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THOMAS GOLDEN

I may be a new face to many readers this month as I enter my new role as CEO of EnergyUnited. For others, you may have seen me at MAC meetings, community events, or perhaps our paths crossed by chance somewhere within our 19-county service area. If we haven't gotten to know one another yet, I hope we get a chance to do so soon.

When I joined the EnergyUnited team in 2018, I knew that this was a different and exciting place to be. In leading a member-owned electric services provider I get the privilege of asking "Does this benefit our members and communities?" instead of "How does this impact a corporate stakeholder?". Putting this as the priority allows us the room to grow our communities not just technologically, but with all of your future interests in mind. After-all, the heart of a true servant is not narrowly focused on any singular trend or special interest. We are continually focused on improving the lives of the people we serve, however we can.

While change is an inevitable part of life, within the energy industry, it's almost a guarantee. Some shifts like the ones toward sustainability efforts and emerging technologies are necessary to stay current within our ever-evolving world. And together, as I grow into the role of CEO, we will face a bit of that familiar change together.

After the past two years of stay-at-home orders, missed holidays and birthdays, and of course those who encountered illness- I think it's safe to say that people could use a little empowering. And that's exactly what we're here for. I look forward to the strides we'll take toward a brighter future- change and all.

Thanks for welcoming me into this new position. Here's to what's next!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Golden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas Golden, CEO

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I'm from a town called Middleboro, Massachusetts, and lived there until I joined the Navy at age 19. I spent 12 years in the Navy nuclear propulsion program, which helps design, develop and provide effective nuclear propulsion for Navy vessels. We called ourselves the "Navy Nukes" and it's the team that taught me a lot about the energy industry, but also about strategic thinking, teamwork and tenacity. Eventually, I left to work in shore-based nuclear energy and found my way here today.

What brought you down to North Carolina?

I took a job at Duke Energy and got to really experience the South, its ideologies and character. My wife and I loved the history and the grit that it encapsulates and found that later, after taking a job back up north, our values and priorities had shifted to match much of what you find in the South. We're really happy to be back here — this is definitely home to us now, and we're proud to call it that.

What have been some defining moments in your life that have shaped you into the person you are today?

On a personal level I would say marrying my wife, Kerry, is a pretty big one. We were high school sweethearts and it's been really something to have grown up together and to watch each other evolve. Twenty-three years and three sons later, it's probably one of the best things I've been able to experience in my life. On a professional level, I would say joining the Navy and embracing the idea of working for the greater good. I would also say my mentorship with Wayne Wilkins. He's shown me how to work through things methodically and with a whole new level of patience.

What's your biggest vice?

Probably that I like to eat like a 13-year-old boy, and sadly, it just doesn't work like that after you pass a certain age.

What teams do you root for?

The New England Patriots for football and Charlotte FC for soccer. We're a big soccer family so we try and make it to as many Charlotte FC games as we can.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

July 4th brings up a lot of different feelings for a lot of different folks — with pride and patriotism being at the forefront. But it also calls into reflection those who have fought to defend our freedoms and our homeland.

This month we're asking our members' help in highlighting our veterans and those who continue to serve. Whether it's you or someone close to you in your life, please submit a photograph and a short writeup that we will feature for Veteran's Day in November.

**Please send information
no later than August 15 to
EU-communications@energyunited.com**



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

We are closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. As usual, we will remain available for emergency response, and all calls will go to dispatch as normal. From the EnergyUnited team to you, we are wishing all a healthy, safe and fun July 4th.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

HUNTERSVILLE



Located in the Piedmont region of North Carolina, Huntersville is the largest town in North Mecklenburg County and offers urban, rural and lake living. Just 15 minutes north of Charlotte, Huntersville is set along the shores of both Lake Norman and Mountain Island Lake. Full of friendly faces, fun events and diverse housing options, the Huntersville community is a great fit for all.

Huntersville is a foodie's dream with a wide variety of restaurants beyond the Charlotte city limits. Barbecue and Southern staples are abundant for when you want a classic taste of North Carolina. And the city's extensive list of cafes, bistros, pubs and more will ensure everybody enjoys their meal.

There are fantastic attractions in Huntersville too! Quest and the Carolina Raptor Center are in the Latta Nature Preserve. You can spend time exploring the exhibit halls of Quest or walk the trails of Carolina Raptor Center and come face to face with incredible birds from around the world! Discovery Place Kids is a great place for little ones to let their imaginations run wild.

For the shoppers among us, Birkdale Village welcomes individuals of all ages to come and roam through their shops and restaurants. It's a great place to spend time with friends and family and enjoy an afternoon out!

Last but not least, Huntersville offers many seasonal festivals like historic Rural Hill events and the Carolina Renaissance Festival. Rural Hill's Loch Norman Highland Games & Scottish Festival in April, NC Brewers & Music Festival in May, and the Amazing Maize Maze in September and October are just a few not to miss. During weekends in October and November, visit Carolina Renaissance Festival's 16th century-themed festival packed with entertainment anyone will enjoy, from jousting, circus entertainers and rides to artisan demonstrations, shopping, food and games.

With endless dining options, fun-filled events and a wide variety of attractions, Huntersville is the ideal community for anybody.



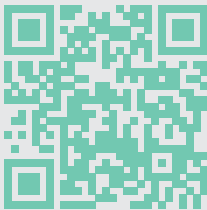
Photos courtesy of Visit Lake Norman

FOOD, FAMILY AND FRIENDS **ARNIE'S TAVERN**

There's a lot to love about the game of golf: time spent outdoors, the satisfaction of a perfect putt, and of course, the tasty bites enjoyed in the company of friends before or after your game. Arnie's Tavern at Birkdale Golf Club is one such place. Part of the Arnold Palmer Design Company, Arnie's provides a fun space to talk golf, talk business and enjoy some delicious food. Arnie's features a diverse menu for golfers or even for those looking to grab a quick bite on their lunch break. Arnie's features daily food and drink specials and is a great casual spot to relax before and after your round. If you stop by, we recommend trying one of their famous burgers and a locally crafted beer from NoDa Brewing.



**Scan to watch
a video from
Arnie's Tavern**



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



EMPOWERING THE FUTURE

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

EnergyUnited is pleased to announce its **2022 Empowering the Future** scholarship winners: **Sonya Eason** of Huntersville and **Mary Kathryn Schultz** of Mayodan. Both students will receive \$5,000 college scholarships from EnergyUnited to cover qualifying educational expenses.



Eason is a senior at Hopewell High School. She will attend Duke University in the fall, exploring interests in both engineering and global health. Eason is part of her high school's Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta and National Technical Honor Society. Outside of school, she serves as a Blood Donor Ambassador for the American Red Cross and a regular volunteer for Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation.



Schultz is a senior at McMichael High School. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study biology and information science in the fall. Mary Kathryn has served as Student Body President, Varsity Cheerleading Captain and President of the Students Against Destructive Decisions Club. Outside of school, she also enjoys volunteering at the Barry L. Joyce Local Cancer Support Fund.

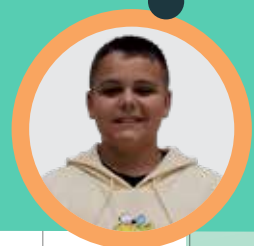
Congratulations, Sonya and Mary K!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR **SPORTS CAMP WINNERS!**

Three local students have earned all-expenses-paid Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships to attend summer basketball camps at two of the state's largest college campuses.

Sixth-grader **Aubrey Graham** and fifth-grader **Layla Hazlip** will represent EnergyUnited this June at the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at North Carolina State University. **Seth Snider**, a sixth-grade student, will attend the Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Way to go, team!



UNDERSTANDING **PEAK TIME PERKS**

We are committed to delivering reliable energy services at competitive prices. And for smart thermostat owners, Peak Time Perks is a fantastic way to manage energy cost.



How does peak demand affect cost?

The total amount of capacity EnergyUnited must contractually have available each year is based on the amount of our total system-wide load during the top 10 peak demand hours of the previous year. The more we can curtail overall power usage during the top 10 peak demand hours each year, the less peaking capacity we will need to purchase going forward, which helps keep costs low for you.

How are peak periods managed by the Peak Time Perks program?

- We will send you an email and/or text early in the morning that we will launch a peak event in the afternoon, usually starting between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.
- We will temporarily lower the setting on your thermostat one hour before the event, so you will feel more comfortable during the event.
- During the event, we will raise your thermostat **no more than four degrees** over your usual temperature to avoid the continued operation of your AC system, saving energy during peak periods, which will help to reduce our peak wholesale demand. **Remember:** You always have control of your thermostat, so you can easily adjust the temperature during the event if needed.

Interested? Learn more at EnergyUnited.com/Demand-Response/



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