

# The Electrifier

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**“Owned by those we serve”**

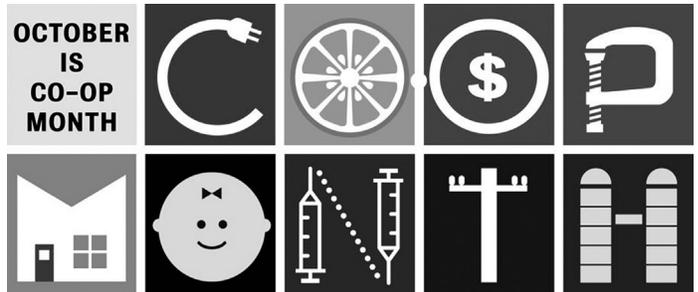
**Marshall, NC**

## OCTOBER IS CO-OP MONTH

### 7 principles set cooperatives apart

Cooperatives are a culture, not just a business. A set of seven shared principles grounds cooperatives in a culture of service. In recognition of National Cooperative Month, we're sharing the seven principles that guide us:

1. Membership
2. Democratic member control
3. Members' economic participation
4. Autonomy and independence
5. Education, training and information
6. Cooperation among cooperatives
7. Concern for community



As a not-for-profit business, our heart is always in service to you, never in making a profit; these seven cooperative principles guide us in that service every day.

## 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 voicemail.

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

# Manager's Report

## Wintertime Preparation



Jeff Loven

2020 will forever be known for the COVID-19 pandemic and the unrest going around in cities all across our country. Here at home, while the pandemic has obviously affected all of us in many different ways, one thing is for sure, winter is just around the corner!

This summer was largely uneventful, which is good news in the electric power distribution business. Hurricane Laura is the only major storm to date to make landfall and cause significant damage in the United States; however, French Broad EMC was fortunate to escape its path. Our distribution system has been assaulted by a few storms thus far, but their severity and frequency have been manageable. We did experience a system-wide transmission outage for a couple of hours back in July due to an equipment failure in a Duke Energy Transmission station.

With September behind us, our attention is now turned to the winter months that will be here very soon. Winter here in the Western North Carolina / Eastern Tennessee Moun-

tains can be harsh. We can see a snow storm pop up at any time between November and April that can wreak havoc on our electrical system, causing power outages for our members.

It is still too early to predict what the winter of 2020 has in store for us and, while we cannot control the weather, French Broad EMC has continued its efforts to strengthen our 4,800 miles of power lines and associated facilities. We have continued to place a strong emphasis on maintaining our power line right of ways. We understand that trees and power lines simply do not mix and, in order for us to keep our members lights on during snow and ice storms, the area under our lines must be cleared ahead of time.

In addition to keeping our right of ways clear, we keep a constant focus on the maintenance of our electric grid. Our four-year Engineering Work Plan lays out in detail multiple line construction jobs that will be completed in order to continue to provide a high level of service to our membership. New line exten-

sions, upgrades of existing lines, and the replacement of older poles, wires, and other hardware and devices are all a part of keeping our electric system healthy. We also continue our year-round inspection of our wood poles that keep our lines safely in the air. There are over 82,000 poles on the French Broad EMC system and the systematic inspections we perform help identify faulty poles so our crews can change them out before they cause a problem.

French Broad EMC expends a tremendous effort to make sure our electric network can weather a storm. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has demonstrated that she can test any well-designed and maintained electric system. When this happens, it's time for our employees to shine. We have some of the best and most dedicated people in the business working at your Cooperative. They are always ready at a moment's notice to brave the elements and are committed to getting everyone's service restored as quickly and safely as possible.



## 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

2003 Honda VTX 1300, \$3,500.  
828-777-5422.

2000 Nissan Pathfinder LE, 236k mi,  
4WD, \$2,750 OBO. 804/337-5169.

Bobcat scooter. 675-4998.

2002 Yamaha XVS 1100 V-star, 4700  
mi, \$2,800. 385-0053.

Overlock industrial sewing machine,  
120v ac, \$50 OBO. 768-7094.

Wood splitter, Troybilt 27-ton, \$999.  
683-7916 or 778-0389.

Seasoned hardwood, \$125/pickup;  
\$250/trailer. 683-7916 or 778-0389.

Rocker recliner chair, olive fabric,  
\$40. 645-4486.

(2) milk goats: 1-Nubian; 1-French  
Apline, \$350/both. 919/636-0434.

Homemade milking stand and other  
goat supplies. 919/636-0434.

1998 HD custom 1600 mi, \$4,000.  
768-7094.

1996 Subaru Impreza, 138k mi, \$750.  
688-4226.

Heirloom ½ runner green beans, ken-  
neabec potatoes. 656-2281.

117-gal steel propane tank, filled  
52%, \$225. 689-9589.

(2) spaces, Forest Lawn Vets Garden  
of Honor, \$2,300. 658-9837.

Shibaura 854A diesel engine, 2133cc,  
\$1,200. 649-3276.

Permachink Armour-Guard Borate,  
25lbs, \$100. 649-3276.

Car cover for 2011-2013 Ford Explor-  
er, \$125 OBO. 649-3360.

Foreign paper currency, Europe,  
South America, \$35. 688-1144.

27 Wildlife Carving and Collecting  
magazines 1991-98, \$54. 688-1144.

2000 BMW 328i, 116k mi, \$3,500.  
727/247-8722.

Road bicycles, mens & ladies,  
\$100/both. 206-4931.

2011 Ford Explorer XLT, \$9,599 OBO.  
682-3102.

Handmade wooden porch rocker,  
\$400 OBO. 682-3102.

1977 Ford 2600 tractor, \$5,700.  
645-9860.

Camper cover fits 22-24ft, \$100.  
688-4226.

Baseball cards 25yrs old+, \$350; Basket-  
ball cards 23yrs old+, \$350. 688-9427.

Laying hens. 206-0224 before 6pm.

Telescope, Celestron Powerseeker  
127EQ, \$84. 904/635-0035.

Ryobi trimmer +weedeater/tiller, \$69.  
904/635-0035.

1957 International Harvester 1-ton  
dump truck. 649-9390.

Buckstove woodburner insert, \$700.  
537-2198.

Sleeper sofa, queen, \$150.  
537-2198

LP gas fireplace insert thermostat logs w/  
blower, \$300. 423/767-1137.

Scrubs, tops & pants, Lg & XLg.  
688-2705.

Leather coat, full-length, med, \$25.  
688-2705.

Hardwood firewood, will deliver F250  
LWB. 206-9097.

Sportcraft treadmill, TX5.0 RC, \$100.  
765-7161.

Canoe, 14' Adventurer, 2 seats w/ back  
supports, life vests, \$350. 284-4608.

Harvard air hockey game, 7'x4'x3',  
\$200 OBO. 284-9647.

1994 Honda del Sol, \$1,350.  
682-1668.

Hay, 4x5 rolls. 385-0244.

2.97 acres, Burnsville, \$52,000.  
682-1684.

Laymor sweeper, model #6HC, Kubo-  
ta motor, \$5,000. 682-1684.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, \$5/bale.  
682-7268 or 284-7313.

Frasier Fir Christmas trees.  
208-2932.

Scott PS68A turntable, (2) AT120E,  
PP440 preamp, \$150. 208-2932.

Lumber, 10k ft chestnut. 688-2957.

Chestnut fire mantles. 688-2957.

Bissell rug shampooer, \$75 OBO.  
765-6281.

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

Costume jewelry. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley desk. 675-4003.

(2) log cabins: 1-20x20; 1-16x16.  
208-0295.

Walk-in tub. 284-1141.

2006 Dodge Stratus, 4cyl, 2.4L, 187k  
mi, \$2,800. 656-9429.

**WANTED**

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Old buildings to tear down, will clean  
up. 208-0295.

Hot Tub. 954/934-7757.

Someone who can make a quilt(s).  
713-5539.

To rent a 2BR, Marshall, Mars Hill or  
Weaverville. 704/477-7726.

Freezer/Fridge combo. 689-3572.

Plott Hound puppies. 279-4982.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Will Do: chair caning. 273-3163.

Will Do: cabinet services.  
675-8001.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter.  
649-9798.

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

Will Do: mowing, bushhogging, clear-  
ing. 777-4092 or 777-4094.

Will Do: water, septic systems.  
777-4092 or 777-4094.

Farmer's Market, Sat 10-1, MHU.  
www.marshillmarket.org.

For Lease: 8-acre fenced pasture w/ pond,  
3-horse stable & tack room. 467-9324.

Will Do: lawncare. 450-8073.

Will Do: housecleaning. 450-8073.

For Rent: private RV lot, near Mari-  
on. 442-1487 before 9pm.

FREE: 1994 endless pool, 7'x14'x42",  
you take apart & load. 206-0257.

For Rent: 3BR/2BA mobile home,  
Grapevine, \$600/mo. 689-9408.

**Right-of-Way (ROW)**  
**Schedule**  
**October/November**

**Burnsville District**  
**(cutting)**

- \* Hwy 197N
- \* Dale Road
- \* Rockhouse Creek
- \* Crabtree
- \* Little Switzerland
- \* Mitchell Branch
- \* Mica Spring Heights

**Marshall District**  
**(cutting)**

- \* Upper end of Big Laurel
- \* Grapevine/Petersburg

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contact us at 828/649-2051.

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**To Report A Power Outage  
After Hours**

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