



# The *Electrifier*

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MARSHALL, NC

**Come Join Us on May 7th  
for our 75th Annual Meeting  
(Madison High School - Marshall, NC)**

## Schedule of Events

### 3:00pm to 5:00pm

**\*Registration**

**\*Health Fair**

Visit vendors for free health screenings, free education on various health topics and free information from local health organizations.

**\*Roving Entertainment**

**>Tom Hughes, Magician**

Tom, also known as Professor Whizzpop, is Western North Carolina's premier, most magical, laugh-a minute children's entertainer!

**\*Kid Zone**

Fun for all ages. Enjoy face painting, balloon art and caricature drawings.



### 5:00pm to 6:00pm

**\*Featured Entertainment**

**>The McKameys**

Organized in 1954, the group "The McKameys" is in its sixth decade of spreading God's message of love and hope through their music. When they are performing, there is an undeniable energy that carries them through each performance. The McKameys play about 145 days a year. To date, they have had 30 number one songs and the group has been awarded several different Singing News Fan Awards through the years.



### 6:00pm

**\*Business Meeting**

*Food will be sold  
as a fundraiser*



*Cash Door Prizes  
will be given away  
following the business meet  
ing*

# Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

## *Duke's Plan Finalized by NC Utilities Commission*

After much debate, it looks like the North Carolina Utilities Commission has finalized Duke Energy's plan to convert its existing coal burning facility in Arden to a natural gas system. This has been an evolving issue that has been debated for many months after Duke Energy announced that it would prematurely retire the coal burning plant back in May of last year.

At that time, Duke sited environmental concerns, low natural gas prices, and changes in the law as reasons for making the change. The original proposal was to retire the 375 megawatt coal plant and invest about \$750 million dollars on a new 650 megawatt natural gas fired power plant. It also included a \$320 million dollar project to construct a transmission line from the plant at Lake Julian to Campobello, South Carolina.

This line would provide an additional tie to Duke Energy's transmission network, which would allow them to move more energy in and out of the Asheville region,

securing the region's energy needs for many years to come. Duke Energy stated that the energy usage for our area has doubled in the last four decades and they currently import over 400 megawatts of power during peak demand times. Demand is also forecasted to grow by 15 percent over the next 10 years. The N.C. Utilities Commission by law requires Duke Energy to provide the energy needs for every consumer it serves (wholesale and retail) plus an extra margin of reserves at all times. These plans would assist Duke in meeting this requirement.

However, there was a lot of concern from the environmental community that the project was excessive and they should look for alternatives. After months of debate and several state commission hearings, Duke has now obtained approval from the Commission to construct two smaller combined cycle gas fired units. They rejected plans for a third unit but Duke can go back at a later time and seek approval for the third turbine if they

can prove the facility is needed and energy efficiency measures do not work to reduce the demand for energy.

The two units that were approved will produce a total capacity of 560 megawatts (at a cost of \$1 billion dollars) which will more than offset the 375 megawatt coal plant being retired. The excess generation will reduce the amount of energy that will need to be imported into our region. In times of peak load there will still be a need to import additional power from South Carolina. This is where the proposed transmission line really came into play. However, the transmission line, proposed to connect the plant to South Carolina, met significant opposition and Duke dropped the plan for the transmission line late last year. They instead proposed the third gas turbine at the Arden site to offset the need to import any power into the region. The project is set to be completed in 2020.

### Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule for April/May

Burnsville District

East Yancey to Micaville;  
Little Rock Creek; NC 261; Glen Ayre;  
and Valley of the Roan

Marshall District

Lonesome Mountain; Revere; Little Pine;  
Mars Hill Substation up Hwy 23 to Big  
Laurel; Laurel Valley; Hwy 19 to Crooked  
Creek Road; Bald Mountain

### 2015 Capital Credit Assignment

If you were a member of French Broad EMC in 2015, you are entitled to a share of the co-op's profit. At the end of each year, any remaining funds the cooperative has after paying the bills are called **margins**, or **capital credits**. In 2015, FBEMC's margins amounted to 5.692 percent of its revenues. Your share of the profit is recorded in your capital credits account. Your share is based on the amount of electricity you used during the year. Margins are not refunded immediately but are held in reserve to cover the cost of maintaining the electric system and building new facilities. By using these funds, the cooperative can reduce the amount of money it borrows. The goal is to ultimately refund all credits to you. In the meantime, it serves to provide adequate cash flow for reinvestment in the business and show financial stability required to obtain loans.

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May issue	April 15th
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## 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.*

FOR SALE

1987 Clayton unfurnished mobile home, must be moved, \$2,000. 778-4903.

Hinged double glass door. 284-6398.

Charolais bulls, registered, 12-13 mos. 385-0244.

42" LG HD TV w/ user manual, \$280. 689-9299.

John Deere D140 riding mower, \$1,500 or negot. 622-7225.

Propane grill w/ 2 burners +side burner, \$100. 622-7225.

Generator, Chicago, electric start, \$450. 675-1450.

Playmaster Queen Ann oak pool table, \$1,000. 675-1450.

Leather jackets, black, 1-mens XL; 1-ladies Lg, \$75/both. 772-5222.

Well water pump, 1/2 HP, single phase, 115v, \$650 OBO. 606-8566.

1550-gal vertical polyethylene water storage tank, \$1,250 OBO. 606-8566.

2000 Rascal electric scooter, \$2,500 OBO. 284-0126.

Tires/rims: (5)-P235/75R15; (2)-185/65R14. 208-6625.

2005 Dutchman lite camper, 28x8, sleeps 6. 656-2658.

2006 Jayco Jay Flight 5<sup>th</sup> wheel w/ 1-slide. 683-2586.

Wood splitter, 20-ton, \$300. 385-3636.

Tool boxes (2), fit small truck, \$100ea. 385-3636.

2000 Fat Boy, 1700mi, black on chrome, garage kept. 336/982-9513.

Leather-wear, male & female. 336/982-9513.

Paper shredder, \$55. 645-2704.

Apple wood, dry, \$45; kindling wood, pine. \$25. 757/275-5610.

Flea market items: tools, jewelry & more, \$65. 757/275-5610.

Kubota B2150 4x4 tractor w/ front end loader, bush hog, \$9,200. 478/363-6356.

Computer desk, \$50. 385-1204.

Motorcycle trailer, quick load, chrome wheels, electric brakes. 284-0103.

2010 Harley CVD ElectraGlide, LED lights, GPS, 7,434mi. 284-0103.

Powersmart snow thrower, electric start 2-stage, \$350. 688-5675.

Berkshire pigs, pure-bred, \$10; American guinea hogs, \$25-\$50. 284-2500.

Dining room table w/insert + 4 chairs, wood, \$300 OBO. 284-9531.

Living room suit, couch/chair/chaise, bond leather, brown, \$1,400. 284-2792.

John Deere bush hog, 5'cut, \$150. 682-6576.

1999 Woodmizer sawmill HD40, <40hrs, \$15,000. 682-6576.

Lot at Lake Hartwell, SC, \$2,000 OBO. 803/682-5960.

Mare, \$300. 682-9486.

2010 Coachman Freedom Express, 26', hitch, awning, more, \$11,800. 689-4884.

1-Acre land, Florida, near beach, \$11,000. 904/879-5130.

Bee traps for carpenter bees, \$15. 206-2938.

2.5 Acres near Bryson City, views, owner fin avail. 450-5728.

Troy-Bilt pony riding mower, 42"cut, 17.5HP, 7spd, \$600. 689-9430.

Aluminum diamond plate truck box, full size, single lid, \$150. 777-4012.

2BR/2½BA home on 2.28ac, deck, views, \$139,500. 682-7717 or 208-3636.

1996 Ford Taurus, sunroof, elect windows/seats, \$750. 675-2025.

Faux brown fur coat, size 1X, \$75. 675-2025.

25.9 Acres, joins USFS, Pigeon Roost, \$165,000. 385-1858.

1995 Malibu Mirage TTAE 1400 NDH, \$405,000. 850/803-2153.

2BR/1½BA home on 3½ac, Green Mtn, \$70,000. 954/786-9188.

Lavec wood burning stove, \$125. 954/786-9188.

4-wheeler for parts. 689-4145.

Picture frames, asst sizes. 689-4145.

Box trailer, 20', enclosed, ext tongue, ramp door, \$3,000 OBO. 206-9022.

1954 Allison tractor, \$2,995. 380-9694.

Oak lumber, 1,200', dried/in barn, \$400. 380-9694.

2007 Flagstaff tag-along camper, 33'. 683-0298.

2BR/1BA house on 1ac, Bakersville, \$100,000. 385-2830.

0.73-acre lot, city water/well, TN, \$18,000. 656-2351 or 423/638-3224.

1946 Overlin Willy CJ Willis Jeep, garage kept, \$15,000. 682-2862.

Ab lounge. 712-5329.

HD motorcycle seats(2) for low rider/wide glide, (1) lg helmet. 712-5627.

Potted perremiel plants, trees, shrubs, \$1-\$10/pot. 545-8802

Burning bushes, \$1-\$5/pot. 545-8802.

Lumber: 20k' chestnut; 10k' hemlock. 688-2957.

3BR/1BA farmhouse on 80 acres, Erwin, TN, \$649,000. 423/735-3070.

Reclaimed lumber. 208-0295.

Adjustable shelving, 8'x7'x3', \$75. 689-3116.

Ladies jeans, sizes 10-14. 675-4271.

Doll collections, Barbie & porcelain dolls. 675-4271.

Tool box for truck, lg. 649-3839 or 206-1750.

#### WANTED

Junk cars, will pay cash. 689-5125.

Old buildings to tear down. 208-0295.

Old barn to dismantle for lumber, insured. 380-1232.

Old flooring/floor boards. 380-1232.

In-home caregiver for female with dementia, 30-40hrs/wk, \$10/hr. 380-2594.

Someone to clean house, ref & exp req, \$75/cleaning. 423/388-5010.

Laurel/White Rock School Yearbooks, 1950's -2015. 216-2632.

Someone to mow lawn, mower provided, \$25/wk. 680-9658.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: masonry, handyman and construction work. 242-1659.

Will Do: computer repair. 649-0317.

Will Do: tree trimming, lot & view clearing. 208-4599.

Will Do: junk removal, hauling, structure removals. 208-4599.

For Lease: pasture land and hay land, \$2,000/yr. 778-4903.

Will Do: help you move. 284-3009.

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

For Rent: 2BR/2BA trailer, 1yr lease. 407/657-4607.

For Rent: small apartment, Burnsville. 284-6398.

For Rent: vacation rental, fenced, pvt, trout stream, \$75/nt. 656-2281.

Will Do: mowing, weed eating, landscaping, free est. 208-5777 8am-8pm.

Will Do: mowing, landscaping, 20yrs exp, free quote. 712-7015.

Farmers Market, Sat 9am-1pm, MHU Campus. [marshillmarket.org](http://marshillmarket.org).

Will Do: sit with seniors, exp, Hospice. 689-2277.

FOMCA, spay/neuter, dog training & more. 649-9798.

Will Do: clean houses. 450-8073.

Will Do: lawncare. 450-8073.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: clear land and cut trees. 675-4003.

Will Do: pressure wash, paint, stain. 675-4003.

Hot Doggett bike race, July 9th.

### Bill Payment Options

We offer the following bill payment options:

\*cash in office only

\*check

- walk-in
- mail-in
- online
- by phone

\*credit/debit card

- walk-in
- online
- by phone

\*bank draft

For those of you who use online bill payment systems, there are a couple of things to keep in mind.

-Always include your French Broad EMC account number and CIN number on every payment submitted.

-Please remember that your payment may be made in the form of a paper check, not electronically, and mailed using regular US Mail.

-When making your payment online, please take into consideration the payment due date and allow at least five to seven days for it to reach our office.

