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“Owned by those we serve”

Marshall, NC

Happy
New
Year

Keep Up With Your Electricity Usage for 2023

RECORD CHART FOR ELECTRIC BILLS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meter Reading</u>	<u>Date Read</u>	<u>kWh Used</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Amount of Bill</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
JANUARY						
FEBRUARY						
MARCH						
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						

We encourage you to clip out the above chart and use it to record your electrical usage for the year. It will serve as a ready reference for the cost of electricity for any particular month. If you keep these records over several years, you will know when and how your usage is affected by holidays, vacations, company, etc. As the cost of energy continues to rise, more and more emphasis will be placed on energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption. This exercise should show if your efforts are successful over time.

Manager's Report

"Bright Ideas Program" Gives Back to Those We Serve



Since 1994, the North Carolina Electric Cooperatives Bright Ideas program has given almost \$15 million dollars to educators for more than 13,536 projects benefiting over 2.8 million students. The Bright Ideas program was developed to provide funding to our local teachers for innovative classroom projects that fall outside normal funding parameters. For the past 22 years, French Broad Electric has participated in the Bright Ideas program, funding projects from teachers in and near our service territory.

This past fall marked another successful year for the Bright Idea program at French Broad EMC. In total, \$25,000 was used to fund projects in Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell, and Unicoi County, Tn. Many grants have been awarded toward technology-based curriculum items such as iPods, iPads, Kindle's, etc. Our school systems have very limited resources for purchasing these items. We live in a society heavily influenced by technology and our children need to be fluent in the use of these technology-based tools. Being able to contribute to the purchase of these technologies is a worthwhile investment in our communities and our children.

A few of the many interesting projects that were funded this year included a grant to Bowman Middle School for \$1400 to purchase art supplies and use them to help students tie science and math concepts with artmaking. With these supplies, Ms. Samantha Kirk can bring science

and math concepts into the art room, allowing students to build models from clay for them to later study such things as surface areas, weight, and construction properties.

Another great project that was funded was for Mrs. Stacie Keitt's class at North Windy Ridge Elementary School. With a \$1500 grant, she is able to purchase Lego STEM lessons that will engage all students in thinking critically, analyzing data, and prototyping creative hands-on solutions for complex problems with real-world relevance.

Mrs. Lisa Calloway of Madison Middle School was awarded a \$1500 grant to purchase a pedal desk for students with ADHD and anxiety issues. These desks allow students to refocus their excess energy to a more productive state without creating distractions for other students. By allowing these students to move their bodies while learning, they are able to retain more information and are less prone to act out.

Finally, Mr. Don Schiffhauer was awarded a \$1500 grant to purchase a spectroscope kit for his science classes at Madison Middle School. Students will be able to better understand the properties of waves and wavelike property of energy. With the hands-on labs, students will be able to distinguish between transverse and longitudinal waves. This kit will expand every student's knowledge on light waves of the electromagnetic spectrum, sound waves, and seismic waves from earthquakes.

As you can see, great things are going on in our local school systems and French Broad Electric and its Board of Directors are proud to contribute to such a worthy cause. We are proud of the work our local educators do for our youth in our communities and want to assist providing them with the tools to do more. Our Bright Ideas grant program provides an opportunity to our teachers to help more kids and get them involved in developing the skills that will be necessary for them to be successful as they become adults.

Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule January/February

Marshall District (cutting)

- *Bluff area
- *Waldroup Road
- *Shut-In area
- *Puncheon Fork area
- *Old Hwy 23
- *Bear Branch

Burnsville District (cutting)

- *Upper Jack's Creek
- *McKinney Branch
- *Hwy 197 S
- *Pensacola
- *Town of Burnsville
- *Transmission Lines
(from Relief to Bakersville)

If you have questions, please call us at 828-649-2051 or visit our website:
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

Presto 18qt canner/cooker, \$75. 380-0267.

12" DeWalt sliding, dual-bevel miter saw, 15amp, \$400. 793-0358.

Cherry curio w/ curved glass front & claw feet. 712-7661.

Mattress foam topper, queen, \$85. 545-8802.

2002 Ford Ranger, 4x4, w/ tool box & ladder rack. 776-7344.

Sony CD player w/ (12) Bill Gaither CDs, \$35. 689-4024.

2003 camper w/ 2 slides, 36'. 404-775-3668.

Wood entertainment center, \$400. 765-1660.

Small spinet piano, \$450 OBO. 783-0521.

Small baby grand piano, cherry. 765-7666.

Canning jars, \$4.50/dozen. 252-9795.

Australian Blue Healer puppies. 682-2050.

(200) LP albums, 60's & 70's music, \$200. 765-2081.

(2) Dog kennels, 42x28 + 36x22, \$50/both. 645-5927 or 243-9884.

Books, 1800s & 1900s. 675-4271.

2006 Toyota Tacoma, 6spd, 1/2 cab, navy blue. 765-4152.

2019 Toyota Tacoma, 32k miles. 649-9390.

Books by David Jeremiah, Billy Graham, & more. 675-4271.

Dahon Boardwalk folding bicycle, \$100. 206-2367.

WANTED

2000 -2006 Chevy 4x4 truck that needs motor or trans. 656-2281.

Child's wagon & Playpen. 689-9040.

Donkey, jack (gelding) &/or jenny. 380-2948.

English Shepherd puppies. 675-5286.

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE: English Shepherd puppies. 450-3190 or 683-3126.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: bush hogging, scraping driveways. 713-5574.

FREE: (3) adult koi fish, 24", orange/white. 847/877-9399.

Will Do: CNA services. 206-1288.

Will Do: haul away junk autos & tractors for free. 689-3896.

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



Minisplit Heat Pump Maintenance Program

Winter is here and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating and/or 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.

Once you have a minisplit heat pump unit, you have the option of signing up for the maintenance program, for a fee. This program covers the cost of one cleaning per year and the trip and labor charges for one repair visit per year.

If you have the Maintenance Agreement, please call us today at 828-649-2051 to schedule an appointment to have your Mini-split Heat Pump unit(s) cleaned.

For more information, visit our website: www.frenchbroademc.com.

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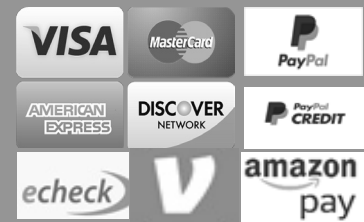
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1-844-294-5697



NOTE: The NEW deadline
for submitting ads to
The Electrifier
is the **10th** of each month.

For twenty-three teachers from sixteen schools in the area, Christmas came early in the form of a check. These teachers were awarded funding for the Bright Ideas project proposals they submitted earlier in the fall. They were selected from applications submitted to French Broad EMC for consideration.

The grants, in amounts ranging from \$600 to \$1,500, will help fund innovative ways to improve classroom instruction. The grants will purchase supplies that are not affordable through normal school budgets, which typically are strained to meet the basic needs of teachers.

Buncombe County

Erwin High: Kady G. Rice
North Buncombe High: Jamie Stowe
North Windy Ridge: Stacie Keitt

Madison County

Brush Creek Elementary: Peyton Franklin &
Shannon Vilcinskas
Madison Middle: Lisa Calloway & Don Schifffauer
Mars Hill Elementary: Leslie Huff & Jocelyn Radford

Mitchell County

Bowman Middle: Samantha Kirk
Deyton Elementary: Kellie Chapman
Harris Middle: Nell English
Mitchell High: Taylor Hughes & John Sturgill

Yancey County

Blue Ridge Elementary: Lisa Burlison & Erin McKinney
Burnsville Elementary: Keli Miller
Cane River Middle: Tracy Stebbeds
East Yancey Middle: Beryl Carroll, Jeremy Sink &
Jenny Martin
Micaville Elementary: Lucy Lodge
Mountain Heritage High: Jessica McKinney