

# The *Electric*

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**JANUARY 2016**

*"Owned by those we serve"*

**MARSHALL, NC**

## Keep Up With Your Electricity Usage for 2016

### Record Chart for Electric Bills

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meter Reading</u>	<u>Date Read</u>	<u>KWH Used</u>	<u>Number 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.

## Self Retires



Dwayne Self retired December 1st with 31 years of service. Dwayne was hired as a Right-of-Way Laborer, was transferred to a Meter Reader, and retired as an Equipment Operator.

Dwayne has plans to catch up on odd jobs around the house and enjoy his family and the great outdoors.

We wish Dwayne all the best in his retirement!

# Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

## *“Bright Ideas” Gives Back to Those We Serve*

Since 1994, the North Carolina Electric Cooperatives Bright Ideas program has given almost \$9.6 million dollars to educators for more than 9,200 projects benefiting over 1.8 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 16 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 28 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 Mars Hill Elementary School for an assortment of new books for the first grade students. Each child was able to receive 4 books and books were also added to the classroom library. Getting kids interested in reading at an early age is an essential part of the education process to make sure our children are prepared for the future.

Another great project that was funded was for Mary Sapp's sixth



grade class at East Yancey Middle School. With a \$1,400 grant, Mrs. Sapp was able to purchase additional microscopes needed for their classroom laboratory. These microscopes will be used to observe the growth of microorganisms in surrounding water sources. Students will recognize the existence of these microorganisms in all types of water sources such as ponds, rivers, and well water. Getting these students interested in science at this age gives

them the ability to be successful in future biology courses.

Mrs. Tamara Houchard of Greenlee Primary in Spruce Pine also received a Bright Ideas Grant for their Collaborative Curricular Connections program. This project addresses the organizational structure that learning takes, the exposure to concepts, materials, and experiences related to these areas, and makes connections to the community.

Through this process, the students will gain an understanding of the world around them and their role within it, including the positive impact they can have on others, even at this young age.

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 in 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.



# 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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Mare, Paso Fino, 18-20 yrs old, good ride. 775-3920.

Wood burning cook stove. 683-4027.  
Wood burning cook stove, \$500 OBO. 682-1332.

Wire mesh utility trailer w/ gate, 5x8, \$200. 682-1332.

Fuel filter neck assembly for '92-'96 Ford E-series van, \$60. 683-9610.

Tri-fold Tonneau cover, fits '83-'11 Ford Ranger/'94-'09 Mazda, \$150. 683-9610.

House on 1 acre. 284-6398.

Dell tower computer w/ XP, software, \$25. 649-0317.

1999 Coleman Pioneer Chesapeake pop-up camper, \$2,500. 284-9142.

Home Comfort wood cook stove, full size, \$500. 649-3976.

Equipment trailer, 18', HD, \$1,000. 649-3976.

1991 Toyota Corolla, \$2,650. 423/612-0378.

Horse & mule, \$350/both. 423/612-0378.

Tool box, fits Chev S-10, \$175. 622-0005.

Cooper tires(4), 275/65R/18, \$150. 689-2250.

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

Gemstone jewelry sets. 675-4271.

2000 Chev van, \$500. 683-3198.

### WANTED

Junk cars, will pay. 689-5125.

Camper top for 2005 SWB Ford F150. 689-9095.

Horses and goats, free or cheap. 645-7544.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: pet sitting, house sitting. 217/722-2925.

Will Do: painting, cleaning, organziaing, yard work, etc. 217/722-2925.

Expo Madison, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 11am-4pm, MHU. [www.ExpoMadison.com](http://www.ExpoMadison.com).

For Rent: 4BR/2BA duplex apt, no pets, 1-yr lease, MH, \$1,100/mo+dep. 312/618-4302.

Will Do: cabin/home maintenance, handyman work. 747-1268.

Will Do: pressure washing, plumbing, painting. 747-1268.

For Rent: vacation creek-side cabin, fenced, pvt, \$75/night. 656-2281.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

### FORSALE

1987 Toyota Supra, V8 conversion, as is, \$1,500 OBO. 208-0657.

Mink coat, Tourmaline-blond, M/L, make offer. 766-4088.

2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 4WD, \$1,500. 385-2688.

Copper apple butter kettles(2) w/ stands & stirs, \$600/both. 380-6302 or 284-9142.

Home gym system, 38 exercises. 658-0752.

Rainbow vacuum cleaner w/ attachments, \$200. 688-1381.

Lectures on cassette tapes, variety of subjects, 765-2652.

2BR/1BA cabin, MH. 467-3401.

Boar hog, 3yr old, Gloucester Old Spot, purebred, reg, gentle, \$500 OBO. 622-7231.

Dining room table w/ 4 chairs, cherry, \$85. 385-1204.

Golds Gym elliptical trainer, \$175. 385-1204.

25.9 acres adjoining USFS, Pigeon Roost, \$165,000. 385-9858.

1995 GMC 2500 van, leather, 80,400mi. 443-9249.

2.5 acres, gated, mtn views, near Bryson City, owner fin avail. 450-5728.

2000 Crest 22' pontoon, Evinrude 115, \$8,900 OBO. 775-4419.

1996 Toyota Tacoma X-cab, 4x4, 5spd, V6, 175k mi, \$3,400 OBO. 536-4106.

Dishwasher, \$100; Cooktop, \$50. 380-9377.

10' dump bed, \$350. 688-3831.

366 truck engine out of '80 GMC, \$450. 688-3831.

Dog training kennel, large, portable/ folds for storage, \$50. 688-1609.

72 Lazer heater, \$400. 688-1707 or 385-1343.

Frigidaire Gallery cooktop, 30", black w/ ceramic glass, \$250. 689-3670.

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Will Do: grind corn into meal. 273-3161.

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

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

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

Will Do: junk removal, hauling, basement cleaning. 208-4599.

Will Do: caregiver, exp in dementia, Alzheimer's & brain injuries. 649-9676.

Will Do: computer repair. 649-0317.

For Rent: 2BR/1BA mtn vacation home, 4WD access only. 305-302-8611.

FREE: moving materials. 536-2016.

Will Do: housecleaning. 680-9474.

Will Do: petsitting, your home/ours. 649-3985.

Will Do: trim trees and cut brush. 675-4003.

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

Will Do: housekeeping & help with elderly. 683-3198.

### 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.

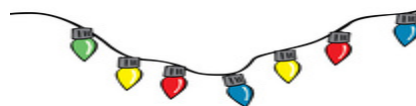
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## Why Does My Electric Bill Go Up During the Holidays???

Co-op members use more energy during the holiday season and bills may be higher because:

- 1) Holiday lights and decorations use energy; switch to energy-efficient LED holiday lights.
- 2) Holiday entertaining involves extra cooking and baking, which requires extra electricity.
- 3) Holiday guests mean more hot water for showers, laundry and dishwashing; more heating and lighting in guest rooms; and more cooking.
- 4) Shorter days and longer nights mean lights stay on longer, both inside and out.
- 5) With colder temperatures, space heaters are often used in garages, basements and other places to provide warmth.
- 6) Even if you don't use electric heat, many heating systems use electricity to power fans and functions.



### ROW Clearing Schedule

#### January/February

##### ***Marshall District***

**Clearing Schedule:** Spring Creek, Lonesome Mountain, Carl Eller Rd, Calvin Edney Rd, Woodhaven Rd and Puncheon Fork

##### ***Burnsville District***

**Clearing Schedule:** Bean's Creek, Fork Mountain, Little Rock Creek, NC 261, Glen Ayre and Valley of the Roan