



The Electrifier

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"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC



7 principles that set cooperatives apart

Cooperatives are a culture, not just a business. A set of seven shared principles grounds cooperatives – from food co-ops to retailers and electric cooperatives – in a culture of service. In recognition of National Cooperative Month, we're sharing the seven principles that guide us, and you might be surprised to learn how they set us apart.

1. **Membership.....**You are a member of French Broad EMC, along with all who receive electricity from us.
2. **Democratic member control.....**Our members, who purchase a cooperative's goods or services (in our case, electricity), control the cooperative's business. As members of French Broad EMC, you elect our board of directors, giving your vote and voice to the group of people responsible for setting our co-op's policies and strategic direction.
3. **Members' economic participation.....**Your monthly bill payments contribute to the financial capital of the cooperative. They allow us to do all the things we need to provide the service of electricity to you. This includes purchasing wholesale power, equipment and materials, as well as building and maintaining the infrastructure necessary to deliver electricity to your home. If we collect more than what's needed to cover expenses, we return it to you in the form of member dividends, or capital credits.
4. **Autonomy and independence.....**French Broad EMC is proud to be a part of a network of 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina and more nationally, but each one of these is independent.
5. **Education, training and information.....**We provide members with information like what you see right here in the PowerLine newsletter, so you have the knowledge you need to make informed energy decisions. We also provide ongoing training to our employees so they can best serve you.
6. **Cooperation among cooperatives.....**Have you ever seen a truck with another co-op's logo roll through after a big storm? That's because we all work together under the belief that we serve our members most effectively through shared efforts. This may be most obvious in an outage situation when peer cooperative crews help, but it happens daily in the form of sharing resources, ideas and best practices with our counterparts in North Carolina and across the nation.

Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter 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

7. **Concern for community.....**Our kids go to school together. We see you in church and at the grocery store. We're neighbors, and we are all part of this shared community. We want to see this community thrive, and because of that, we're committed to dedicating resources to its development. This spans from securing loans and grants that bring new businesses to the area to providing teachers with a source of funding for innovative classroom projects that enrich the lives of our children.

As a not-for-profit business, our heart is always in service to you, never in making a profit; these seven cooperative principles guide us in that service every day.

Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

Hurricane Florence Makes Landfall

As I write this report, Hurricane Florence has just moved out of our area and we are still fully assessing the damage it caused to our electrical system. At the height of the storm, French Broad EMC had around 180 members without power. Most of these were located in Yancey County, where the storm dumped the most rainfall.

Some of these areas received several inches of rain on Sunday, causing rivers in the South Toe, Cane River, and Pensacola areas to flood. Roads were actually impassable for a period of time, which delayed our restoration efforts. Thankfully, the rest of our system was spared and was able to withstand the high winds throughout the storm.

Our co-op neighbors along the coast and in Eastern North Carolina were not as lucky. On Saturday night, as Hurricane Florence made landfall near Wilmington, NC, over 324,000 Cooperative members were without power.

Crews from neighboring states rushed to offer a helping hand and the outage count on Monday morning had dropped to 186,000. There is still much work to be done and a lot of areas are under water, making it impossible to get to where the work is located. Our

thoughts and prayers go out to those suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

Here, back at home, your Cooperative did a lot to get ready for this storm. Preparing for a storm of this magnitude is difficult. Our crews stocked and fueled up our trucks, built up our inventory, and pre-planned our staging locations.



However, most of the prep work is actually done on a daily basis.

Our right-of-way maintenance program is an essential part of keeping our customers' power on during bad weather. Regardless of how many trees we cut, there are always trees outside the right-of-way that are uprooted by the wind and fall on the power lines. But by making sure our right-of-way is cleared regularly, the probability of having a tree contact the line is minimized.

Furthermore, if there is a downed power line, our right-of-way's have been cleared so access to the lines is much easier for the crews, which expedites the process of restoring service. Dead trees are also removed from the right-of-way's as soon as they are located. With over 4,500 miles of lines, right-of-way maintenance is something we work on everyday here at French Broad Electric.

In addition to right-of-way maintenance, our line crews are changing out old poles, re-conductoring old lines, and building new lines, all in an effort to make sure everyone's electric service is as reliable as possible. It is truly a team effort to make sure our members get the best electric service possible, even during the difficult circumstances that Hurricane Florence provided.



**Sunday
November 4th**



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, by phone, 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.

Electronic lift chair. 649-0006.

Canning jars, Mason/Atlas/Ball. 649-0006.

NordicTrack Elliptical AudioStrider 990, \$250. 689-9018.

Hummel 1951 Umbrella Boy/Girl, 8" pair, \$450/both. 350-0989.

Appalachian wood stove insert, model 32, non-catalytic, \$400 OBO. 484-7079.

1992 Mazda B2200 pickup, 5spd, 10,500mi, \$1,000. 775-6129.

'68 SS 396 Chevelle, 41k mi, blue w/blk int, \$32,500. 683-3237 before 8pm.

'06 Honda Ridgeline, 4WD w/ lift for disabled person transport, \$10,000 OBO. 206-8763.

Frigidaire upright 11.7 cu ft freezer, \$30. 776-4265.

1.7 cu ft Haier mini-refrigerator, \$45. 777-9305.

2 coon hounds w/ dog boxes, \$500. 707-7875.

0.47 Acres. 778-3797.

Strata Plus 12pc men's right hand golf set, \$100. 675-0760.

Grayco table-height high chair, \$45. 675-0760.

Solid wood dresser w/ hutch mirror, \$300 OBO. 208-4560.

(4) grave plots, Ashland Garden of Memories, \$1,000ea. 645-6805.

Troybilt riding mower, 42" cut, \$150. 215-0099.

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

'09 Suzuki MC Boulevard Tour, special edition, 11k mi, \$4,250. 683-4656.

'97 Jeep Grand Cherokee Ltd, V8, auto, 4WD, 229k mi, \$1,625. 683-4656.

Fire screen & brass tools, 38"x31", \$75. 683-4476.

Wood stove w/ double doors, \$300. 683-4476.

Electric fence unit controller, 6.7/10 joules, \$225. 406/407-0156.

2001 Ford Ranger, \$5,900. 682-7449.

Dwarf burning bushes, potted, \$1-\$6. 484-8687.

Potted plants: Azaleas, Spirea, Phlox & more. 484-8687.

1949 Allis-Chalmers model B tractor w/ manuals, \$800. 467-9763.

10-point mounted deer head, \$125. 206-4385.

Metal apple press, 100-yrs old, \$850. 206-4385.

2.2 acres uncut fescue, \$1.25 sq bale or \$13 round. 305/988-9188.

Regency china, set of 6. 649-2344.

Oak dining room table w/ leaf + 4 chairs. 649-2344.

2012 Sportsmen camper w/ 1 pull-out. 649-0529 or 450-2756.

2001 Ford F-150, V6, 5spd, white, \$2,500. 682-6458.

Bernina 830 sewing/embroidery machine. 206-9489.

1.55 acres w/ well, septic, river views, \$52,000. 682-6759.

11+/- acres w/ Cane River frontage, views, \$95,000. 682-6759.

Suzuki motorcycle Intruder, red, 18,600 mi, \$1,900 OBO. 385-3418.

1993 Honda Goldwing Aspencade, 28k mi, \$3,100. 352/209-8722.

Couch & accent chair, \$250. 380-9652.

2.51 acres, Ivy Hill community. 645-5438, 206-5092 or 206-8265.

22 acres, Monticello Road. 645-5438, 206-5092 or 206-8265.

2010 Ford Focus, 4-dr, red, 44k mi, \$7,000 OBO. 622-3260 or 645-8162.

3BR/2BA modular home, 1,400 sq ft, must move, \$70,000. 467-2198.

1971 D28 Martin acoustic guitar. 768-0101.

'65 Jeep CJ5. 768-0101.

(2) Craftsman lawn mowers, 1w/ catcher, \$300/both OBO. 688-5502.

Alvarez Dove guitar in case, \$750. 683-5502.

Old books, 1800-1900's. 675-4271.

Vintage & costume jewelry. 675-4271.

Reclaimed lumber. 208-0295.

English Shepherd puppies. 683-3126.

2007 Clayton DW, 1-owner, \$22,500. 284-7437 or 284-7436.

Backhoe attachment for New Holland tractor, \$2,400. 208-0184.

1993 Buick Century, \$400 OBO. 380-2130.

ACE truck bed cover, fits 2004 Toyota Tacoma, \$350. 658-3143 or 776-0359.

5.3 acres w/ house, well, septic, Red Hill. 467-3133.

Manual treadmill w/ owner's manual, \$85. 206-2453.

Ethan Allen dining table w/ leaf, seats 6 w/ 4 chairs, \$150. 645-4818 after 4:30pm.

4 acres, Burnsville, \$60,000. 688-3689.

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

Metal/glass round table w/ 4 chairs, \$175. 778-9885.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Someone with tractor/blade to do road work. 231-2152.

Someone to drive to doctor, grocery, etc, my vehicle/gas. 954/297-8938.

Free horses or cheap goats. 645-7544.

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

Old bowling balls. 777-8588.

Honda ATV for body parts. 622-3671.

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Deadlines for submitting ads or notices to **The Electrifier**.

November issue	Oct 10th
December issue	Nov 10th
January issue	Dec 10th

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: handyman services, junk removal, tree trimming. 284-2137

For Rent: space for a mobile home, septic incl, McDowell Co. 442-1487.

Farmer's Market, MHU, Sats 9am-12noon. www.marshallmarket.org.

Will Do: quilting lessons, hand/machine, \$10-\$15/hr. 350-0989.

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

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

FOMCA biweekly low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: clean out old buildings/houses. 208-4599.

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

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

Will Do: pressure wash. 675-4003.

Mad Co Hospice Tree of Life Ceremony, Nov 6, ABTech, Marshall, 6pm. 649-2705.

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

Update Your Information

Please be sure to notify your local FBEMC office when any of your contact information changes, such as:

- *mailing address
- *email address
- *phone number
- *phone provider
- *banking/checking account information for bank drafts
- *credit card numbers
- *method of payment changes ex. from Bank Draft to credit card

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 you keep us informed so that we can keep our records updated, should we need to contact you.

Right-of-Way Schedule October/November

Marshall Cutting

- * Big Sandy Mush
- * Sandy Mush Creek
- * Paint Fork area (from Hamburg Road to County Line)
- * Upper end of Crooked Creek

Burnsville Cutting

- * Bakers Creek
- * Swiss Community to Fox Creek
- * Hannah Branch
- * White Oak
- * Grindstaff Road
- * Seven-Mile Ridge Road
- * Hwy 80 S

