

The Electrifier

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Marshall, NC

Spring Forward Into Safety

Spring is here, the time has changed and we now have more daylight time in the evening. Now we can get outside and catch up on a few things that have been left undone during the winter months. While you are out and about, please keep in mind a few safety tips that can help reduce electrical injuries or even deaths:

- * Keep yourself and ladders at least ten feet away from overhead power lines and their connections.
- * Unplug outdoor tools when not in use.
- * Avoid damp and wet conditions, including wet grass, when using electric tools.
- * Repair or replace any frayed cords, damaged or broken plugs on electric tools.

Your friends at French Broad Electric wish you a safe and happy spring season.

MINI-SPLIT HEAT PUMP PROGRAM

Spring is here and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating and 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.



For more information and to complete the loan application, visit www.frenchbroademc.com.

WE ARE NOW OFFERING A MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine annual maintenance on both the inside and outside units. Cleaning the equipment from debris build up will extend the life of the system and improve the efficiency.

Recognizing this need, FBEMC has put together a program that will give our members peace of mind and a way to keep their system running for many years. For a charge of \$17.50 added to your monthly bill, you are eligible for one cleaning and one service call per year. If you have more than one indoor unit, the cost is only an additional \$7 per unit per month. For more information and to complete the agreement, visit www.frenchbroademc.com.

If you have signed up for the maintenance program, and would like to **schedule your annual cleaning appointment** or a service call appointment, **please call 828-649-2051**.

Manager's Report

COVID Affects Annual Meeting Plans



It has now been a year since the world was introduced to COVID-19. We have all had our lives disrupted by this terrible pandemic. Although we have come a long way in the past year, many challenges lie in front of us in order to get back to normal. Schools continue to try and figure out how to safely get all our children back in the classroom, restaurants and other small businesses are dealing with capacity limits, and we all still have to mask up everywhere we go.

Every public gathering of any size has been cancelled over the past year. Travel has been limited, hotels are suffering from people cancelling vacations and business trips, and the supply chain is still disrupted for many manufacturing facilities. This disruption is causing shortages for many products we use in our everyday lives.

Here at your Cooperative, all of our meetings have been done remotely for the past year and it looks like that trend will continue for months to come. We are once again up against the deadline for determining how to proceed with our annual meeting. Your Board of Directors has once again studied our options for the upcoming Annual Meet-

ing of the Membership scheduled for Saturday May 1st, 2021. Currently, the state of emergency, declared by the Governor of North Carolina, remains in effect. Executive order 195 limits the amount of people allowed at an indoor gathering to 25.

FBEMC management and the Board of Directors have a responsibility to analyze the situation at hand and make a decision that best serves the entire membership. It takes months to line up the entertainment, vendors, health professionals, and other workers necessary to host our annual meeting in person. The well-being of our membership and employees is always our primary concern. With all of these challenges, the Board of Directors has decided to host a business only meeting here at French Broad Electric's headquarters at 3043 Highway 213, Marshall, North Carolina at 9:00am. The business agenda will include: approval of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, election of directors, and approval of the financial report.

There are two methods for the nomination of directors. One is to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and the other is to be nominated by petition.

The Nominating Committee has nominated for re-election, John Chandler for Madison County, Carl Ramsey for Unicoi County, TN, and Jerry Griffith for Mitchell County. As the time for nomination of directors by petition has expired, the current directors will be re-elected unopposed.

The only other business at this year's annual meeting will be the approval of the financial report and the notice of the meeting. In order for the meeting to be official, a quorum of two percent of the membership must be represented in person or by proxy. Due to the unusual circumstances and the current declaration in North Carolina of a State of Emergency, we are allowing members to return their proxy, either by mail or by dropping it off at any French Broad Electric office, which will count towards our required registration number. Members are still welcome to attend in person. Please keep in mind that we will limit the number of attendees to 25 since this is an indoor meeting. If you wish to attend in person, you must contact our main office at 828-649-2051 and register for attendance. Registrations will be granted in the order requested until the maximum capacity is reached.



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

(4) Thule XG-12 Pro tire chains, #225. 678-9346.

Fresh duck eggs, \$6/doz. 262/434-0774.

VODA heat-powered stove fan, \$40. 423-4280.

2008 Toyota Corolla, 5spd, \$700. 231-5940.

1976 Nova, 2-dr, V8, auto, \$9,500. 803/682-5962.

Golf cart, 36v, rear seat w/ charger, \$3,000. 803/682-5962.

23" Zenith TV, \$25. 649-2738.

King wood head board & red velvet bed spread, \$150. 649-2738.

Craftsman riding mower, \$250. 467-0628.

Whipper self-propelled "push" mower, \$200. 467-0628.

Henredon TV entertainment center w/ doors, \$150. 537-4763.

Monarch wood stove, \$50. 423-5456.

Electrical supplies/lights, indoor/outdoor, make offer. 688-1144.

1971 MD license plate, \$20. 688-1144.

2016 Wildwood XL w/ accessories, 23', \$1200 OBO. 688-6556.

German Shepherd pups, black, working lines. 649-9483.

Dwarf burning bushes, snowball bushes, azaleas & more. 545-8802.

Antique cherry curio cabinet w/ rounded glass door. 712-7661.

8'x6'x4' metal trailer, \$700. 645-7762.

Christmas village table display and outdoor décor. 658-0578.

(3) chestnut round log cabins, \$20,000. 803-9090.

10' cattle trailer, 2 axels, \$1,000. 803-9090.

Books, Billy Graham & David Jeremiah. 675-4271.

Teapot collection. 675-4271.

Hardwood firewood, will deliver. 206-9097.

2000 Ford Focus ZX3, 4cyl, \$2,000 OBO. 778-9885.

2003 Honda VTX 1300, \$3,000. 777-5422.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Live-in caregiver for female, Mars Hill. 380-2475.

Someone to cut pig's tusk. 319-8785.

Small 1-story house/cabin w/ acreage & stream. 610/368-1945.

Old video tapes & National Geographics (40's&older). 682-6567.

Rooster & laying hen. 380-0923.

Room to rent, Mitchell Co. 688-1363.

8mm projector. 378-4606.

Small-breed male puppy, 5-6wks old. 775-4408.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 273-3161.

FREE parenting resources & online course, www.triplep-parenting.com.

Will Do: elder care, 16yrs exp. 208-1463.

Will Do: custom printed t-shirts. 423/220-6075.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

"Give Me Shelter" exhibit, The Arts Center, through May 1st, M-F 10-5, Sat 10-3.

Farmers Market, MHU, Sat 10-1. 689-3606.

Will Do: tractor work, driveway maintenance, scraping, etc. 804/512-8430.

For Rent or Sale, house, Buladean. 688-1363.

Will Do: asphalt, concrete, pressure clean, clearcoat. 712-2931.

Will Do: fine finishes, stain, paint, restoration. 712-2931.

For Rent: commercial lot, Burnsville. 442-1487.

Will Do: pet sitting, your home or ours, ref. 380-9652.

Will Do: haul away old appliances, W/D for free. 689-3896.

2020 Capital Credit Assignment

If you were a member of French Broad EMC in 2020, you are entitled to a share of the co-op's profit. At the end of each year, any remaining funds the cooperative has after paying the bills are called margins, or capital credits. In 2020, FBEMC's margins amounted to 3.619 percent of its revenues. Your share of the profit is recorded in your capital credits account. Your share is based on the amount of electricity you used during the year. Margins are not refunded immediately but are held in reserve to cover the cost of maintaining the electric system and building new facilities. By using these funds, the cooperative can reduce the amount of money it borrows. The goal is to ultimately refund all credits to you. In the meantime, it serves to provide adequate cash flow for reinvestment in the business and show financial stability required to obtain loans.

Update Your Information

Please be sure to notify your local FBEMC office when any of your contact information changes, such as:

- *mailing address
- *email address
- *phone number
- *phone provider
- *banking/checking account information for bank drafts
- *credit card numbers
- *method of payment changes, ex. from Bank Draft to credit card

Customers are notified of their FlexPay balances, electronic bills, pending disconnects, scheduled outages, etc. via email, text message and/or voice-mail.

It is important that you keep us informed so that we can keep our records updated, should we need to contact you.

We would also like to remind you that the return envelopes, which are included with your monthly billing statement, have a barcode on the bottom and these envelopes will come directly to French Broad EMC. Please do not use these envelopes to mail anything to anyone other than to French Broad EMC.

ROW Clearing Schedule
April/May

Marshall District

- * Highway 25/70
(Marshall to Walnut)
- * Alexander
- * Leicester
- * Little Sandy Mush
- * Meadows Town Road

Burnsville District

- * Crabtree
- * Brummetts Creek
- * Poplar
- * Pigeon Roost
- * Town of Burnsville

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

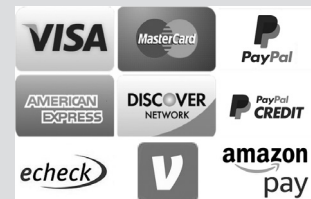
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to The Electrifier
is the 15th of each month*