

The Electrifier

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"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Twenty employees were recognized with service awards before the Christmas holidays:

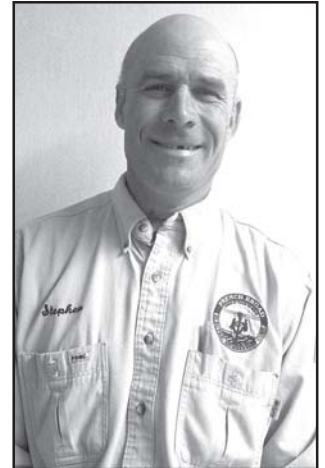


25 Years



Steve Tipton

Toby Griffin
(Not Pictured)



10 Years



L to R: Amy Ayers, Cameron Lowe, Jeff Hocz, Jonathyn Robinson



15 Years



L to R:

Rebecca Fuller, Paula Seay
Gary Ball, Julie Robinson

L to R:



Victor Horton,
Brian Blankenship



20 Years

Standing:
Bobby Suttles
Brent Smathers



Sitting:
Roger Reece
Sandy Griffin

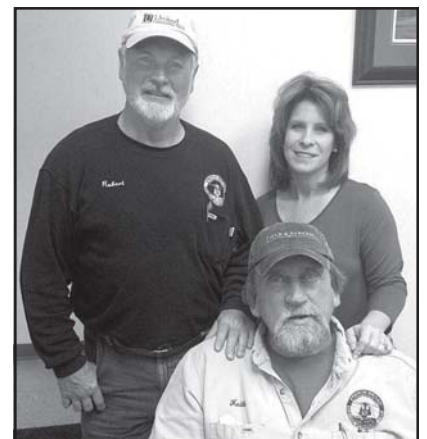
30 Years

Standing:
Robert Peterson
Stacey Laughrun

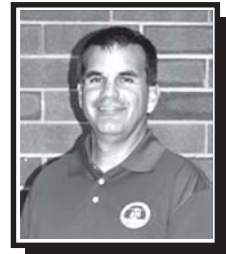


Sitting:
Keith Boone

35 Years
Dwaine Strom
(Not Pictured)



Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

Winter Electric Bills Can Be a Surprise

For most of our membership, heating and cooling your home can be the largest part of your energy bill each month. Many members are surprised this time of year by their expensive electric bills caused by the colder weather. When the temperature drops outside, your heating system has to work harder to keep your home comfortable, which requires more energy, and raises your electric bill.

Unlike some utilities, such as cable providers, which charge you a fixed price each month for a service no matter how much you use, a large part of your French Broad Electric bill is determined by the amount of kilowatt-hours (kWh) you use. This puts your electric bill in your control! If you and your family find ways to use less energy, you will see a lower electric bill. What can you do to help control your electric bill?

One way is to invest in a modern programmable thermostat. These devices are a great way to reduce your heating and cooling costs. Programmable thermostats work by lowering the temperature of your home while you are away (or at night) and then bringing your home back to a comfortable temperature by the time you return, as efficiently as possible. You simply tell your learning thermostat your habits and it will do all the work for you!

Programmable thermostats start as low as \$25, while a learning

thermostat can cost about \$200. Nest, Honeywell, and Ecobee are just a few of the popular brands that you can find at most Home Improvement or Hardware stores in our area or you can order them online. Studies have shown that these thermostats can cut the heating portion of your electric bill by 12%.

Another solution that French Broad EMC offers to its members is our mini-split heat pump program. Over the past

three years, we have installed over 800 units. These units do a remarkable job of heating and cooling various size rooms in our homes and businesses. These units are much more efficient than conventional heat pumps or furnaces and use much less energy since they do not rely on electric strips to provide heat on cold mornings below 30 degrees.

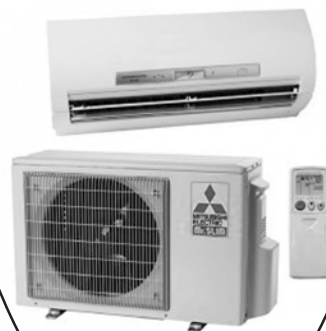
The air output is warm to the touch and can bring a room up to a comfortable temperature in just minutes. The same is true in the summer when a room needs to be cooled. In either case, the mini-split units do a fantastic job of keeping your home comfortable, no matter what the conditions are outside.

Best of all, French Broad EMC offers these units at a discounted cost to anyone who is a member and we offer financing options that will allow you to make payments on your monthly electric bill, making it an affordable option for every French Broad EMC customer who owns a home. We will also size and install the unit(s) in your home or business at your convenience and all our work is performed by licensed heating and cooling professionals.

At French Broad Electric, we are committed to making sure our members get the best service possible at a reasonable cost. Making sure our members are comfortable in their homes is one of our top priorities. Please contact us for more information.

For more
information
on the
Mini-Split
Heat Pump Program,
visit our website:

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.

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Bakersville	(828) 688-4815

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

Mar issue	Feb 10
Apr issue	Mar 15
May issue	Apr 15

FOR SALE

English Shepherd puppies, \$175 ea.
683-3126.

(5) panel wood doors, pre-drilled,
\$70 ea. 406/407-0156.

Bosch dishwasher, \$275.
406/407-0156.

China closet w/ glass doors/shelves,
\$75. 688-1707 or 385-1343.

2003 Ford Windstar XL handicap
accessible van, \$5,500. 385-3866.

Dolls, Barbie & porcelain. 675-4271.

Blue Willow dishes. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley writing desk. 675-4003.

80ac w/ farm house, barn, views,
Erwin, TN, \$499,900. 423/735-3070.

Hearthright HR-15 unvented 15k BTU
propane heater, \$125. 689-2016.

Horizontal fitness recumbent
exercise cycle, \$100. 689-2016.

Lot of land, Wolf Laurel. 689-4807.

Tools, art, clothes, etc.
757/275-5610.

Hay (200+), stored inside, 2 yrs,
\$3.50/bale. 231-8961.

3BR/2BA modular home, must be
moved, \$15,000. 622-9569.

3BR/2BA doublewide, \$35,000.
989-7755.

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

4.8 KW PV system, (26) 185-watt panels,
roof mount system, \$5,000. 689-9233.

Bunkbed w/ full size bottom bunk
w/ mattresses, \$150. 678-3324.

Microwave, \$45. 678-3324.

Alkaline water ionizer w/ instruction
manual & video, \$1,200. 645-9860.

Furnace filters, 20x20x5, \$23.
689-3233.

Metal lathe & milling machine
w/ tools. 778-8012.

Bookcases (2), 4-shelves w/ glass
front, oak, \$75ea. 682-0853.

Equal-i-zee 4pt sway control hitch,
\$500. 467-1293.

Accordian, full bass w/ case, stand
& music, \$35. 206-9995.

Monitor 40 heater w/ hardware, \$275.
284-9057.

Metallic meteorites (4), \$2,000.
649-9818.

Bottle collection. 649-9818.

2010 Chevrolet Silverado, 4dr, 4WD,
red, 41k mi. 675-4640.

2007 Suzuki, 4WD, 119k mi, \$4,800.
688-3693.

John Deere D140 riding mower,
22HP, \$1,475. 622-7225.

TAMA 5-pc drumset w/ hardware,
cymbals & stool, \$450. 778-9885.

Charolais bulls, spring breeding.
285-0244.

Dirt bike, 2015 KX 250F, fuel injected
4-stroke, \$6,500. 777-5422.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Horse hay, square bales. 776-4976.

House or land on water, Burnsville.
904/669-5390.

Old barn to dismantle for lumber,
doors, etc. 380-1232.

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE firewood, hardwood trees on ground, you cut to length. 712-2931.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

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

Will Do: furniture moving, hauling, tree removal. 208-4599.

Will Do: tree trimming, lot/view clearing, structure removal. 208-4599.

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

Vacation rental, Creekside, fenced, pvt. 656-2281.

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

ROW Clearing Schedule February/March



Marshall District

Hwy 63 from Sandy Mush Substation to Trust; Hwy 209 from Trust to West Road; Hwy 19 from Crooked Creek to County Line; California Creek; Walker Branch and lower end of Paint Fork.

Burnsville District

Town of Burnsville; Riverside Community; Hamrick; Colberts Creek; Busick Community; McKinney Cove; White Oak Creek; and Bear Creek.

Nominating Committee Named

Nominations Deadline Is March 22nd

In preparation for the 2017 Annual Meeting to be held on May 6, 2017, the Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating Committee in accordance with FBEMC bylaws.

The committee is made up of representatives from each of the co-op's directorate districts. They will meet on March 7th and make nominations for the directorate positions which expire this year.

The committee members and the districts they represent are listed:

District No. 1, Madison Co.:

Nancy Allen,
Bill Ricker,
H.C. Wood and
Nick Honeycutt

District No. 2, Buncombe Co.:

Fred Ray, Jr.

District No. 3, Yancey Co.:

Jill Austin,
R.L. McIntosh, Jr. and
Bob Proffitt

District No. 4, Mitchell Co.:

Gary Gouge and
James Miller

District No. 5, Unicoi Co., TN:

Denlis Foster

Summary of Bylaws Pertaining to Annual Meeting

Meeting. An annual meeting of the members of French Broad EMC shall be held on the first Saturday in May for the purpose of electing directors and hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year.

Quorum. Attendance in person or by proxy of at least two percent of the total members is required for transaction of business.

Four Directors to be Elected. Those currently serving on the board whose terms expire this year are Joseph "Joe" Justice and Gordon Randolph of District No. 1, Madison County; James "Jimmy" Ray of District No. 3, Yancey County; and Keith Kuhne of District No. 4, Mitchell County.

Board Nomination Procedure Outlined. The board of directors shall appoint an eleven-member Nominating Committee not less than 90 nor more than 150 days before the annual meeting. This committee will meet on March 7, 2017 and the Secretary shall post a list of all nominees to be posted at each FBEMC office at least 60 days before the annual meeting.

In addition, the bylaws provide that any 50 or more members, residing in the same district as the member being nominated, may make nominations by filing a petition containing their signatures at least 45 days prior, and no more than 90 days prior, to the annual meeting, identifying the seat for which the nominee is being nominated. The last day to receive nominations by petition is March 22, 2017.

Qualifications for Director. In order to be nominated for the board of directors, he or she must be a year-round resident of the district from which they are running. A candidate must have been such a resident for at least one year prior to the date of their nomination. A candidate shall not be a close relative of an incumbent director.

Credentials and Election Committee. At least 10 days before the annual meeting, the board of directors shall appoint a Credentials and Election Committee of not less than 5 nor more than 15 members. This committee shall pass on all questions that may arise with respect to member registration and count all ballots cast in any ballot voting.

Voting. A member shall have one registration and one vote regardless of the number of electric accounts he or she may have. An association or corporate member, including churches, may vote through a duly designated representative. This designation should be in writing. Each member will register him or herself and up to five proxies he or she may have, receive the proper number of ballots, move directly from the registration area to a balloting area, and cast his or her ballot(s). All ballots must be cast by the time registration ends.