



The Electrifier

www.frenchbroademc.com

FEBRUARY 2023

"Owned by those we serve"

Marshall, NC

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Seventeen employees were recognized
and received service awards before the Christmas holidays.



Justin Chandler
5 years



Samuel Fox
5 years



Tyler Hutcheson
5 years



Jacob Middleton
5 years



Colton Sprinkles
5 years



Ben Zimmerman
5 years



Teresa Arrington
10 years



Toby Bryant
10 years



Nathan Huff
10 years



Tim Hughes
10 years



Matt Loftis
15 years



Jim Robinson
15 years



Tim Buchanan
20 years



Jeff Burleson
20 years



Roger McMahan
20 years



Dewey Wills
20 years



Lila Styles
25 years

Manager's Report

Energy Demands Soar as Temperatures Drop



For the past several Christmas holidays, the weather has been a non-event for us here at French Broad EMC and all our employees, as well as our members, were able to enjoy some much-earned time with their families and friends. That certainly changed on Friday, December 23rd. An arctic cold front blasted the eastern half of the United States, dropping temperatures below zero and the wind chill was anywhere from 15 to 20 below in our area.

That Friday morning, more than 900 French Broad members were without power. Even though the sun was out and we did not receive much in the way of snow (thank goodness), the temperatures continued to drop and the wind blew all day. Our crews worked from daylight to past dark to make sure everyone's electric and fiber services were restored as quickly as possible.

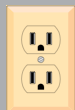
As Friday night turned into early Saturday morning, our attention turned away from wind related outages to a more serious problem. The temperatures continued to drop below zero and the wind chills were nearing record lows. This was not only happening in our area, but all across the Southeast. Our electric demand

was well past our all time peak set back in January of 2018 and continuing to increase as our members used more and more energy. At 9am that morning, our demand grew to 160 Megawatts. Almost 30 more than our previous high. In Tennessee and Eastern North Carolina, TVA and Duke Energy were unable to meet the electric demands, forcing them into rotating blackouts for their customers. All their available generation was online, but it was not enough to meet the energy demands of all their customers. Fortunately, the sun began to shine and the loads began to diminish later that morning, allowing Duke and TVA the ability to meet the energy needs of their customers and avoid more blackouts.

Hopefully the people making energy-related decisions for our state will realize how close we were to a major situation. Balancing the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy is a very complicated task. Simply put, if there is more demand for energy than there is supply, then bad things start to happen to the entire system if load is not shed very quickly. Once the system is out of balance, it is nearly impossible to get it operational again. Retiring fossil plants and not adding more base load generation in the last several years is

going to catch up with us if something is not done to replace what we have retired. If we would have had another two to three days of weather like we had on December 24th, our electric grid would not have supported the demand. Solar, wind mills, and batteries cannot make up the loss of all this baseload generation and it wasn't able to produce energy when we needed it the most.

With the passing of NC House Bill 951 in late 2021, our state is mandating major changes in the way electricity is generated. Reducing carbon emissions is a primary goal of the new law, but there are many other objectives listed throughout the document. You can learn more by searching on NC House Bill 951 or visit <https://energync.org/hb951/> for more information. French Broad Electric along with the other 25 Electric Cooperatives in North Carolina are doing our best to make sure reliability and affordability are at the center of every decision being made at the NCUC (North Carolina Utilities Commission). Our primary goal is to keep the power flowing when our members need it the most and to keep the cost affordable so that everyone in North Carolina can have all the electricity they need anytime they need it.



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

AKC registered Border Collies, merle pups. 675-4717 or 208-3023.

Coleman Ram X 17' canoe with (2) paddles, \$400. 768-7094.

2002 Ranger w/ tool box & ladder rack. 776-7344.

Angus beef cattle, 1/4, 1/2 or whole, \$4.50/lb. 385-6030.

16" Michelin tire, \$30. 689-2079.

Frontier floor mats, 3-pc, \$50. 689-2079.

Wood. 656-3316.

Dresser w/ mirror, 63"x36", \$100. 919-452-1275.

Electric heater fireplace combo, \$50. 208-0105 or 208-2492.

Frank Neat Kentucky banjo in case, \$5,000 OBO. 284-2042.

English Shepherd puppies. 683-3126.

Winter coats & sweaters. 675-4271.

Captomate pottery & crystal. 675-4271.

Antique wood, all kinds. 688-2957.

FOR SALE, cont'd

Chestnut fire mantels. 688-2957.

Cargo Liner for 2019-2022 Cadillac XT4, black, \$50. 778-9885.

Ecosusi brown leather briefcase, \$50. 778-9885.

WANTED

MISCELLANEOUS

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: trash removal, clean out buildings & barns. 206-0023.

Will Do: clean up around houses, yards. 206-0023.

Will Do: haul away junk autos and tractors, FREE. 689-3896.

Will Do: haul away junk riding mowers, FREE. 689-3896.

Will Do: private home care. 385-0734.

CHC home repair assist for Mad Co Srs/low income. 649-1200.



ROW Clearing Schedule

February/March

Marshall District

- * Waldrup Road
- * Shut-In Area
- * Puncheon Fork Area
- * Old Highway 23
- * Bear Branch

Burnsville District

- * Highway 197S
- * Pensacola
- * Cattail,
- * Ewart Wilson Road
- * Transmission Line (Relief to Bakersville)
- * Town of Burnsville



Nominating Committee Named Nominations Deadline Is March 22nd

In preparation for the 2023 Annual Meeting to be held on May 6, 2023, the Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating Committee in accordance with FBEMC bylaws.

The committee is made up of representatives from each of the co-op's directorate districts. They will meet on February 15, 2023 and make nominations for the directorate positions which expire this year.

The committee members and the districts they represent are listed:

District No. 1. Madison Co.

Nancy Allen
Bill Ricker
Clayton Willis
H.C. Wood

District No. 4. Mitchell Co.

Gary Gouge
Austin Harrell

District No. 2. Buncombe Co.

Fred Ray, Jr.

District No. 3. Yancey Co.

Shannon Cooper
R.L. McIntosh, Jr.
Eric Vess

District No. 5. Unicoi Co., TN:

Denlis Foster

Summary of Bylaws Pertaining to Annual Meeting

Meeting. An annual meeting of the members of French Broad EMC shall be held on the first Saturday in May for the purpose of electing directors and hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year.

Quorum. Attendance in person or by proxy of at least one hundred members of the total members of the Cooperative is required for transaction of business.

Four Directors to be Elected. Those currently serving on the board whose terms expire this year are Joseph Justice and Gordon Randolph of District No. 1, Madison County; Jimmy Ray of District No. 3, Yancey County; and Keith Kuhne of District No. 4, Mitchell County.

Board Nomination Procedure Outlined. The board of directors shall appoint an eleven-member Nominating Committee not less than 90 nor more than 150 days before the annual meeting. This committee will meet on February 15, 2023 and the Secretary shall post a list of all nominees to be posted at each FBEMC office at least 60 days before the annual meeting.

In addition, the bylaws provide that any 50 or more members, residing in the same district as the member being nominated, may make nominations by filing a petition containing each member's signature, printed name, telephone number, date, and service address as it appears on the member's account at least 45 days prior, and no more than 90 days prior, to the annual meeting, identifying the seat for which the nominee is being nominated. The last day to receive nominations by petition is March 22, 2023.

Qualifications for Director. In order to be nominated for the board of directors, he or she must be a natural person; have the capacity to enter legally binding contracts; maintain their primary residential abode in the Directorate District; shall not be a convicted felon or have pled guilty to a felony; and shall be current in all respects of payment to the Cooperative. He or she must be a year-round resident of the district from which they are running. A candidate must have been such a resident for at least 180 days prior to the date of their nomination. A candidate shall not be a close relative of an incumbent director.

Credentials and Election Committee. At least 60 days but no more than 90 days before the annual meeting, the board of directors shall appoint a Credentials and Election Committee consisting of an uneven number of members that is sufficient in number, but at least 5 members. This committee shall address questions that may arise with respect to member registration, member or member's spouse's identification; eligibility of a nominee for election; supervise vote counts; and to rule upon all other questions that may arise relating to voting and election.

Voting Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Voting by members other than natural persons, such as a business or church, shall be allowed upon presenting a notarized resolution of the entity entitling a person, who must be a member, to vote. Each member will register him or herself and up to five proxies he or she may have, receive the proper number of ballots, move directly from the registration area to a balloting area, and cast his or her ballot(s). All ballots must be cast by the time registration ends.

The Electrifier

Published monthly by
French Broad EMC
PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

Jeff Loven
Greg Fowler
Tracy Evans
Paula Seay

General Manager
District Manager
District Manager
Editor

Board of Directors

Joe Justice President
Jimmy Ray Vice-President
John Chandler Secretary
Gary Wilde Treasurer

Jill Austin, Paul Badgley,
Jerry Griffith, Keith Kuhne,
Carl Ramsey, Gordon Randolph,
Charles Tolley

FBEMC Offices

Marshall (828) 649-2051
Toll-Free to Marshall 1-800-222-6190
Burnsville (828) 682-6121
Bakersville (828) 688-4815

To Report A Power Outage After Hours Marshall District

(Madison, Buncombe &
Unicoi Counties)
(828) 649-2051 • 1-800-222-6190

Burnsville-Bakersville District

Yancey County (828) 682-6121
Mitchell County (828) 688-4815

Online Credit Card Payment Available 24 Hours a Day

1-844-294-5697



Deadline for submitting ads
to The Electrifier
is the 10th of each month