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Beth Elmore has been a teacher at Mill Creek Middle School for 20 years, and during that time she's inspired countless children and sparked their interest in the sciences. This past school year she took her classroom creativity a bit further by applying for a Bright Ideas grant from EnergyUnited. We sat down with Beth to discuss her plans for the classroom and how EnergyUnited is helping out.

What inspired you to apply for a Bright Ideas grant from EnergyUnited?

I went to a STEM conference with a group of fellow teachers and together, we decided to pursue a grant that would help to teach the energy component of the seventh-grade curriculum.

And what inspired your project, Watt's Up?

Energy is such a vital part of the STEM curriculum for NC seventh graders and I wanted my students to see all the work and challenges that go into generating the power that they use every day. The Watt's Up project gives classroom kits to students and tasks them with making models complete with trees, power stations, homes and other details. There's much more of a mental connection when they see the distances that electricity has to travel and the types of places that use it, instead of connecting copper and a battery to charge a light bulb.

**The deadline to apply for a Bright Ideas grant is Monday, September 23, 2019.
Visit NCBrightIdeas.com to start your application.**

How did the project impact your students, and how much of an impact do you envision it having on the community in the future?

The Watt's Up kits were put together this year and will be put into place next school year. They are going to have such a profound effect and we wouldn't otherwise have been able to implement them without the help from our grant. I also think this grant will encourage students to explore careers in electricity and to investigate additional sources of energy like wind and even solar. Receiving this grant has also helped me see how other subjects/teachers could use a grant in their classrooms.

How easy or difficult was it for you to apply for this grant?

It was very simple. I applied along with several other teachers and even made a "girl's night" out of it. We went to dinner, sat on the patio and knocked out each section together that night. I would tell anyone looking to apply to go for it and to not be afraid because it has the potential to help you do something really innovative for your students and the future!



SIGN UP FOR E-BILLING SCORE BIG

Did you know that one lucky member who signs up for e-billing in August will be randomly selected to receive two (2) tickets to a Carolina Panthers home game in 2019.

Ready to make the switch?

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN BY LOGGING ON TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND UPDATING YOUR BILLING PREFERENCES.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO



Our co-op is jointly owned by nearly 110,000 members, which means each and every one of you has a direct say in how we run the business. Your opinions matter, your voice deserves to be heard and the future of our co-op depends on your active participation in our member advisory committee, meetings, events, elections and more.

Each year, nominees with diverse backgrounds, hailing from each of the three regions within our service area, complete a petition to run for a seat on the EnergyUnited Board of Directors. The individuals elected make up the EnergyUnited Board of Directors and thereby make the final call on all major co-op decisions, from setting policies to determining the rates we charge for electricity. For that reason, it's important to elect a board that you feel is representative of you, your community and your needs.

The upcoming election will begin on August 5, 2019, and will end September 6, 2019. We encourage you to check out our official 2019 Board of Directors Voting Guide so you can get to know the nominees before you vote. You will receive your voting guide along with your ballot. Electronic ballots will be emailed on August 5, 2019, if you have shared your email address with us. If we do not have your email address on file, a hard copy ballot will be mailed to you on Monday, August 5. If you do not receive a ballot by Friday, August 9, please contact Survey Ballot & Systems at Support@DirectVote.com.

Election results will be announced at our Annual Meeting on September 19, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., at our at our headquarters office located in Statesville. We would love for you to join us to learn more about all the new, great things going on at EnergyUnited.

H. Wayne Wilkins



THE EU ANNUAL MEETING

We want to keep you in the loop on all the things going on with our co-op. And while reading the blog, *Connect* and our Annual Report are great news sources, there's just something about meeting face to face. So make plans to join us this year for our Annual Meeting where you will meet your board of directors, learn more about the successes of the past year and hear the results of the 2019 BOD Election.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on

Thursday, September 19, at 4:00 p.m. at our Statesville office.



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

As a cooperative, EnergyUnited is owned by its members, who in turn elect a nine-member board of directors. Each board member serves a three-year term and meets monthly at our headquarters office in Statesville. These men and women represent you and your best interests as a member of our cooperative.

2019 CANDIDATES

JERRY ANDERSON - DISTRICT 1

Jerry Anderson has served on the EnergyUnited Board of Directors since its inception in 1998; however, his service to electric cooperative members first began when he joined the Crescent EMC board in 1984.

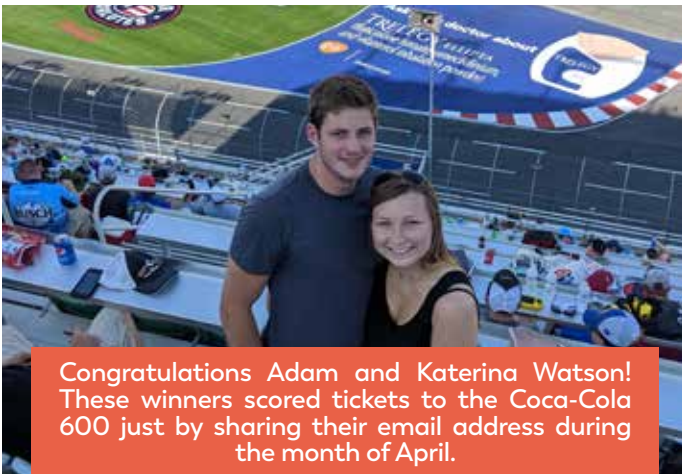
RONNIE HARRISON - DISTRICT 2

Ronnie Harrison, board treasurer, has served on the EnergyUnited Board of Directors since 1998. Before he joined EnergyUnited, Harrison also served on the Davidson EMC board for approximately four years. He served as board president for the Denton Area Chamber of Commerce and president of the South Davidson Jaycees.

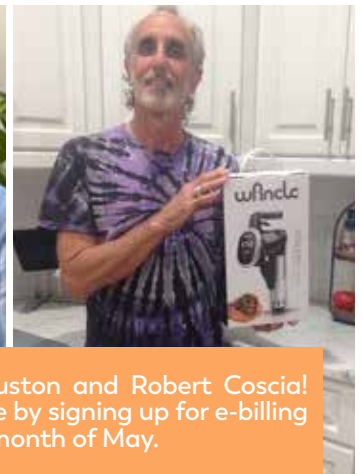
CRAIG BLACK - DISTRICT 3

Craig Black has served on the EnergyUnited Board of Directors since May 2019 and has been an EnergyUnited member since 1997. He was recently appointed to fill the vacant board seat left after the passing of longtime board member Mack Shoaf.

CONGRATULATIONS, WINNERS!



Congratulations Adam and Katerina Watson! These winners scored tickets to the Coca-Cola 600 just by sharing their email address during the month of April.



Way to go Melanie Houston and Robert Coscia! They received a sous vide by signing up for e-billing during the month of May.

Are you interested in scoring big?

You can find this month's contest on page 2, or on your bill insert. *Panthers tickets, anyone?*



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