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"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

Keep Up With Your Electricity Usage for 2017

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						
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DECEMBER						

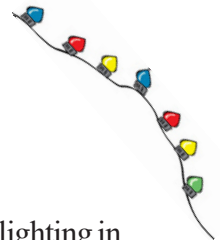
We encourage you to clip out the above chart and use it to record your electrical usage for the year. It will serve as a ready reference for the cost of electricity for any particular month. If you keep these records over several years, you will know when and how your usage is affected by holidays, vacations, 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.

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.



Manager's Report

"Bright Ideas" Gives Back to Those We Serve



Jeff Loven

Since 1994, the North Carolina Electric Cooperatives Bright Ideas program has given almost \$10.2 million dollars to educators for more than 9,800 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 17 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 25 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 Harris Middle School for \$1000 to purchase new drum equipment. Mrs. Cole's music students will get the opportunity to learn drumming techniques and rhythm reading through participating in a percussion ensemble. They will begin practice in February and prepare for a concert in May.

Another great project that was funded was for Missy Tooney's class at Bee Log Elementary School. With a \$691 grant, Mrs. Tooney was able to



purchase additional science equipment needed for their classroom. This equipment will be used for live science and a solar powered car. It will also purchase other science supplies, which will be used to enhance the students' ability to see the relationship between our environment, science, and the everyday world.

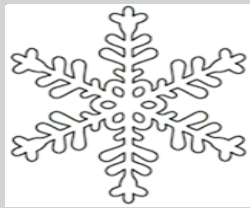
Mrs. Tracy Deyton of Mitchell High School received a \$1500 grant to purchase picture books for high school classrooms, specifically in ELA, social studies, and family and

consumer science. These materials will be used to introduce students to specific events in history, explore the use of language and higher order thinking skills, and for units in early childhood classes. The goal is to ultimately get more high school students interested in reading and to improve those skills.

Mrs. Oshen Wallin of the Madison Early College was awarded a \$1015 grant to assist in the study of the county's water quality by collecting and analyzing water samples. This project will give students experience with data collection using the latest technology and hands-on experience. The equipment and the data collected can be used in the classroom for years to come.

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 we 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.



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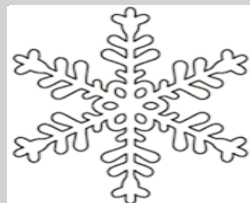
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This is a FREE service to members for advertising non-commercial items. Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted. Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, 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 OR submit online at www.frenchbroademc.com.

FOR SALE

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

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

Sofa & Loveseat, \$160/both. 380-3600.

Porch swing. \$75 OBO. 380-3600.

Pool table, regulation slate, couch,
recliner & more. 683-8679.

(2) tractors, tools & more. 683-8679.

Commercial Jet-planer, 15", self-
feeder. 688-2957.

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

3BR farm house 80ac, views, farm
land. 423/735-3070.

2 BR house on 1 acre, Burnsville.
284-6398.

Generator, 4,000-watt, \$250. 484-7354.

Bowflex tread-climber, \$400. 284-2371.

Sleep Number queen bed w/ sleep IQ.
\$1,000. 284-2371.

1970 Camaro Z28, 350 V8 4spd,
\$26,000. 688-4765 or 766-6937.

Husqvarna 372XP chainsaw, 24" bar,
\$150. 231-8961.

Black walnut beams & blocks.
231-8961.

Houser cabinet, \$300. 682-3093.

Wood cook stoves (2), \$300 ea.
682-3093.

Honda Rubicon tires & chains, AT25x8-
12, AT25x10-12. \$250 OBO. 765-2081.

Border Collies, black/white, \$300.
683-3927 or 450-5437.

China, crystal & tea pot collection.
675-4271.

Hand-stitched quilts & material.
675-4271.

LaZBoy lift chair w/ massage & heat.
675-4003.

Lumber, 6k' wormy chestnut. 208-0295.

Goats, 2-male weathers, \$135; 1-female
Nubian/Keiko/Alpine, \$135. 333-7052.

Aquarium, 6', 135gal saltwater w/ light
& wood base. 682-9896.

Queen bed, dresser, sofa, loveseat &
more. 682-9896.

1-acre lots for sale, Wolf Laurel,
\$5,000/lot. 273-6277.

Queen Anne side chair, cream w/
pastel flr, \$75. 385-2785.

Custom couch, multicolored pastel,
cushions & pillows. \$400. 385-2785.

1996 Ford Explorer 4x4, \$3,000.
206-4930 or 649-9130.

Home décor, dishes, tires & more.
757/275-5610.

2005 GMC Yukon XL Denali AWD, leather,
tow pkg, \$14,995. 757/275-5610.

1995 Mirage PA-46, 1460 hrs,
\$515,000. 850/862-7509.

Firewood, \$100/pickup load, you pick
up. 688-5461.

Norman Rockwell collector plates,
Heritage, womens series, BO. 688-5461.

2001 S-10 pickup, 2WD, V6, white,
\$2,000. 216-9077.

FOR SALE, continued

1997 Club cab truck, 2500 Cummins, 175k mi. 765-7001.

Clark Yardlift 100 forklift, 10k lb lift, upgrades. 606-0416.

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

1992 club car, gas golf cart, \$1,600. 658-0127.

1979 Harley XLS1000 Ironhead Roadster bobber, \$3,500. 301-5035.

Horse manure mixed w/ sawdust & lime, we load. 689-4444.

1966 D28 Martin Guitar, \$3,500 OBO. 675-5447 after 6pm.

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

WANTED

5x7 brick mason scaffolding with 'x' braces & walk boards. 206-7030.

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Old buildings to tear down. 208-0295.

Ride around mower. 675-4276.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: sewing, alterations & ironing. 682-2129.

For Rent: creek side cabin, pvt, fenced, fire pit. 656-2281.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: clean rental/vacation homes, ref. 776-2702.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

For Rent: apartment, furnished. 284-6398.

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

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

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

Will Do: housecleaning. 688-3693.

Notice to Members

Beginning in late January, French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will be changing the company that processes credit card payments and echecks for us over the phone and through our website.

The new processor will offer several improvements over our current provider including: more reliability, additional payment methods via phone, scheduled payment options for credit cards through our website, and even a smart phone app in the coming months.

The only changes for our customers will be a new phone number, which you will see on our website and your billing statement beginning in January and a new billpay website address where you will need to setup a new username and password the first time you make a payment.

We hope this improvement will help our customers manage their accounts more efficiently and effectively.

Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter is here and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating and/or 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



ROW Clearing Schedule

January/February

Marshall District

Clearing Schedule: Hwy 63 from Sandy Mush Substation to Trust, Hwy 209 from Trust to West Road, from Mars Hill Substation up Hwy 19 to county line, California Creek

Burnsville District

Clearing Schedule: Town of Burnsville, Riverside community, McKinney Cove, White Oak Creek, and Bear Creek