

The **Electrifier**

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MARSHALL, NC

Bright Ideas Educational Grants Awarded

For twenty-eight teachers in fifteen schools in the area, Christmas came in early November 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 \$200 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

Leicester Elementary: *Tammy Gregg, Caryn Levy, Anita White*
North Buncombe High: *Jaime Stowe*

Madison County

Hot Springs Elementary: *Connie Metcalf*
Madison High: *Heidi Summers*
Madison Middle: *Kerstin Davis*
Mars Hill Elementary: *Stephanie Cody, Cynthia Mengel, Gwen Moore, Donna Roberts, Wendi Wolfner*

Mitchell County

Deyton Elementary: *Kristie Autry, Kelli Chapman*
Gouge Elementary: *Jenni Dellinger*
Greenlee Primary: *Tamara Houchard*
Mitchell High: *Greg Franklin*

Yancey County

Burnsville Elementary: *Priscilla Dunn, Julia Fox*
Cane River Middle: *Christy Deyton, Karen Gurley, Jessica Watts*
East Yancey Middle: *Eric Cedergren, Mary Sapp, April Ray Woody*
Micaville Elementary: *Karen Fox, Pam Gibbs*

Unicoi County, TN

Unicoi Middle: *Shannon Blevins*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Manager's Report

Investing in Your Capital Credits

One of the benefits in belonging to a cooperative is member ownership: You, our member-consumers, actually own French Broad Electric. One of the primary benefits of ownership is sharing in the "profits" generated by the business.

French Broad Electric issues "patronage capital" based on the amount of electricity you buy during the year. Better known as "capital credits", this is each member's "investment" in the business of French Broad Electric. Your electric cooperative works hard to keep rates as low as possible without affecting the quality of service you receive.

When we go through the budgeting process we are ever mindful to keep costs in line without having huge margins that can cause rates to rise. However, we are required by our lenders to retain a minimal "cushion" to make sure the business remains financially solvent. At the end of the year, after all the Cooperative's bills have been paid, we calculate the amount of money left over, and assign the "profit" as capital credits, based on the amount of money each member has paid in to the business through electricity bills. This amount is credited to each member's account annually. However, French Broad Electric does not return this money to members immediately. The money is used to help finance maintenance and improvements

to the Cooperative's electric system without having to borrow money from outside sources at high interest rates. By using these margins for reinvestment in our electrical system, French Broad Electric has been able to provide high quality electrical service to its entire territory and minimize loan payments. Minimizing the amount of money the Cooperative borrows from financial institutions keep rates competitive with other utilities.

Your Board of Directors has determined the Cooperative to be in sound financial condition, and your investment in your business will be refunded based on the amount you paid through your electricity bills. Until the general retirements are made, the money is used for system improvements so the Cooperative does not have to depend so heavily on borrowed funds.

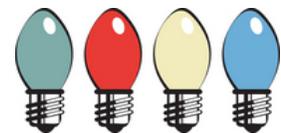
Capital credits represent one of the primary differences between co-ops and other electric utilities. This year, we will be refunding over \$1.6 million to those folks who were customers in 1988. Members whose capital credits are \$50 or more will receive their "refund" by check in December.

As they do every year, crews have been busy improving our Right of Ways, adding new infrastructure, and replacing old poles and wire so that we assure our distribution system is capable of providing high quality electrical service to all our members.



Jeff Loven

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the employees of French Broad Electric, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.



French Broad EMC Employees and Directors extend their very best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

All French Broad EMC offices will be closed
1/2 day Wed Dec 23rd,
Thurs Dec 24th & Fri Dec 25th
in observance of Christmas
and
Fri Jan 1st in observance of
New Years

To Report a Power Outage

(During Normal Office Hours)

- Madison (828)649-2051
- Mitchell (828)688-4815
- Yancey (828)682-6121
- TN, Madison (800)222-6190

(After 4:30pm)

- Madison (828)649-2051
- TN (828)649-2051
- Yancey (828)682-6121
- Mitchell (828)682-6121



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**To Report A Power Outage After Hours
Marshall District**

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Deadlines for submitting ads or notices to **The Electrifier.**

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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.

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 publish

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

FOR SALE

3pcs heavy equipment: JD 550B bulldozer; JD 310D backhoe 4x4; JD front end track loader. 208-1768.
RW Jameson banjo, left-handed beginner's model, \$100. 656-2665.
Firewood, \$500/dump truck; \$200/ton tuck; \$125/pickup. 678-0514.
72 Monitor heater w/ all hookups, \$400. 688-1707 or 385-1343.
3BR/1BA house on 80acre farm, \$649,000. 423/735-3070.
Violin, French-made, full sized, price negotiable. 919/406-4200.
Jewelry, various gemstones. 675-4271.
Chestnut lumber, 6k sq ft, \$3/ft. 208-0295.
1946 Overland Willy CJ2A, loaded, garage kept, \$15,000. 682-2862.
Merits power wheel chair, \$500 OBO. 689-4807.
Soprano flute, silver, \$100. 720/883-7679.
Guitar & amp, \$100. 720/883-7679.
2BR/1½BA house on 3.5ac, spring, Green Mtn. 954/786-9188.
Stair lift, \$500. 680-9658.
Rubber pond liners (3), 45mil. 649-3276.
3BR/1½ BA frame house on 1½ ac, view, workshop, \$98,000. 284-0342.
Utility trailer, 12x6, \$950. 688-4297.
Air compressor, Speed Aire 220, electric, \$200. 688-4297.
Antique upright piano, you move, \$500. 649-2875.
Kubota mower blades(2 sets). 765-7161.
10.3acres, barn, hay shed, well/septic. 206-3240 or 206-3241.
Studded snow tires (1pr), 205/55/16, \$100. 645-3472.
Dirt scoop, 4cu ft, Cat, 3-pt hitch, reversible, \$100. 645-3472.
Truck bed cap, Leonard, 8ft. \$25. 273-8451.
Monitor heater. 683-0298.
Homelite generator, 4400 watts, pull start, \$350. 688-2524.
Epson Stylus photo color printer, \$250. 989-7771.
1977 Corvette L-82, 4spd, \$15,000. 688-1889.
1989 Camper, sleeps 4-6. 645-3441 or 776-3441.
Numbered 4 postage stamp blocks from 1950's. 645-2704.
2-box bee hives (5), \$160ea. 645-2704.

Fire Power torch w/ metal carriage, accessories, \$400. 622-7225.
Propane grill, 2 burner & side burner, \$100. 622-7225.
Pioneer speakers (2), CS-88A, 80watt, 26" tall, \$275/both. 675-1665.
5.2 acres w/ 4BR house, res w/ comm potential, Marshall, \$195,000. 206-3572.
2.5 acres, gated 3200' elev, near Bryson City, owner fin avail. 450-5728.
Buff laying hens (7), \$10ea. 808-3564.
0.49 acre-lot, Burnsville. 682-6232.
1995 GMC Ventura van, 350 motor, 2500 series, 80k mi, \$3,500. 443-9249 or 430-1179.
Asphalt fiberglass shingles (13 bundles), gray, Owens Corning, \$125. 649-0317.
1995 dump trailer, steel floor, gooseneck, 13x7.5, \$5,000. 231-7044 or 682-2493.
Sharper Image Ionic Breeze air filters (5), \$60ea. 688-3378.
RV power protector surge guard 50A, 120/240V, \$300. 688-3378.
4-acre secluded lot w/ stream & waterfall, Saluda, \$49,900. 689-7270.
Wood fireplace insert w/ blower, \$400. 208-4405.
2BR/2½BA house on 2.28 ac, Burnsville, \$145,500. 682-7717 or 682-3447.
Couch, 2 chairs & ottoman by Lane, \$300 OBO. 606-8626.
Futon, tan, \$125. 606-8626.
1992 Mazda Miata convertible, black/red, 140k mi. 206-9009.
1992 Mazda Miata, Carolina blue, for parts, make offer. 206-9009.
NordicTrack E7 SV front drive, elliptical, \$400. 675-4729.
Generators, tractor-driven: Winpower, 30/20KW, \$1,200. Or Winco, 20KW, \$1,000. 675-4729.
English shepherd pups, \$175. 683-3126.
Crib mattress, \$30. 423/743-0087.
Tasco 350x50mm Novice refractor telescope, \$125. 675-0319.

WANTED

Junk cars, will pay cash. 689-5125.
Fresh cut oak. 689-5016.
Old buildings to tear down. 208-0295.
East Yancey High Yearbooks, 1967-1969. 467-3010.

Front end loader for JD 790 tractor, type 300 or similar. 689-9299.
 Oven that works. 688-1889.
 Wheelchair and hospital bed. 683-0137.
 Small camper trailer. 284-2555.
 Someone with portable sawmill. 688-9464.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.
 Will Do: clear land and cut trees. 675-4003.
 Will Do: pressure wash, paint, stain. 675-4003.
 Will Do: sewing alterations & tailoring. 682-2129.
 Will Do: computer repair. 649-0317.
 Will Do: caregiver, exp in dementia, Alzheimer's & brain injuries. 649-9676.
 Will Do: tree trimming, lot & view clearing. 208-4599.
 Will Do: junk removal, hauling, basement cleaning. 208-4599.
 Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.
 Will Do: pet sitting, house sitting, graphic design. 217/722-2925.
 Will Do: handyman services, junk removal, tree trimming. 284-2137.
 For Rent: 3BR, furnished, deck, 2-car garage, no pets, ref req, \$600/mo. 682-6836.
 For Rent: 2BR/1BA mh, 0.9 ac lot, TN, ref, no pets, \$300/mo+dep. 656-2351, 423/638-3224.
 Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.
 For Rent: week of Dec 20-27 at Westgate Resort, Gatlinburg, sleeps 4. 689-9295.

How Much Does It Cost To Run A 1,500 Watt Space Heater?

Most electric space heaters and electric fireplaces are rated at 1,500 watts. This would be the "high" setting on the heater. However, most space heaters also have a "low" setting or a thermostat, so for the sake of simplicity we'll assume the space heater in this example is operating continuously at the full power setting at 1,500 watts.

Now, to figure out how much you pay per hour for a 1,500 watt space heater, use this formula: **space heater watts x .001 x cents per kWh = cost to run per hour**

For a 1,500 watt space heater based on a rate of \$0.13 per kWh (FBEMC rate) it would look like this: **1,500 x .001 x .13 = .195 or 20 cents per hour rounded up.**

If you run your 1,500 watt space heater at full power every day for 6 hours each day, it will cost \$36 a month: **0.20 x 6 hrs x 30 days = \$36.00**

So, if you run your 1,500 watt space heater at full power every day for 24 hours, it will cost **\$144** a month.



Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter is just around the corner and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating/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



Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Schedule December/January

Marshall District

- Culbertson Branch
- Big Branch
- Upper end of Big Laurel
- Puncheon Fork
- Spring Creek

Burnsville District

- Bean's Creek
- Fork Mountain
- Little Rock Creek
- NC 261
- Glen Ayre
- Valley of the Roan



May the gifts of good health, happiness and prosperity be yours during the holiday season and the coming year.