & other linens. 675-4271.

Antique white sewing machine, \$100. 680-9193.

Jet 42" electric wood lathe w/ accessories, \$1,000. 680-9193.

Reclaimed lumber. 208-0295.

2010 Corvette Grand Sport, 3LT int, red, 32k mi, \$40,000 OBO. 680-9801.

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

(2) female kittens, 1-all black; 1-optional. 649-0473.

Help hauling off garbage weekly, Burnsville. 284-3546.

Job Openings: NCDPS correctional officers. www.oshr.nc.gov.

Silver US coins pre-1964. 305-988-9188.

Car. 206-7030.

Old raised panel doors. 380-1232.

Old barn for lumber. 380-1232.

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

Free loan of goat for grassy fenced area w/ shelter, will feed/water. 779-9368.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

For Rent: private mobile home lot, city water Marion. 442-1487.

Will Do: cabinet services. 284-0965.

Will Do: lawn care services, Madison & Buncombe, free quote. 767-3466.

Lost: black tackle box with lures. 649-1706 or 206-2599.

Will Do: paint, misc jobs. 423/580-3231.

Farmer's Market, Saturdays 9am-noon, MHU, www.marshallmarket.org.

FOMCA, biweekly neuter/spay. 649-9798.

Will Do: structure removals and hauling. 208-4599.

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

Will Do: tree trimming & removal, free est. 380-6720.

For Rent: office/apt/studio, Mars Hill. 777-5481 or 658-8260.

Will Do: housekeeping, babysitting, petsitting, tutoring. 206-7030.

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

Madison Co Sheriff's Safe Summer Kickoff, June 2, 11a-2p @ Sheriff's office.

Will Do: sit w/ elderly or disabled 3-5hrs/day, M-F. 206-2936.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

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:

www.frenchbroademc.com



Right-of-Way Schedule for May/June

Burnsville District Cutting

- * Green Mountain Drive
- * Bakers Creek * Phipps Creek
- * Banks Creek * Prices Creek
- * Bald Creek

Spraying

- * NC 261 * McKinney Cove
- * Bear Creek * Possum Trot
- * Bakers Creek
- * Riverside to Madison County
- * Pensacola * Raccoon Branch
- * Harrell Hill * Buladean
- * Cub Creek * Red Hill
- * Mine Creek * NC 80
- * Town of Bakersville
- * Transmission Line (Bakersville to Relief)

Marshall District

Cutting

- * Walnut * Sandy Bottom
- * Hopewell * Laurel River
- * Big Sandy Mush
- * Sandy Mush Creek
- * Weaverville area (south of Jupiter Road)

Spraying

- * North on Hwy 25/70, all taps from Marshall Substation including Riddle Farm Road, Upper & Lower Brush Creek, Walnut, up Hwy 208 on Little Laurel to the TN state line.
- * Anderson Branch & Big Pine
- * Hot Springs - Shut-In Area
- * Spill Corn to Chapel Hill Road
- * Rector Corner Area
- * Town of Marshall
- * Long Branch & Windswept area
- * Bull Creek * Gabriels Creek
- * Lower Gabriels Crk * Kelly Hunter
- * Hwy 213 & Lower end of Petersburg
- * Barnardsville * Upper Flat Creek
- * Ivy Hill * Beech Glen
- * Paint Fork Area (from Hamburg Road to County Line)
- * Upper & Lower Sheppard Branch, eastward towards Weaverville
- * Gentry Mountain * Coffee Ridge
- * Tilson Mountain