

# The Electrifier

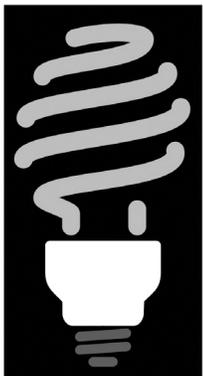
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**JULY 2021**

**"Owned by those we serve"**

**Marshall, NC**

## Teachers Can Apply Now for 2021 - 2022 Bright Ideas Education Grants



**BRIGHT  
IDEAS**

For over 25 years, the Bright Ideas education grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's cooperatives, including French Broad EMC, has expanded learning opportunities in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to teachers for innovative, classroom-based projects that would not otherwise be funded.

Each year, about 2,000 applications are accepted from K-12 teachers in a variety of disciplines including music, art, history, reading, science, career-planning and information technology.

French Broad EMC is proud to continue to promote creativity in North Carolina classrooms and to award these grants to deserving teachers. Teachers may apply for grants of up to \$1,500.00.

To learn more about the program and start an online application, visit [www.NCBrightIdeas.com](http://www.NCBrightIdeas.com).

The deadline to submit applications for the 2021-2022 school year is September 10, 2021.

## You Are Invited

French Broad EMC has partnered with the Madison County Sheriff's Office to sponsor a gospel singing event, featuring The Primitive Quartet and The Inspirations.

Sheriff Buddy Harwood and the Sheriff's office would like to say "Thank You!" for your patience during the challenges of the COVID pandemic. Your friends at French Broad EMC would like to show their appreciation to you, as members, for your continued support.

## Please Join Us

Saturday October 23rd at 7:00pm at Freedom Christian Church in Marshall

# Manager's Report

## Beware of Utility Scams



The Energy Industry is undergoing rapid change, and technology is paving the way for innovation in the way energy is used, stored, and shared. Some members are interested in green energy while smart homes and apps make managing energy use and paying your electric bill more convenient than ever.

While the changing energy market has created more options for consumers, it also has resulted in more utility scams and misleading information, particularly related to the installation of solar panels.

Utility scams are common because customers are understandably concerned with the threat of disruption to their electric service. Second, new products and services in the energy industry provide an opening for scammers and pop-up companies to provide misleading information or shoddy products and services. A common phone scam typically begins with a phone call that appears to be from a valid utility company.

The scammer will claim you have a past due account and

threaten to disconnect service or take legal action. The scammer will typically demand that you use a prepaid debit card or money order, often with a very short, urgent time frame, to pay the "past due" amount. You can combat this scam by being aware of the status of your account. Never give banking or personal information over the phone. If you have a question or concern about your bill, please call us at (800)-222-6190 or any of our local offices. Do not use the number given by the scammer.

Another scam we are seeing more frequently is concerning rooftop solar. High pressure salesmen go door-to-door making promises of eliminating all utility bills with the installation of solar panels. They have a contract ready to sign and press you for an immediate commitment. While they may deliver a product, then claims are false, and they rarely are around to answer questions about the installation and "guarantees" that are untrue.

If you are considering solar for your home, please make

sure you work with a reputable company. There are several, reliable local companies that we trust and would be happy to provide their contact information. There have been several pop-up companies that are in the business only to make a quick buck. They tend to have a great deal of sales experience, but little knowledge of the energy industry, and their primary goal could be making the sale and moving on to the next prospect.

Our staff at French Broad EMC will provide a candid assessment to assist you in determining whether rooftop solar is right for you. If you choose to invest in solar, we want you to receive all the information about the product and get a reputable installer.

In this ever-changing environment, it is important to remember that you always have the option to reach out to your local electric cooperative, French Broad EMC. We are a community-focused organization that works to efficiently deliver affordable, reliable, and safe energy to our members.



# 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**

Hay, 2 acres, you cut, take 1/2, leave 1/2. 305/988-9188.

540 Hesston round baler w/ electric tie, \$4,200. 779-8257 after 3pm.

2004 Mitsubishi Outlander, sunroof, ski rack, 202k mi, \$2,750. 271-4515.

Hay, \$5/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

Bunk bed w/ upper twin, lower queen futon. 675-9802.

Duck eggs, \$3/coz. 904/556-1836.

Wine corks, asst, \$8 for 50. 305/793-3292.

Kenmore white microwave, Model 721.80032, \$50. 682-6458.

TroyBilt 21" self-propelled mower, \$215. 606-8566.

22" mower, \$140. 606-8566.

Jeep Comanche 29er mountain bike, 21 spd, 26", \$50. 682-6458.

Cornfield beans & kennebec potatoes. 656-2737.

1.8194 acres in city limits, Unicoi, TN, \$60,000. 423/743-6762.

(5) Border Collie puppies (3M, 2F), born 5/15. 989-7741 or 713-3725.

SuperFifth fifth wheel & gooseneck hitch, \$200. 675-5811.

Dollhouse, shaker roof, \$100. 319-7326.

Air compressor on wheels, 8gal, 125psi, hose, \$100. 284-4608.

Electric welder wire feed, 140amp, on roll cart, parts & tools, \$350. 284-4608.

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

Registered Angus bulls, 8-9 mo old. 423/747-0641 or 385-0244.

AKC Beagle pups. 910/617-3922.

3BR/2BA log cabin on 0.68ac, creekfront, \$285,000. 305-988-9188.

Antique cherry curio w/ curved glass front, claw feet. 712-7661.

Dwarf burning bushes, snowball bushes, phlox & more. 545-8802.

Danish MORSO wood stove w/ heat exchanger, gray, \$800. 683-4322.

Portable AC/dehumidifier, Royal Sovereign, \$125. 683-4322.

Vintage & costume jewelry. 675-4271.

Tea pot collection. 675-4271.

Misc electric hand tools & table saw w/ router station. 772/205-9286.

2004 Nissan Titan p/u, 4x4, \$6,250. 208-1764 or 208-3778.

3.16 acres w/ water, elect, septic, \$35,100. 786/218-3249.

1971 Chevy P/U C-10, 350 motor, auto, \$22,900. 208-1764 or 208-3778.

2010 Harman pellet stove, approx. 1-ton pellets, \$1,950. 284-4166.

(65) 12x12 beige & (175)6x6 white/grey porcelain tiles. 208-2932.

HP Chromebook PC, 14" touch screen, 32GB, \$150. 208-2932.

1988 boat motor w/ trailer, 135HP mercury motor, \$1,800. 319-5323.

Power Horse pressure washer, 3k psi, \$300. 319-5323.

1995 Prowler camper, \$1,200 As Is. 515-0211.

Hot point gas range w/ dbl oven, white, \$300. 450-6526.

**WANTED**

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Transmission, 4spd, 2WD, for 1975-1989. 208-2444.

Large whole house, greenhouse, attic fan. 208-0938.

Old barn to dismantle & old interior panel doors. 380-1232.

Jeep Comanche pickup parts: dash, tail lights, etc. 319-2249.

Jeep Cherokee parts, 1988-1990. 319-2249.

Ludlow & Linotype machines. 803-9090.

Someone to weed flower gardens, 3-4 hrs/wk, \$15/hr. 380-1349.

Trailer for 12' alum boat. 682-3514.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Will Do: chair caning. 273-3161.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

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

FREE hardwood, you load, easy access. 675-4192.

FREE wooden pallets. 910/617-2905.

Arts Ctr Midsummer Market, July 12-31, M-F 10-5, Sat 10-3. 649-1301.

Will Do: garden tilling, bush hogging, mowing. 713-5574.

Will Do: lawn care: mow, weedeat, trim, mulch. 284-1272.

Will Do: pressure/soft wash house. 284-1272.

Will Do: scrape driveways. 713-5574.

Will Do: pressure wash. 675-4003.

Will Do: haul away old appliances. 689-3896.

Will Do: clean houses & lawn care. 450-8073.

**MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP PROGRAM**

Please call today to schedule your cleaning appointment today.

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 [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com) for more information and to complete an application.

If you are interested in signing up for the Heat Pump Maintenance program, please visit our website at [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com) and complete the agreement. This program gives our members peace of mind and a way to keep their system(s) running for many years.

**ROW Clearing Schedule  
June/July**

**Marshall District**

**Cutting**

- \* Highway 25/70  
(Marshall to Walnut)
- \* Spivey, TN
- \* Alexander
- \* Leicester
- \* Little Sandy Mush
- \* Meadows Town Road

**Spraying**

- \* Anderson Branch & Big Pine
- \* Hot Springs - Shut-In Area
- \* Rector Corner Area
- \* Town of Marshall
- \* Long Branch & Windswept area
- \* Bull Creek
- \* Kelly Hunter
- \* Gabriels Crk & Lower Gabriels Crk
- \* Hwy 213 & lower end of Petersburg
- \* Barnardsville
- \* Upper Flat Creek
- \* Ivy Hill
- \* Beech Glen
- \* Paint Fork - Hamburg Rd to Co Line

**Burnsville District**

**Cutting**

- \* Poplar                      \* Murphytown
- \* Hunt Dale
- \* Transmission Line  
(Burnsville to Relief)  
(Relief to Bakersville)

**Spraying**

- \* Hwy 197N
- \* Bakers Creek
- \* Prices Creek
- \* Bald Creek area
- \* Pensacola
- \* Blue Rock
- \* Tipton Hill
- \* Harrell Hill
- \* Buladean
- \* Red Hill
- \* Kona
- \* Bandana
- \* Mine Creek
- \* Fork Mountain
- \* Town of Bakersville
- \* Transmission Line  
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**To Report A Power Outage  
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(Madison, Buncombe &  
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**Online Credit Card Payment  
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**1-844-294-5697**



Deadline for submitting ads  
to The Electrifier  
is the 15th of each month