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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO H. WAYNE WILKINS

May has finally arrived, and with it comes the sense of ease and joy. The weather typically seems to have made up its mind to stay warm, the days seem sunny more often than not and the demeanor of many begins to lighten in tandem with the longer days. It's a beautiful time in North Carolina and one that we feel blessed to take part in, but it also grants us the opportunity to talk about one of our core values, and the cornerstone of our cooperative: Safety.

This month we observe National Electrical Safety Month, which is the perfect opportunity for us to remind you, our members, of best practices so all of us can enjoy a healthy and happy spring. In this edition of *Connect*, you will find helpful tools, reminders and resources to make sure your home or business is operating as safely as possible.

It's also a fantastic chance for us to share some of our technological and infrastructural advancements that lay the groundwork for a safer today and tomorrow. Our smart grid advancements give us specific outage details and help our linemen stay prepared for the challenges ahead. Additionally, our surge protection product protects your home by blocking major avenues from surges. Surges can be costly and dangerous, and our Surge Guard tool is just one of many in our arsenal to keep you and your family safe.

For us, safety is always top of mind, and we hope that by sharing this value and the practices that we have in place that you too will participate in our culture of safety. It's all part of living Every Day

Empowered. Whatever May brings your way, we hope you find joy, relaxation and fun in this time — and however you spend it, let this month be a safe one.

Sincerely,

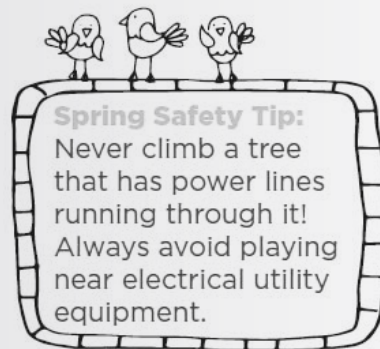
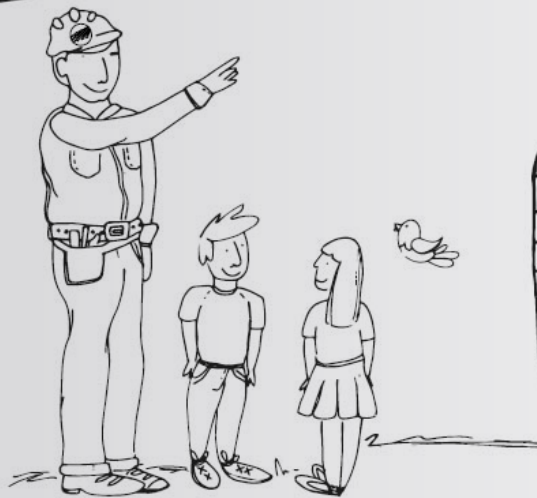
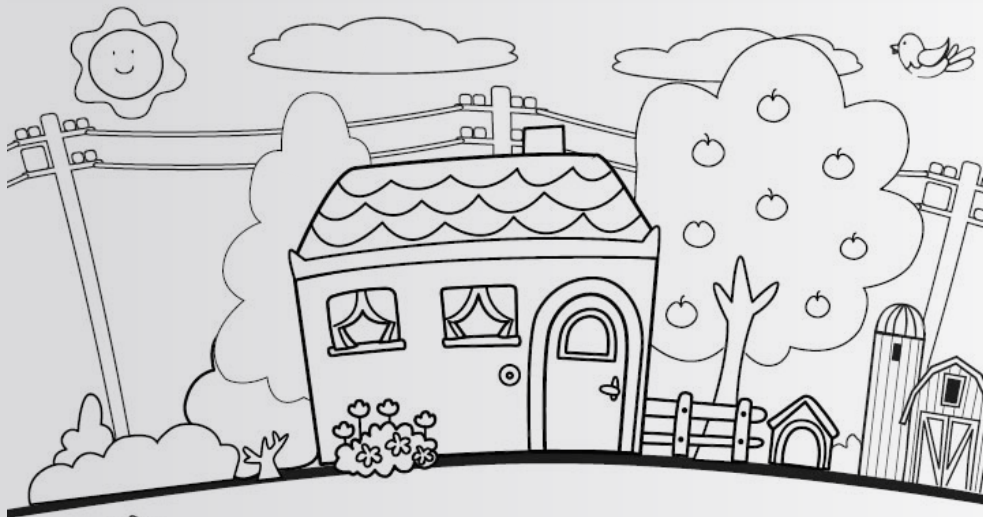


H. Wayne Wilkins



ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS!

In honor of National Electrical Safety Month, we're highlighting practical tips to help prevent electrical hazards. Many electrocutions and home fires can be prevented simply by understanding basic electrical safety principles and adhering to safe practices and teaching them to the kids in your life. We invite you to scan the QR code below and talk about electrical safety with the youngsters you love and follow it up with a fun coloring page activity here!



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES

Spring Safety
Coloring Sheet



For more
electrical
safety tips,
scan the QR code!





COMMUNITY

Alexander County is located in the beautiful foothills of western North Carolina, with Taylorsville as the county seat. The County is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year, being established in 1847. There are lots of places to visit, sites to see and activities to enjoy for the entire family!

The most exciting development this year is the grand opening of the new Alexander County Courthouse Park on May 15, featuring entertainment by Ultimate Aldean. The new park includes a performance stage, a splash pad, a picnic shelter, a lawn game area, restrooms and two murals, all located on one block in the downtown area. Owned and operated by Alexander County, this park will be a huge attraction for residents and visitors alike.

For those who love barn quilts and art, be sure to visit the Alexander County Community Barn Art Wall, which features more than 160 barn quilt squares. It's located just across the street from the new park.

The Taylorsville Apple Festival is the largest event held in Alexander County, attracting approximately 30,000 people each year on the third Saturday in October. Why do we have an apple festival? Because the county ranks third in the state in apple production with 148 acres of orchards! Be sure to visit the apple houses on the county's northern border and enjoy the many varieties of apples that are grown here.

While you're in the area, the family may also enjoy Matheson Park, a seven-acre Town park with a half-mile walking trail, playground and swings, picnic shelters with charcoal grills, a sand volleyball court and more.

Outside the town limits lies **Alexander County's crown jewel – Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area in Hiddenite**. The 318-acre county park has more than five miles of hiking trails, 60 rock-climbing routes, an adventure playground and fantastic views. Learn more at www.rockyfacepark.com.

The county is bordered on the southwest by beautiful Lake Hickory, where you can boat, fish, ski and have fun. One of the most popular boat launches is the Wittenburg Access Area in Bethlehem, which is operated by Alexander County and Duke Energy. In addition to boating, there's a fishing pier and a new one-mile nature trail. Construction is currently underway on a new swim beach, picnic shelter, restrooms and more.

If you're looking for a day trip for your family, you're sure to enjoy a visit to Taylorsville and Alexander County with our friendly people, laid-back atmosphere and amazing adventures.





SPOTLIGHT

FOOD, FAMILY AND **FRIENDS**

SCOTTY'S HOMETOWN GRILL IN TAYLORSVILLE!

This month we're featuring Scotty's Hometown Grill in Taylorsville for its delicious home cookin'! The restaurant industry comes naturally to owner Darren Scott, who grew up in and around his parent's coffee shop. And it's in that entrepreneurial spirit that Darren established Scotty's Hometown Grill over 20 years ago. He named it after his late father, who was a well-loved and admired member of the Taylorsville community. Daren currently runs the restaurant alongside his mother. We feel lucky to be able to power this neighborhood establishment that nourishes members and cultivates the community within the area.

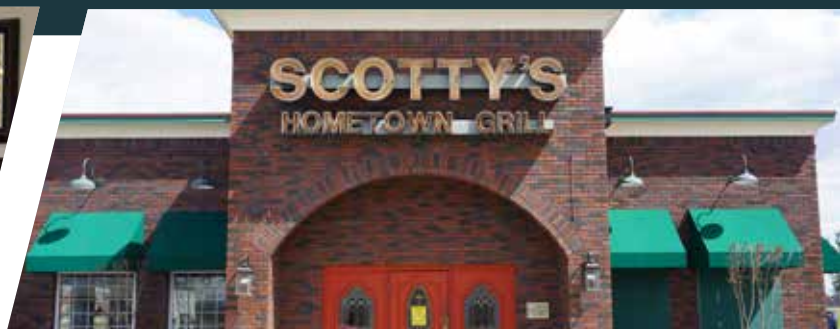
"We were headed to the mountains and stopped for lunch at this all-American hometown country restaurant. The food was amazing, the service was excellent, and the people were friendly. The apple crisp was out of this world! Definitely worth taking the scenic route!" —Susan

"Great ribeye at a good price. Very friendly staff. Highly recommend." —Judy

"We love going for breakfast. The breakfast is awesome especially if you get their special. Their lunch and supper are awesome too. It's great food at a great price." —Sheila

"Great food. Awesome server. I don't know her name but she has been a server for 42 years. Great light in a darkening world. She was amazing!" —Ned

Learn more about the history of Scotty's Hometown Grill by scanning the QR code below!



Next up, we're highlighting Denton-area spots! Submit your favorite Denton cafes, bars, restaurants and bakeries no later than **MAY 10** to EU-Communications@EnergyUnited.com.

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COMING SOON: ENERGYUNITED'S 2021 ANNUAL REPORT!

2021 was a great year for us here in the cooperative, in more ways than one. We saw continued technological advancements, sustainability efforts, more programs to help members keep costs low and so much more! We can't wait to show you an in-depth look at all the incredible things we accomplished in 2021. A printed version of our annual report will be viewable in June with *Carolina Country* magazine, and will be made available on our website at that time as well.

Stay tuned for more information!

TEACHERS!
DON'T
MISS THIS!

K-12 teachers are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 from EnergyUnited through the Bright Ideas Education Grant Program. ***Educators with creative ideas for projects for their students must submit their applications by September 15.***

To apply, teachers must submit their innovative classroom ideas with an explanation of their goals, creative elements, implementation and the budget of the project.

Send in an early bird application now through August 15 and be entered to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards. Visit EnergyUnited.com/bright-ideas to apply!



PEAK TIME PERKS **GIVEAWAY**

Our Peak Time Perks promo is going strong! Enroll in Peak Time Perks by May 15 to be entered in our giveaway! Two \$100 Visa gift cards will be awarded per week to lucky winners just for signing up! Got a friend or relative who seems interested? Find our post on our social media, then like, comment and share it with them and be entered to win a \$50 gift card!



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Paying your EnergyUnited bill shouldn't be a complex task, and with our My EnergyHub web and mobile app, it won't be. My EnergyHub has several features that make managing your account as easy as possible. Whether through the web or your smartphone or tablet (Android or iOS), you'll be able to pay your bill, receive Beat the Peak conservation alerts, initiate service requests, view your usage and much more. Visit:

EnergyUnited.com/MyEnergyHub to learn more!

DRIVING CHANGE: ENERGYUNITED'S EV EVENT

Come spend the day with us to learn more about electric vehicles! There will be prizes, food & drinks, and even an opportunity to ride in or drive an EV yourself! More information about our event coming soon!

When: September 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: CATS in Troutman, N.C. (Career Academy & Technical School)

What: An awesome opportunity to learn!



HONORING JUNETEENTH



On June 17, 2021, President Biden signed into law the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, making June 19 a federal holiday. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States and marks the day in 1865 when slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, and is now recognized nationwide.

On this federal holiday, we invite our members to celebrate the advancements we've made toward racial equity, to reflect on the toll that slavery took on our country, and look for ways to progress and uplift people of color within our communities. Visit your local chambers of commerce or city event web pages to find the Juneteenth events in your area.



NORTH CAROLINA JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The 2022 North Carolina Juneteenth Festival has the theme of "Educating, Empowering, Entertaining." It takes place **Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Cabarrus Arena & Events Center.**

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The free celebration from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m., located at the Ada Jenkins Center, 212 Gamble St.,** will include music, food trucks, entertainment, keynote reflections and children's activities. Davidson Mayor Rusty Knox will read the opening proclamation.

STATESVILLE

The 2022 Juneteenth Celebration will take place on **June 18, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Statesville on West Broad Street in front of Mitchell Community College,** from Meeting Street to Mulberry Street. This celebration will be co-sponsored by the City of Statesville.

MOORESVILLE

The Mooresville Juneteenth celebration will take place at **Willow Valley Park from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18.** It is a free event, which Inetta and her husband Billy Black said will be family friendly with food, entertainment, speakers and fun for all ages.



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