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H. WAYNE WILKINS



Happy New Year! I hope that each of you celebrated the holidays in a way that felt restorative, energizing and, of course, fun. We have much in store for 2022, but first, a quick look at all that we accomplished in 2021.

The EnergyUnited Foundation launched the “Drive to Shine” campaign, where we donated more than \$100,000 to local food banks across our 19-county service area. This was a pivotal accomplishment within our community, as it helped provide necessary resources to folks who were still very much feeling the impact of COVID-19 food insecurity.

We continue to match our commitments of years past with our Bright Ideas Education Grants, Empowering the Future scholarships, Youth Tour and Cooperative Leadership Camp.

2021 also presented us with a first. We celebrated the 25-year anniversary of the EnergyUnited Foundation, and alongside it held our very first giving campaign. We are so grateful to all of you who made a donation to the Foundation! It’s heartwarming to see what can happen when we all come together toward a common goal.

We continued to pave the way for a more sustainable energy future with our growing renewable footprint within Davie County. And we kept our rates low through our paperless billing, Beat the Peak and Peak Time Perks programs, and appreciate all of you who helped by enrolling in these initiatives. We’re especially grateful to those who’ve enrolled in our new platform: My EnergyHub which has helped streamline the bill-paying process as well as provide information about energy patterns and saving opportunities.

Together we’ve accomplished some truly amazing things. And it really is empowering stuff. The best part? I know it’s just the beginning for even more exciting things to come in 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Wayne Wilkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

H. Wayne Wilkins

Special Announcement

At the end of last year, our CEO Wayne Wilkins announced to the Board that after 50 years, he has decided to retire. Though his departure date is to be determined, it will align closely with when the Board names his successor. More information on this to come, including a feature story highlighting Wayne’s career in the energy industry.

NEW RATE APPROVED

NEW TIME OF USE & EV CHARGING RATES AVAILABLE

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In last month's issue of *Connect*, we announced that the cooperative would be implementing a revised rate schedule for all bills rendered on or after January 1, 2022. We were happy to announce then that the revised rate schedule will result in a net reduction in energy bills for the majority of EnergyUnited members. While this is certainly great news for our members, there are also two other new, exciting opportunities for EnergyUnited members to reduce their energy spending as a result of the revised rate schedule.

EnergyUnited residential members are eligible for two new rates. Our new time-of-day rate will be offered as a pilot program for up to 50 EnergyUnited residential members. This rate offers lower energy pricing for participants during off-peak hours. Off-peak hours are times when the demand for energy is lower, so the price that EnergyUnited can charge these members for power is lower.

Pilot program participants will therefore pay higher energy rates of \$0.2494 and \$0.285 per kWh during peak hours in winter and summer months, respectively and a lower rate of \$0.0475 cents (46 percent reduction) per kWh during off-peak hours throughout the year. We can bring this incentive to our members since it reflects the reduced rates for energy paid by EnergyUnited during off-peak hours.

Additionally, we are also implementing a new electric vehicle time-of-day charging rate, which offers members a reduced energy rate for all kWhs consumed charging an electric vehicle only (about 46 percent less than our standard summer rate, or \$0.0475 per kWh). The time-of-day rate applies between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. To be eligible for this rate, members will need to install a ChargePoint charger to meter EV charging consumption.*

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, EnergyUnited always strives to provide opportunities to help members reduce their energy spending. To learn more about these new rates or to view our complete rate schedule, visit [EnergyUnited.com](https://www.energyunited.com).

**The ChargePoint charger will be a member expense. An additional data sharing agreement with ChargePoint must be accepted to participate in the program*

PEAK PERIODS

Beginning on May 1 through October 31, the on and off-peak hours will be:

On-Peak Hours	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Off-Peak Hours	All other times.


Beginning November 1 through April 30, the on and off-peak hours will be:

On-Peak Hours	6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Off-Peak Hours	All other times.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

IT'S TIME TO EMPOWER THE FUTURE!

For the fourth year in a row, EnergyUnited is offering two \$5,000 scholarships to qualified students who are currently enrolled in their senior year of high school and who plan to attend a college, university or technical school. The scholarship is designed to recognize students who have exemplified academic success as well as demonstrated a commitment to bettering their community.



Since launching this scholarship program, we've helped sponsor some pretty incredible young folks who have since gone on to do great things. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must satisfy at least one of the following requirements: applicants should either live in a residence that receives electric service from EnergyUnited OR attend a school served by EnergyUnited, respond to two essay questions and complete an application that can be found on our website. Applicants must have plans to attend an accredited college, university or technical school.

Applications will be accepted from January 1 through March 31, 2022.
We look forward to hearing your responses!

For more information on eligibility or to apply, please visit [EnergyUnited.com/Scholarship-Program/](https://www.energyunited.com/Scholarship-Program/).

Contact Adam Martin, Communications Specialist, at **704-924-2139** or adam.martin@energyunited.com for more information.

A SLAM DUNK SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Each year, one girl and one boy are selected to attend basketball camp at two prestigious North Carolina college campuses. The all-expenses-paid scholarships, sponsored by North Carolina's 26 Touchstone Energy cooperatives, provide funding for more than 50 middle school students across the state. Young women can apply to attend the Wolfpack Basketball Camp at North Carolina State University, and young men can apply to the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina.

Students must be enrolled in fifth or sixth grade at a qualifying North Carolina school within EnergyUnited's service area.

The application deadline is March 31, 2022. Camps are held in June 2022.

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Update your preferences by visiting **My EnergyHub > My Profile > My Information** or call customer service at **1-800-522-3793**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO **LEVI FAGAN**

On Thursday, November 4, North Carolina's top electric cooperative line workers assembled at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount to compete for the title of State Champion in the 2021 Pole Top Rescue Competition. We are incredibly proud to report that our own Levi Fagan won first place against other linemen from across the state for the second year in a row.

The biennial competition pitted line workers against the clock and each other as they demonstrated essential lifesaving skills and provided an up-close look at the speed, technique and safety knowledge required to maintain the lines that power the lives of electric cooperative members. To advance to this state championship, each competitor had to win a similar competition at their local cooperative.

During the competition, each line worker executed a scenario in which a fellow worker was unconscious atop a utility pole. The competitor, dressed in full climbing gear, had to radio for help, scale 20 feet up the utility pole, lower a 105-pound mannequin and begin lifesaving procedures. All North Carolina electric cooperative line workers must complete this same scenario in less than five minutes to maintain their certification to work on electric co-op lines. We congratulate you, Levi, and are so proud of your accomplishment!



GET READY FOR **WINTER STORMS**

Stay prepared for winter weather this season with these tips to protect your home and family.

- 1.** Sign up for My EnergyHub to stay in the loop on all weather communications and even your community's emergency warning system, if that's available to you.
- 2.** Prepare an emergency kit with water bottles, packaged foods, medical supplies, blankets, hats, gloves and any other items necessary for your family.
- 3.** Take steps to prevent pipes from freezing. Learn the location of water supply valves and how to shut them off in case pipes burst.

Learn more about how to stay safe and prepared by following the QR code!



PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM POWER SURGES

EnergyUnited's Triple Surge Guard Service is a revolutionary system that offers complete protection against high-voltage power surges. The Triple Surge Guard protects your home by blocking the three major avenues that surges can access. Your cable, satellite and phone lines are protected when there's a surge. Our system also protects hardwired and plug-in equipment and is the only total protection of appliances available.

Visit [EnergyUnited.com/Triple-Surge-Guard](https://www.energyunited.com/triple-surge-guard) for more information!

REMINDER: UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Low Income Energy Assistance Programs (LIEAP) and Crisis Intervention Programs (CIP) are available to those in need. LIEAP is a federally funded program, available January - March, that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their energy bills. CIP is a federally funded program, available year round, that assists individuals and families who are experiencing a heating or cooling-related crisis.

If you're in need of either, please contact your county's Department of Social Services to apply.

SPOTLIGHT: MOCKSVILLE



Nestled in the heart of the Piedmont, about 30 minutes outside of Winston-Salem, Mocksville is an inviting blend of small-town charm and urban amenities. Visit to enjoy wineries, golf, arts & entertainment, natural attractions & more.

In the center of this homey oasis of about 5,500 residents is a historic main street lined with unique boutiques, delicious eateries and colorful murals that evoke memories of a simpler time. Find an ever-changing selection of one-of-a-kind handmade items at the Artist Market on Main, timeless treasures at The Vintage Sunflower or the latest fashions at Southern Ties or Bird & Co.

Stop in at The Station, a modern-day general store & taproom where you can enjoy 12 beers and ciders on tap, sno-balls or bulk old-fashioned candy!

Miller's Restaurant, a Mocksville institution since 1952, is the place to go for down-home country cooking. Be sure to try their iconic pimento cheeseburger, which has been featured in *Our State* magazine, and a big ol' glass of homemade sweet tea. Prefer a sweet treat? Try Ketchie Creek Bakery or Mountaintop Cheesecakes for delectable desserts guaranteed to make you drool.

Davie County Community Park has something for everyone: walking trails, a story walk trail featuring different children's books throughout the year, an inclusive playground, a stadium featuring a turf field lined for regulation football and soccer with a track around the outside, an Elevate fitness course,

ADA-approved horseshoe/bocce ball courtyard, dog parks for both small and large dogs, an amphitheater

for concerts and events, and shelters that are available for rent. The "meadow" is perfect for playing catch, a family picnic, flying kites or simply relaxing and communing with nature.

When you are ready to cool off, the park offers the largest splash pad water park in North Carolina.

After a refreshing day of play, swing by Lazy Elm or Raylen Vineyards and unwind with a relaxing glass of award-winning wine. Weekends often include live music or other special events.



NEW FEATURE FOR 2022!

FOOD, FAMILY & FRIENDS



Every month this year we will be highlighting a town within our service area and a favorite local restaurant. This feature will last all year long and will be a fabulous opportunity for you, our members, to submit your favorite local spots. All submissions will be collected and made available online. We hope in highlighting these small businesses that we can encourage their patronage and show off the amazing places within our service area.

To kick it off, we're highlighting Mocksville's Ketchie Creek Bakery!

Ketchie Creek Bakery is family owned and operated and a Mocksville institution. Not only is it the town's favorite place for sweet treats, it's also a full-service deli and coffee bar!

Check out a video of Ketchie Creek's Owners, Renna and Gerald Wellborn, in the QR code here:

Each edition we will be highlighting another town, so stay tuned. Your town could be next!

Please join us in growing our diner collection by submitting your favorite **Cornelius/Lake Norman-area restaurant** and picture by January 20 to:
EU-communications@energyunited.com.



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