

The Electricifier

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MARSHALL, NC

2016 YOUTH TOUR Washington, DC

In June, Youth Tourists came to Washington, D.C. from states near and far with a common purpose - to learn more about electric cooperatives, to see our government in action and to experience our nation's history first hand.

The Youth Tour brings together high school students, sponsored by electric cooperatives across the United States, to our nation's capital. Students learn more about the cooperative business model and history, engage in leadership opportunities, visit with their members of Congress, tour D.C.'s historical landmarks and make memories that last a lifetime.

Two students from French Broad EMC's service area, Sarah Ledford and Jacob Matthews, both rising Seniors at Madison High School in Marshall, joined more than 30 other students from across North Carolina and more than 1,500 from across the United States for this year's Youth Tour.



(Left to Right: Sarah Ledford and Jacob Matthews)

Electrical Safety for Pokémon Go players

We would like to remind players of the popular Pokémon Go game to stay far away from power plants, electric substations and other electric equipment.

The augmented reality application sends players on the hunt to "catch" animated Pokémon characters that appear overlaid on a live scene viewed through a phone. As players move to various locations to find new characters, it is important that players stay aware of their surroundings and keep clear of electric equipment.

We know players want to #CatchEmAll, but they should always do so at a safe distance from electric substations and other electric equipment. Entering an electric substation is both a crime and incredibly dangerous, and members of the public should never attempt to gain access for any reason. Another capture is not worth the risk of serious injury.

We urge parents of children who play the game to talk to them about how to be safe around electricity, and to always heed all instructions on signs and warnings related to electric equipment.

Important safety tips:

- Stay out of electric facilities, such as substations and power plants, even if the game leads to that equipment.
- NEVER touch electric equipment, including transformers and power lines.
- NEVER enter an active work zone, which could contain moving equipment and excavations.
- Do not climb power poles or throw things into power lines.
- Stay away from power lines that have fallen because they can still be energized.
- Power lines near trees also pose a danger; exercise caution and check for power lines before climbing a tree.

Update Your Contact Information

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

Customers are notified of their 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.

Manager's Report

The Call of Duty ... The Co-op Way



Jeff Loven

At French Broad EMC, our highest priority is to deliver safe, high quality electric service at the lowest cost possible to all of our customers. With over 4,500 miles of power lines throughout our service territory this can be a challenge, especially during the stormy seasons. Winter storms typically cause the most damage and outage times. Significant snowfall, combined with high winds and low temperatures, can bring damage to our electrical grid at any time during the winter months, so we are always prepared for the worst that winter has to offer.

However, the same is true for the summer. Strong thunderstorms with high winds and heavy rain can cause significant damage in a short period of time.

Just last week, on the night of July 6th, a strong storm blasted through parts of our service territory. This particular storm hit close to home as our electricity went out in the Marshall area. I jumped in the truck and met up with our service technicians who were already looking for the problem. After riding out the line, they determined that it was in an area that was inaccessible by truck and would have to be patrolled by foot.

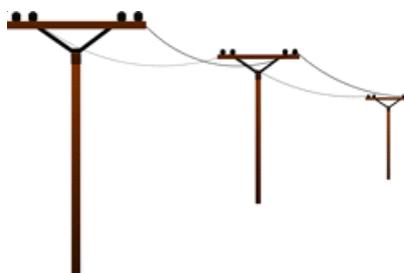
Brad Payne walked the line and in a few minutes he called to tell us that he had found the cause of the outage. A large oak tree outside of our right-of-way was uprooted by the high winds and fell across the line, breaking all three wires. Within minutes

we had three additional line workers on site and we carried all the material into the area where the line was down. It was remarkable to see how quick and efficient our linemen do this work.

Even though it was after midnight, off the side of a mountain with no light and still raining, they were able to get the line built back in just over an hour. Richard Payne and Alex Robinson removed the tree off the line and sleeved the wire back together. At the same time, Brad Payne and Raleigh Peek were climbing the next pole and getting ready to pull each phase back up in place. David Massey was sending the tools up the pole and making sure the lines were not crossed as they were pulled up into position.

Once the work was completed, they quickly removed the grounds and re-energized the line, restoring service to over 1,000 customers. There were several other outages throughout the system that night as our crews worked to make sure everyone's power was back on as soon as possible.

Two nights later, another line of severe storms moved through our



area. While we dealt with a few minor outages, one of our neighboring electric cooperatives, Blue Ridge EMC out of Lenoir, NC suffered significant damage and had several thousand customers without power.

I received a call just before midnight on Friday asking for any help we could send. In a matter of hours, French Broad EMC sent five crews and trucks to Watauga County to assist in the storm restoration. They arrived at 7:00am on Saturday morning, worked 18-hour days over the weekend and arrived home late Monday night.

The amazing part of this story, which should make us all proud to be a part of the French Broad Electric Cooperative, is that our crews had the opportunity to come home late Sunday. However, they decided to stay and work Sunday night and all day Monday until they knew the last Blue Ridge EMC customer had electricity. They could have come home to see their families, sleep in their beds, and rest up for the coming week but instead, they volunteered to stay until the job was finished.

This is the way things have always been done within the electric cooperative family. It's the cooperative way and a model that has worked well for over 75 years. We all come together in times of emergency and we make the necessary sacrifices to assure that everyone gets their electrical service restored as quickly and safely as possible.

Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule for August/September

Burnsville District

Clearing Schedule: Micaville to Town of Burnsville along Highway 19 E, including East Yancey.

Herbicide Schedule: Red Hill; Harrell Hill; Bad Creek; Bean's Creek; Buladean; Brummitts Creek; and Pigeon Roost.

Marshall District

Clearing Schedule: Upper Walnut Creek across Walnut Mountain; Locust Grove; Allman Hill; Rocky Hollow; Chandler Branch; Sams Road; Upper end of Shelton Laurel from Big Creek to the TN state line; Old Asheville Highway down to Guy Lloyd Road; lower end of Rice Creek; Higgins Creek; and Devils Fork

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Monday

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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

2BR house and apt on 1 acre. 284-6398.
Dust collector, 2HP, 70gal, \$125. 620-3021.
1971 Chevy truck, ¾ base, \$3,000.
743-7491 or 270-9963.
1999 Ford Escort, 4cyl, AT, \$800 OBO.
380-0403.
Amish buggy. 649-2569.
Draft horse harness & collars. 649-2569.
1973 18' Mark Twain boat, 105 Chry Outbd,
\$500 OBO. 385-3663.
1977 Coachman camper, air, awning,
\$500 OBO. 385-3663.
Hay, 1st & 2nd cuttings, \$4.50/bale.
682-7268 or 284-7313.
Hose reel on wheels, \$135. 645-2704.
Honda 50cc scooter/moped, low miles,
\$900. 682-0022.
Dining table w/ leaf, red mahogany, china
sideboard, \$450 OBO. 696-5345.
Portable grill, printer, long stem crystal,
china & more. 467-1354.
Walker, Rollator ProBasic alum frame, seat,
brakes, 14lbs, \$100. 279-7007.

2016 Heartland Pioneer camper. 467-9865.
Welding equipment, mig welder, arc welder
& more, \$6,000/all. 279-0155.
Fire pit spark screen, 39", black w/ handles.
689-9018.
Echo SRM-410U brush cutter, \$250.
919-6783.
(2) 100lb LP tanks w/ regulator, 1-full,
1-empty, \$200. 766-7899.
2-wheel Roadmaster auto dolley,
\$1,100 OBO. 682-9301 afternoons.
Kawasaki 125 dirt bike, 4-stroke, \$2,915.
757/275-5610.
Suzuki 400 dirt bike, 4-stroke, headlight,
ignition switch, \$3,195. 757/275-5610.
Telescope w/ mount & tripod, Carson
RP-300, \$50 OBO. 682-9301 afternoon.
Misc parts for cast iron wood stove.
231-3423.
Home for sale/lease to own/long-term
lease. 646/633-8615.
Komatsu bulldozer, D21A-6, 6-way
hydraulic, \$14,500. 768-4186.
Leather recliner w/ power, brown, \$250.
683-4186.

Greasy green beans & new potatoes.
656-2281.
(2) cockerels, 1-OEGB; 1-Sebright,
\$5/each. 682-4981.
Home Comfort wood kitchen range, white,
\$200. 231-4876.
(2) Vogelsong wood heaters, 1-\$100;
1-\$50. 231-4876.
67 Acres + 2 houses, will sell separately.
682-9612.
Camper top, 82"x69", Chevy silver.
689-2118.
(3) black baldy heifers (reg Hereford &
Angus), \$1,200 ea. 380-0215.
(2) metal lathes, 1-lg; 1-sm. 778-8012.
(2) milling machines w/ accessories, 1-lg;
1-sm. 778-8012.
Potted flowering/non-flowering trees,
plants, shrubs, \$1-\$20/pot. 545-8802.
Dwarf burning bushes, \$1-\$10/pot.
545-8802.
3BR/1BA house, 1128 sq ft. 230-3133
after 5pm.
Potatoes & green beans. 656-2737.
Crystal & pottery. 675-4271.

Jewelry, vintage & costume. 675-4271.
 1978 Cadillac deVille, 94k mi, not running, \$500. 649-0069.
 (2) rain barrels, \$25ea or \$45/both. 206-2453.
 Frozen themed sheet set & comforter, \$20. 206-2453.
 Window AC, 6000 BTU, \$50. 208-1985.
 Entertainment Center, \$100. 208-1985.
 1BR/1½BA house on 3acres, Green Mountain, \$65,000. 954/786-9188.
 Lavec wood-burning stove, \$150. 954/786-9188.
 7+ Acres white pine for harvest. 239/770-2273.
 Metal double sink, 33x22, \$75. 689-9074.
 Wood-burning fireplace insert w/ blower, \$450. 208-4405.
 Bee traps for carpenter bees, \$15ea. 206-2938.
 1954 Allis Chalmer cultivating tractor, \$2,400. 380-9694.
 Anvil, 100lb, \$100. 380-9694.
 Harness & (2) bridles. 689-5755.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.
 Treadle sewing machine. 467-1983.
 ¼-acre lot for a mobile home, N. Buncombe area. 333-0627.
 Old buildings to tear down, will clean up. 208-0295.
 Old barn lumber, old doors, flooring, antiques. 380-1232.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: handyman services, junk removal, tree trimming. 284-2137.
 Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

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



Visit our website for more information:
www.frenchbroademc.com

For Rent: 2BR/1BA apt, part furn, Yancey Co, ref, \$500/mo+dep. 778-1897.
 Farmers Market, MHU, Sat 9am-1pm. www.marshallmarket.org.
 Will Do: caregiving, weekends. 649-9676.
 Will Do: tree trimming, lot/view clearing. 208-5865.
 Will Do: move furniture, hauling, structure removal. 208-5865.
 Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.
 Outdoor singing, Sept 3 @ 6pm, Caney Fork Baptist Church. 649-1604.
 FREE: Singer Style-O-Matic, 328 K, needs repair. 803/920-7298.
 Will Do: painting & exterior repairs, \$20/hr+materials. 779-0224.
 Will Do: grading, building, landscaping. 206-0326.
 For Rent: 2BR/1BA for 2 adults. 467-5991.
 Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.
 Will Do: housecleaning. 450-8073.
 Will Do: lawncare. 450-8073.
 Will Do: cut trees & clear land. 675-4003.
 Will Do: pressure wash & stain. 675-4003.
 Will Do: clean houses and businesses. 682-0101.

SCAM ALERT!!!

Beware if you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Duke Energy or French Broad EMC. They pretend they are calling to let you know that your account is delinquent and they tell you, that, unless you pay right away your service will be disconnected. To add credibility to this con, they often use "spoofing technology", which makes your caller ID display the name and phone number of the local utility.

Duke Energy recently emailed a Fraud Alert to its customers making them aware of this scam. The caller might insist he/she is with French Broad Electric and the caller ID might display the name of your utility; however, you need to be aware that the power company will never call you and ask for credit and/or debit card information over the phone.

If you get a call and are concerned about your account, please call French Broad EMC directly to inquire about your account balance/status using one of the office phone numbers that can be found on your bill, on the website, or in the Electrifier.

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