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Marshall, NC

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French Broad Electric Membership Corporation
Marshall, NC

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Please be sure to notify your FBEMC office when any of your contact information changes.

Customers are notified of FlexPay balances, electronic bills, pending disconnects, scheduled outages, etc. via email, text message and/or voicemail.

It is important that we keep our records updated, should we need to contact you.

*French Broad EMC
offices
will be closed
Monday
September 5th
in honor of*



Manager's Report



Things to Know Before Going Solar

When we have discussions with members about energy efficiency, one of the first things they mention is the desire to install a solar system on their home. Solar has become a popular topic of conversation and one that a lot of homeowners do not fully understand.

Most people do not realize that solar is not energy efficiency. Energy efficiency is finding ways to use less energy. Solar is the actual generation or production of energy. It is easy to get confused as they are both thought of as beneficial to the environment and a way to save money.

Homeowners that are considering solar need to figure out what their motivation is for such a project. Is it to save money, concern for the environment, or both? Focusing on making your home more energy efficient first will address both motivations. There are a couple of things to consider if you are interested in adding solar to your home.

The first is your energy consumption. Solar systems are sized based on a home's energy needs. The larger the system the higher

the initial cost. Before installing solar, make sure your home is as energy efficient as possible. That means it will use less energy and allow you to install a smaller solar system, which will save money and reduce your home's environmental impact. Look at your lighting, HVAC systems and insulation. A fully insulated and air-sealed home uses less energy, and those measures are usually less expensive than solar panels. Look at all these energy efficiency projects before moving on to a solar system.

Also, consider your overall out-of-pocket expenses. The expected life span of an HVAC system is 15 to 25 years. Check the age and condition of your heating and cooling equipment and consider the expenses of replacement. If something happens, can you afford to repair or replace?

Another item to consider is your roof. Consider the age, orientation, and shade of your roof. It is more difficult, and expensive to reroof a home with solar panels. The best orientation for solar panels is south facing to receive direct sunlight throughout the day.

A shaded roof helps keep your home cool in the summer but reduces solar energy production.

Keep in mind that solar systems do not last forever. Systems degrade over time and produce less energy. Panels only produce energy when the sun is shining, so if you want solar to power your home at other times, you will need a battery storage system, which comes at an additional cost.

If you do decide on investing in a solar system, please contact French Broad EMC before purchasing any equipment or signing a contract. Getting rate structures and interconnection instructions from us ahead of time will give you the information you need to make an informed decision. We also encourage everyone to reach out to our local solar installers, and get bids from them rather than "out of town" sell-over-the-phone providers. Local installers know our service rules and installation practices and can provide you with a better long-term solution and are readily available to service your system down the road.

Understanding these considerations before installing a solar system will ensure you meet your money saving and environmental goals.



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

German Shepherd, 2 yrs old, neutered. 649-9483.

2011 Subaru Outback AWD, 6cyl, 169k mi, \$7,000. 775-4819.

Perennials. 622-2022.

Snapper self-propelled lawn mower w/ bagger, \$50. 206-1712.

Craftsman self-propelled lawn mower w/ bagger, \$125 OBO. 206-1712.

1949 Dodge. 682-6881.

Telestar telescope, model 60EQ w/ tripod, \$95. 904-635-0035.

Life, Saturday Evening Post & more, 60's-80's, \$5ea. 904-635-0035.

Older wood house w/ mtn views, Buladean, \$20,700. 688-1363.

Mountain ivy, waist-high, bushy, you dig. 208-0938.

100% Boer bucklings, 3-4mo, solids & spotted, \$400ea. 231-8655.

Dwarf burning bushes. 545-8802.

GE electric clothes dryer, white, \$100. 336/592-0222.

Tenico iFLOOR3 series, \$200. 683-3371.

Potted trees, bushes, perennials. 545-8802.

Char-Broil BBQ grill, 4-burner w/ side burner, \$95. 592-2606.

Manure spreader, Mill Creek model 25, \$1,000. 779-7837.

Registered Original Mountain Cur pups, \$300. 423/735-9723.

Rocker, oak, slatted, TN Chair Shop, \$75. 592-2606.

Treadmill, model 800W folding electric, \$225. 682-9550 or 545-2056.

2007 Flagstaff tow-behind camper w/ 18x36 car shed. 683-0298.

Walnut live-edge lumber, 28pcs, 12-14"W x 12' L x 2"thick. 301-8722.

Books by David Jeremiah & religion; books from 1800-1900s. 675-4271.

Vintage purses, pocket books & jewelry. 675-4271.

WANTED

Hay, 3-4 rolls. 208-0938.

To rent garage space for vehicle near Marshall, need electric outlet. 814/206-6422.

Someone to put up goat fence. 683-1468.

Tine spade for Husqvarna CRT 900 rear tine tiller. 765-9665.

Someone to care for elderly couple 2-3 days/wk, COVID vacc req. 707-1823..

Boarding for horse, stall, mucking & feeding. 536-0816.

Used camper w/ title, prefer 16', no popup. 545-2056.

Tobacco hand setter/transplanter. 768-3011.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Will Do: sit w/ elderly day or night, 25 yrs exp. 206-1288.

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

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

FREE: small load of wood for starting fires. 689-2392.

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

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: pressure clean: asphalt, concrete; repairs, clearcoat. 777-4002.

Will Do: pressure clean: home, patio, gutters. 777-4002.

BBQ & Bow Shoot 4H Sharpshooters Fundraiser, Aug 27, 9-3, Mad Co Ext.

Will Do: pressure wash. 675-4003.

COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Beginning August 8th, 2022, drive-thru COVID-19 testing will be available at the Madison County Health Department, located at 493 Medical Park Drive in Marshall.

Testing will be available during the following days and times:

- Monday and Thursday 8:30 am-10:30 am
- Wednesday 11:30 AM-1:30 pm

No appointment needed. Bring insurance information. During normal business hours and outside of testing hours, free at home test kits are available at the health department. If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms, please remain in your vehicle, and call 828-649-3531. Someone will bring the kits out to you.

Last day for testing at the Madison County Fairgrounds is August 5th.

For more information, visit www.madisoncountyhealth.org or our Facebook page.

**ROW Clearing Schedule
August/September**

**Marshall District
Cutting**

- * Meadow Fork area
- * Rice Creek Road
- * Stockton Road
- * Old Asheville Highway to NC state line
- * Old Highway 23
- * Bear Branch



**Burnsville District
Cutting**

- * Upper and Lower Jacks Creek
- * Transmission Line from Burnsville to Relief

Spraying

- * Cattail
- * Ewart Wilson Road
- * Barnardsville Road
- * Poplar
- * Pigeon Roost
- * Brummetts Creek
- * Crabtree
- * East Yancey
- * Bowditch
- * Town of Burnsville
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After Hours
Marshall District**

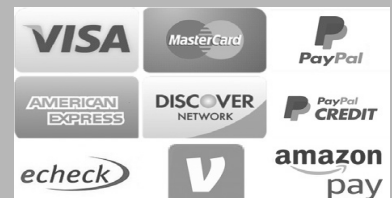
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