



# The Electrifier

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**"Owned by those we serve"**

**Marshall, NC**

## Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Twenty-six employees were recognized and received service awards before the Christmas holidays.



Holly Adams  
5 years



Aaron Arrowood  
5 years



Billy Hensley  
5 years



Daniel Huntsinger  
5 years



Nick Jamerson  
5 years



Chris Penland  
5 years



Ron Shaddock  
5 years



Shawn Shetley  
5 years



James Jones  
10 years



Amy Ayers  
15 years



Jeff Hocz  
15 years



Cameron Lowe  
15 years



Jonathyn Robinson  
15 years



Gary Ball  
20 years



Brian Blankenship  
20 years



Rebecca Fuller  
20 years



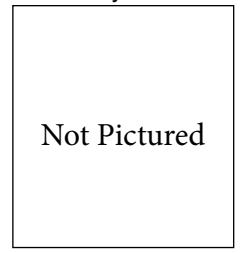
Victor Horton  
20 years



Julie Robinson  
20 years



Paula Seay  
20 years



Not Pictured

Sandy Griffin  
25 years



Roger Reece  
25 years



Brent Smathers  
25 years



Bobby Suttles  
25 years



Toby Griffin  
30 years



Steve Tipton  
30 years



Stacey Laughrun  
35 years

# Manager's Report

## Heat Pump Program Thrives



This past year, French Broad Electrics mini-split heat pump program installed another 650 units, bringing our total to 3,600 units installed in our members' homes. These ductless heat pumps can heat efficiently even when the winter temperatures drop to single digits. They are also very economical and energy efficient in the summer for any air conditioning requirements.

Beyond cost savings, homeowners find the increased comfort level is worth the switch to ductless heat pumps. With baseboard heat, the heat rises along the walls but with a ductless system, heated air is more likely to flow throughout the rooms evenly.

Most of the customer installation's we have done supplement their primary source of heat. Combining one or more of these mini-split units with another heating source is very common and provides additional heating comfort throughout the home. In addition, these units do an excellent job



of cooling the same areas in the summer months.

A ductless heat pump system is comprised of two main components: the outdoor compressor and the indoor air handler. Coolant and electrical lines run through a conduit from the compressor outside the home through the wall to the inside air handler(s).

These mini-split units can be configured in different ways. A common approach is to provide heating and cooling to one large zone in the home by using a single compressor and a single air handler. Another option is to use one compressor to power as many as four inside air handlers,

each with its own thermostat. This option is convenient for member's who need heating and cooling in bedrooms or other sectioned off areas in their homes.

French Broad Electric provides discounted pricing and financing on Fujitsu and Mitsubishi mini-split heat pump systems, as well as installation and service. These systems can be financed on your monthly elec-

tric bill, making it easy and convenient, and the long-term savings can offset the cost of the system in just a few years. We want to encourage any member who is interested in these systems to contact us for more information or log onto our website at [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com).

### MINI-SPLIT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

We now have a mini-split heat pump maintenance program. In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine maintenance on both the inside and outside units annually. Cleaning the equipment from debris build up will extend the life of the system and improve the efficiency.

If you are on the Maintenance Agreement, please call our office at 828-649-2051 to schedule an appointment to have your mini-split cleaned.

For more information about the maintenance program and to complete the Maintenance Agreement, please visit [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com).



# 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

- English Shepherd puppies. 683-3126.
- Formal dining room set w/ 2 leaves, 8 chairs, claw & ball, \$500. 704/488-9232.
- Coffee table & end tables, \$15ea. 645-7241.
- Tanning bed, \$300. 645-7241.
- Wilson K-28 vintage golf clubs w/ leather bag. 785-3395.
- Firewood, will deliver. 206-9097.
- Orion telescope w/ attachments, \$140. 321/961-9996.
- Full-size 13" hybrid gel memory foam mattress in box, \$190. 319-5377.
- Older wood house, 3,400 ft elev on Roan Mtn, \$19,000. 688-1363.
- Electric scooter, \$175. 656-2725.
- 52" Toshiba TV, \$125. 656-2725.
- Ford 16" 6-lug rims w/ lug nuts & hub caps, \$100. 688-6556.
- Salamander portable heater, \$50. 678-9021.
- 4x5 rolls of hay, first cutting, Spruce Pine, \$40ea. 385-6030.
- Craftsman R110 riding lawn mower, \$1,000 OBO. 919/376-7392.
- Pacer irrigation pump w/ B&S engine, \$75. 649-2259.
- Frasier fir seedlings. 682-2955.
- Queen rustic cedar log headboard w/ steel frame, \$150. 910/750-1253.
- Skywalker trampoline w/ enclosure, 12'diam, \$250. 208-1485.
- Beige couch, \$150. 275-2984.
- Industrial Singer sewing machine, \$500. 592-1574.
- 2006 Dodge Dakota, dog box on flat bed, V8, 155k mi, \$9,000. 206-4241.

Troy Bilt tiller, 7HP PTO Horse model for parts, \$75. 649-2259.

Chestnut lumber. 688-2957.

Chestnut fire mantles. 688-2957.

### WANTED

Wooden folding wallpaper table, 6' or 7'. 574/527-0369 or 574/527-9448.

Someone to band or fell tops of (6) tall sycamore trees, Buladean. 688-1363.

Wii system. 689-3572.

CD system, store & player. 689-3572.

Retired experienced roofer to consult on house & barn. 704/996-9393.

Retired experienced grader to consult on gravel road. 704/996-9393.

Handyman for part-time small jobs. 954/496-9000.

Nine frame honey extractor w/ electric motor. 284-1966.

Home on 1+ acre in Marshall/Mad Co, \$250k range. 713-7869.

Bookkeeper w/ Quickbooks exp, PT or FT. 658-1498.

Someone to care for (2) elderly people, Shelton Laurel. 707-1823.

### MISCELLANEOUS

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: vehicle detailing. 206-2124.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Will Do: stump grinding, free est. 208-0238.

Will Do: haul away junk riding mowers for free. 689-3896.

Will Do: haul away junk cars/trucks for free. 689-3896.

## BEWARE OF SCAM CALLS

Some FBEMC customers have received calls from someone claiming to be a utility employee in order to collect money for late payments or, in some cases, even commenting on customers' good payment history and offering them a gift card and/or a credit on their account.

Keep in mind, if you get a questionable call like this and are concerned about your account, please hang up and call FBEMC directly at 828-649-2051. Do not use the number that is on your caller ID to call the person back.

## ROW Clearing Schedule

### February/March

#### Marshall District

- \* Grandview area (River Road to Hwy 25/70)
- \* Rector Corner

#### Burnsville District

- \* Highway 19W
- \* Bloody Fork
- \* Piney Hill
- \* Hog Branch
- \* Hawk Branch
- \* Town of Bakersville
- \* Transmission Lines (Burnsville to Relief) (Relief to Bakersville)

### Nominating Committee Named Nominations Deadline Is March 23rd

In preparation for the 2022 Annual Meeting to be held on May 7, 2022, the Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating Committee in accordance with FBEMC bylaws.

The committee is made up of representatives from each of the co-op's directorate districts. They will meet on February 16, 2022 and make nominations for the directorate positions which expire this year.

The committee members and the districts they represent are listed:

**District No. 1, Madison Co.**

Nancy Allen  
Bill Ricker  
Clayton Willis  
H.C. Wood

**District No. 4, Mitchell Co.**

Gary Gouge  
James Miller

**District No. 2, Buncombe Co.**

Fred Ray, Jr.

**District No. 3, Yancey Co.**

R.L. McIntosh, Jr.  
Bob Proffitt  
Eric Vess

**District No. 5, Unicoi Co., TN:**

Denlis Foster

### Summary of Bylaws Pertaining to Annual Meeting

**Meeting.** An annual meeting of the members of French Broad EMC shall be held on the first Saturday in May for the purpose of electing directors and hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year.

**Quorum.** Attendance in person or by proxy of at least one hundred members of the total members of the Cooperative is required for transaction of business.

Four Directors to be Elected. Those currently serving on the board whose terms expire this year are Charles Tolley of District No. 1, Madison County; Gary Wilde of District No. 2, Buncombe County; and Jill Austin and Paul Badgley of District No. 3, Yancey County.

**Board Nomination Procedure Outlined.** The board of directors shall appoint an eleven-member Nominating Committee not less than 90 nor more than 150 days before the annual meeting. This committee will meet on February 16, 2022 and the Secretary shall post a list of all nominees to be posted at each FBEMC office at least 60 days before the annual meeting.

In addition, the bylaws provide that any 50 or more members, residing in the same district as the member being nominated, may make nominations by filing a petition containing each member's signature, printed name, telephone number, date, and service address as it appears on the member's account at least 45 days prior, and no more than 90 days prior, to the annual meeting, identifying the seat for which the nominee is being nominated. The last day to receive nominations by petition is March 23, 2022.

**Qualifications for Director.** In order to be nominated for the board of directors, he or she must be a natural person; have the capacity to enter legally binding contracts; maintain their primary residential abode in the Directorate District; shall not be a convicted felon or have pled guilty to a felony; and shall be current in all respects of payment to the Cooperative. He or she must be a year-round resident of the district from which they are running. A candidate must have been such a resident for at least 180 days prior to the date of their nomination. A candidate shall not be a close relative of an incumbent director.

**Credentials and Election Committee.** At least 60 days but no more than 90 days before the annual meeting, the board of directors shall appoint a Credentials and Election Committee consisting of an uneven number of members that is sufficient in number, but as least 5 members. This committee shall address questions that may arise with respect to member registration, member or member's spouse's identification; eligibility of a nominee for election; supervise vote counts; and to rule upon all other questions that may arise relating to voting and election.

**Voting** Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Voting by members other than natural persons, such as a business or church, shall be allowed upon presenting a notarized resolution of the entity entitling a person, who must be a member, to vote. Each member will register him or herself and up to five proxies he or she may have, receive the proper number of ballots, move directly from the registration area to a balloting area, and cast his or her ballot(s). All ballots must be cast by the time registration ends.

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**FBEMC Offices**

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Toll-Free to Marshall	1-800-222-6190
Burnsville	(828) 682-6121
Bakersville	(828) 688-4815

**To Report A Power Outage  
After Hours  
Marshall District**

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