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"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC



Member Registration

Highlights from the 2016 75th Annual Meeting



The McKamey's



Members enjoyed the day
as they assembled



General Manager
spoke at the
Business Session



Members took advantage
of the Health Fair



Kids of all ages
enjoyed the activities



Magician Tom Hughes
entertained the crowd



Door Prizes
were awarded

Manager's Report

Lower Power Costs Equals Higher Benefits



Jeff Loven

As with any electric cooperative, French Broad Electric's largest budget item is wholesale power cost. It typically makes up 55-60% of the overall annual budget. In order to set our customer retail rates, it is necessary to forecast what power costs will be a year in advance. This can be extremely difficult as there are several factors that go into determining the total wholesale power cost forecast, one of which is the weather and it plays a major role in the wholesale cost of power. If we have a cold winter and a warm summer, we see an increase in demand and energy costs. Likewise, if we have a mild winter, as we did this past year, we see a decrease in our wholesale power costs.

The cost of the fuel used to generate electricity is also a major factor in calculating wholesale power cost. Coal, diesel, natural gas, and nuclear all have different costs associated with them, and they continually change depending on the circumstances. For instance, coal costs have increased due to EPA regulations and a reduction in overall production. On the other hand, natural gas prices have dropped dramatically due to an increase in supply and the mild winter weather.

Last fall, French Broad EMC and the Board of Directors planned for a wholesale power cost increase from Duke Energy in the amount of about \$2.5 million dollars for 2016. Fortunately, with the mild winter and a dramatic decrease in natural gas costs, we have not only been able to absorb the capacity cost increase, but we have also been able to reduce our purchase power and fuel adjustment charges to our members over the past several months.

Our Board of Directors recently decided to continue these reductions and give back a credit on each bill throughout the summer months. These credits will amount to almost \$1 million dollars over the period. This is just one of the many advantages

of being a member of an electric cooperative. A for-profit utility would keep these additional revenues, show it as profit, and only the stockholders of the company would benefit. Fortunately, as a member of French Broad EMC, you do not have to be a stock holder to get this benefit.

This reduction will go to every member. Also, the Board of Directors gave back \$1.6 million dollars last December in the form of our annual capital credit refund.

Who knows how long these unusually low natural gas prices and mild weather patterns will last but as long as it does, it will keep our energy costs lower than predicted and all our customers will benefit.

Incumbent Directors Re-Elected to the Board

at 75th Annual Meeting

Standing, L to R:
Charles Tolley & Gary Wilde

Sitting, L to R:
Bill Riddle & Warren Buchanan



Highlights from the 75th Annual Meeting, *continued*

Three hundred seventy six members, along with their families and guests, attended French Broad EMC's 75th Annual Meeting on May 7th at Madison High School. In addition to the Health Fair, entertainment was provided by The McKamey's. Kids of all ages enjoyed a roving magician, a face painter, a balloon artist and a caricature drawing artist. Following the business meeting, members had the opportunity to win prizes.



The eldest male and female members present were honored



PRIZE WINNERS

50" TV

Aron Dixon

32" TV

Ray Edmonds

iPad Air

Doris Capps

Wal-Mart Gift Cards

Janie Franklin

Frank Willett

Ingles Gift Cards

Don Gahagan

Ruby Middleton

\$200 Cash

Iva Ricker

\$100 Cash

Ruben Allen Whitt

Chestnut Grove Church

\$75 Cash

Netta Russell

Ronald Arrington

J.D. Rollins

Elaine Hall

Lockie Coates

Kings Greenhouses & Farm

Harold Evans

Roger Roberts

KIDS ZONE WINNERS

xBox360

Jay Roberts

Wal-Mart Gift Cards

Lane Hurst & Jace Loven

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July issue	June 15th
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ROW Schedule for June/July Cutting

Marshall District: Upper Walnut Creek, Walnut Mountain, Bald Mountain, from Rocky Fork down to Guy Lloyd Road

Burnsville District: NC Hwy 261, Glen Ayre, Valley of the Roan, East Yancey to Micaville

Spraying

Marshall District: Walnut Creek, Little Pine, Grandview, Locust Grove, Baileys Branch, Rector Corner, Sandymush, Cedar Hill, Grapevine, Petersburg, Mars Hill, Upper Big Laurel, top of Doggett Mountain to Bluff, top of Betsy Gap to Trust Store

Burnsville District: Hwy 197S into Pensacola, Cub Creek, Mine Creek, Duck Branch, Bandana, Red Hill, Loafer's Glory, Toe Cane, Big & Little Brush Creek, Roses Branch, Whitson Branch, Crabtree, McKinney Mine, Lake Laurel, Spruce Pine





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.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

Komatsu bulldozer, D21A-6, 6-way hydraulic, \$14,500. 768-4186.
 Leather couch, brown, \$260. 689-4999.
 Antique table w/leaf + 6 chairs, round, \$300. 689-4999.
 2BR/1BA house on 1 ac, Bakersville, \$99,500. 385-2830.
 Potted perennials, \$1-\$10/pot; Dwarf burning bushes, \$1-\$5/pot. 545-8802.
 4pc kids frog patio set, \$15. 656-9405.
 Lands End kids snow boots, pink/black, \$10. 656-9405.
 Cattle trailer w/ bumper pull, 6'x10', \$875. 649-0248.
 Jewelry, 100 pcs. 675-4271.
 Old books, 1800's & 1900's. 675-4271.
 Lumber: 20k' chestnut; 10k' hemlock. 688-2957.
 Comforter sets, throws, quilts, stadium seats. 689-2763.
 2BR/1½BA house on 3ac, Green Mtn, \$65,000. 954/786-9188.
 Lavec wood-burning stove, \$150. 954/786-9188.
 DR 48" power grader, pull behind mower, ATM, \$550. 688-9129.
 Entertainment center, black w/ 4 drawers, \$300. 688-9129.
 Walk-behind mower, \$350. 301-1165.
 23 Acres mountain land, Yancey Co, \$70,000. 682-6885.
 Bunk beds w/ ladder, wooden, \$150. 713-6527.
 63" Fujitsu TV, wall mount, \$500 OBO. 423/743-6846.
 Billy goat, blue/gray/black, 18mo, \$75 OBO. 423/743.6846.
 Oven, WH, white, self cleaning w/ speed broil, \$250 OBO. 680-9658.
 Tascam portastudio 424 MKII 4-channel cassette recorder w/ mic/line inputs, \$175. 720-883-7679.
 Line 6 Spider IV 15 guitar amp w/ effects, manual, \$100. 720-883-7679.
 3BR/2BA home on 4 ac, Mitchell Co, \$125,000. 688-3689.

Daylilies, 10 lg clumps, \$50. 688-9084.
 Hostas, red hen/chicks, bird houses. 688-9084.
 Pioneer speakers(2), 80watt, 26"tall, \$275/both. 675-1665.
 House, 2 apts, trailer. 284-6398.
 Spa hot tub, 6-person, \$1,100 OBO. 704/962-5999.
 Lift chair, \$100 OBO. 284-9531.
 2002 Tahoe, 350k miles, Michelin tires, no reverse, \$800. 421-1664.
 3BR brick house on 20ac. 682-9268 or 682-6641.
 Love seat, XL chair, ottoman, brown suede, \$100 OBO. 284-9531.
 Treadmill, Norditrac T6.1, adj incline/speed, \$300. 688-5675.
 1962 Everett upright piano, \$700. 380-9489.
 2.5 Acres, 3200' elev, near Bryson City, views, own fin avail. 450-5728.
 Allis Chalmers WD45 engine parts. 423/735-7453.
 4BR/2BA brick home on 9+ ac, barn, Erwin. 423/330-4545.
 Aluminum storm windows w/ screens(8), (3)32" storm doors, \$250/all. 208-1985.
 2003 Kia Rio, silver, 94k mi, \$1,900. 688-2306.
 Potted white pine trees(40), 12"-96", \$5 & up. 407/864-0699.
 Buck LP/propane heater w/ custom fireplace surround. 912/756-7460.
 4-acre lot, wooded w/ stream, waterfall, Saluda, \$44,900. 689-7270.
 Rubber pond liner, 275 sq ft, \$200. 649-3276.
 Outdoor wood furnace, heats home & water, 160k BTU, \$4,500. 765-9878.
 Entertainment center, cherry, 66"x41"x19", 2 shelves/2drawers, \$290. 765-9878.
 1948 Dodge pickup, \$6,000. 675-5909.
 2004 Dutchman Express motorhome, 32', 4,400 mi, \$20,000. 645-9524 or 777-7752.
 Hay, 2acres, you cut, Burnsville, \$345. 757/275-5610.
 Toro zero turn riding mower, 42" cut, \$1,600 OBO. 768-3258.

Bobwhite quail eggs. 712-7386.
 1 Acre, Florida, \$11,000. 904/879-5130.
 2006 Ford Escape XLT, 4WD, needs transmission, \$1,000 OBO. 380-3491.
 1985 Toyota Sun Land Express motorhome, 41k mi, \$6,800. 688-4226 or 385-3417.
 Bee traps for carpenter bees, \$15. 206-2938.

WANTED

Old barn to dismantle for lumber. 380-1232.
 Old doors, flooring, antiques. 380-1232.
 Vendors for Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair, Aug 5&6. 682-7413.
 Junk Cars. 689-5125.
 Free horses, cheap goats. 645-7544.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.
 Will Do: handyman services, junk removal, tree trimming. 284-2137.
 Will Do: tree trimming, lot & view clearing. 208-4599.
 Will Do: move furniture, hauling, tree removal. 208-4599.
 Will Do: window washing, housecleaning, ref. 776-2702.
 Farmer's Market, MHU, Sat 9am-1pm. www.marshallmarket.org.
 For Rent: 2BR/1BA apt, part furn, Yancey Co, ref, \$450/mo+dep. 778-1897.
 For Rent: house, unfurn, Yancey Co, ref, \$700/mo+dep. 778-1897.
 For Rent: 3BR vacation home, \$75/night. 656-2737.
 Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.
 Will Do: cut trees & clear land. 675-4003.
 Will Do: pressure washing & staining. 675-4003.

**FBEMC offices
 will be closed
 Monday July 4th
 in honor of
 Independence Day**

