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Marshall, NC



Bright Ideas EDUCATION GRANTS

Teachers Can Apply for 2022 - 2023 **Bright Ideas Education Grants**

French Broad EMC is now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2022 - 2023 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 15. 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.frenchbroademc.com/brightideas or www.NCBrightIdeas.com.

**Daylight Savings
Time**

Sunday March 13th



1st Day of Spring

Saturday March 20th



**FBEMC offices
will be closed**

Friday April 15th

**in observance of
Good Friday & Easter**

Manager's Report

Paying Tribute to a Dear Friend of the Community



For 17 years I have been in charge of delivering a managers report in our monthly newsletter to our membership. During that time, I typically tried to focus on energy related topics that were relevant to our business and beneficial to our members. I hope you don't mind, but this month I want to break away from these topics to pay tribute to one of my dear, dear friends that passed away last week.

Dr. David Robinson, principal of Madison County High School, left this earth January 25th, 2022 and the news was a shock to the entire community as it came totally unexpected. I believe that David knew and touched every family in Madison County as a life-long resident, teacher, church member, and most recently, principal. For our readers who did not have the privilege of knowing him, I have to say I am sorry he didn't have a chance to get to know you and you didn't get to feel his heart-felt smile and laugh.

I first met David Robinson at Madison Middle School several years ago. He was my oldest daughter's math teacher and basketball coach. We became friends immediately and he later asked me to be an assistant coach. I immediately observed that Coach Robinson had a knack with kids.

They trusted and loved him almost as soon as they met him. He could build relationships with young people faster and stronger than anyone I knew. I vaguely remember the games and bus rides, but I do remember the laughs and great times we had with the kids on the team. He always made sure they all felt important, regardless of their talent level or ability on the court. However, don't think for a minute that Coach Robinson didn't have some edge about him. He would get after any of the players that didn't live up to their potential at any given moment. But it wouldn't be long after that he was putting his arm around them and telling them it would be ok and he loved them.

David always strived to do more and that led him into being a principal first at Madison Early College and then later at Madison High School. He worked hard on getting his Masters and Doctorate degrees while holding down a full-time teaching job, raising a family with three kids, coaching, playing music, and being very involved in his church community.

As a fellow Duke basketball fan, we would often have conversations about how we were better suited to coach the program than Coach K. We had a lot of fun second-guessing their losses and celebrating their wins. If I didn't get a chance to see a Duke game, I always knew what the result was as soon as the game was over. I would get

a text in one of two forms: "Brother, it sure is good to be a Duke fan tonight" or if they lost, "Brother, it's a bad day to be a Duke fan". When it came to football, we didn't line up as well. He was a die-hard Alabama fan and I will forevermore be a Clemson Tiger. He was always gracious in the Clemson victories and humble when Alabama won the big game (except for the Roll Tide he had to get in when he hung up the phone!).

David was a talented musician, he could coach and motivate kids and young adults, a gifted craftsman in the art of woodworking, and most important, a family man and role model for others. He knew how to get the most out of life and how to show others how to do the same. His passion was educating and spending time with kids and you could see his direct impact on their lives. Whether he was teaching mathematics, coaching, or as their administrator, he made a lifelong impact on so many of our county's youth.

The room was always a little brighter when David Robinson was in it. I think in life most of us end up with only a few really close friends that we can count on regardless of the situation. David Robinson was that person in a lot of people's lives and was certainly that in mine. I know David is in heaven today and has fulfilled God's will, but I will so miss him for the rest of my days.



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.

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Ads may be submitted online or mailed to:

French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, May 7th
9:00am**

French Broad EMC will hold its 81st Annual Meeting on Saturday May 7, 2022 at Madison High School in Marshall.

This year's modified program will begin with registration and roving entertainment at 9:00am.

Featured entertainment will be The Primitive Quartet. We invite you to come and be a part of this annual event.



MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine annual maintenance on both the inside and outside units. For a charge of \$17.50 added to your monthly bill, you are eligible for one cleaning and one service call per year. If you have more than one indoor unit, the cost is only an additional \$7 per unit per month.

For more information, visit our website www.frenchbroademc.com to sign up for the maintenance program or call 828-649-2051 to schedule your appointment.

SCAM ALERT

Beware of scammers who call to let you know your account is delinquent, due & try to collect right away. Please know that we do not call you and demand payment. You receive billing notices with your due date information.

Some scammers are now calling to brag on what a great customer you have been and offer you gift cards, etc. Please do not give them your information.

If you get a questionable call like this, please hang up and call FBEMC directly at **828-649-2051** to inquire about your account.

ROW Clearing Schedule March/April

Marshall District

- * Lower Flat Creek Road to Ivy Hill Road
- * Bend of Ivy
- * Palmer Ford/Pickens Road area

Burnsville District

- * Hwy 19W
- * Hog Branch
- * Langford Branch Road
- * Hardscrabble Road
- * Lower Jacks Creek
- * Transmission Line (Burnsville to Relief)

FOR SALE

Car cover for Ford Mustang. 778-9885.

Boom pole for tractor, \$100. 645-9860.

Knox Millmaster kitchen cookstove w/ water tank, \$500. 688-3124.

3-wheel Ponix HD3 w/ 2 batteries, \$750. 688-3124.

Thule XG-12 Pro tire chains, size 225, set of 4, best offer. 678-9346.

Wonder wood stove, \$350. 689-4091 after 6pm.

King wood stove, \$150. 689-4091 after 6pm.

4x4 hay rolls, first cutting, \$40/roll. 385-6030.

Older wood house, needs well, scenic location, Buladean. 688-1363.

Australian blue healer cattle dogs, \$300. 682-2050.

Little Flower Church pews, \$225ea. 513/256-7483.

(6) stackable chairs, \$10ea. 536-5080.

Grain fed, pasture-raised pork. 649-3678.

Mako crossbow case, \$85. 230-0336.

(4) 16x8.5" rims for Ford. 688-6556.

6-lug w/ hub caps & lug nuts, \$100. 688-6556.

2005 HD Softail Springer, black, \$12,500 or trade for 4x4 Chevy truck. 777-4945.

'52 Chevy sedan 4-door car w/ parts, \$6,500. 777-4945.

Trail bikes, 20"-\$40; 26"&28"-\$60ea. 688-1144.

Single bed frame w/ 4-poster head & footboard, \$45. 688-1144.

Canon Power Shot SX530HS camera, \$225. 683-3371.

100+ flea market items. 683-3371.

TroyBilt garden tiller, \$500. 645-9860.

TroyBilt 21" self-propelled mower w/ grass catcher, \$215. 606-8566.

3' square fiberglass shower w/ shower head, etc, \$100. 606-8566.

1909 Victorian cast iron barber/ dental chair. 682-2050.

Rear leaf springs for '04 Tacoma, \$400/set. 380-0144.

(27) railroad cross ties, \$20ea. 208-2026.

Boat & motor, \$400. 689-8376.

Wood stove w/ 2 fans & thermo-stat, \$395. 772-7462.

Hardwood firewood, will deliver. 206-9097.

Hot Point freezer, 7cu ft, \$500. 765-0163.

GE front-load washer, \$100. 776-1148.

2008 F-150 4WD crew cab, 298k mi, white. 258-8281.

WANTED

Someone to do light yard/maintenance work, \$20/hr. 380-1772.

Single roommate to help around house, Mad Co. 206-0661.

Seasoned red oak hardwood, cut and split. 689-9126.

Old interior panel doors. 380-1232.

Old barn to tear down for the materials. 380-1232.

Someone to build a walk-in chicken coop. 777-1354.

Utility trailer w/ axle & tongue. 467-5468.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Will Do: bush hot work & scrape driveways. 713-5574.

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

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

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