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ENERGYUNITED'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBER-OWNERS

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### WITH MORE ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS THAN EVER BEFORE, IT'S SUPER EASY TO KEEP YOUR LIGHTS ON AND A/C PUMPING.

At EnergyUnited, we understand that change is the only constant in our industry. Technology evolves on a daily basis, and so do the needs and desires of the member-owners we serve. That's why we've made it a top priority to keep our fingers on the pulse of industry trends and innovate ahead of the curve. The latest example of our forward-thinking approach? Expanded billing options.

In an effort to deliver reliable, satisfactory service for our members, we've taken what used to be a rudimentary process and added options — more of them than we've ever had before, ranging from tried-and-true phone payments to walk-up electronic kiosk payments. This month (and every month after), the choice is yours. Isn't it good to be a member?



#### Simply dial 1-800-215-7315 and follow the ecorded prompts to pay via credit card, debit card or electronic check.



It's an easy way to view your account, report an outage and, yes, make payments on the go. Now available in the Apple App Store and the Gooale Play Store.



#### lead to our website. Log in to your account View and verify your latest bill. Make your payment. It's really as easy as that.





**BANK DRAFT** 

Provide EnergyUnited with an account and routing number for your checking or savings. Drafts will occur automatically within 10 days of the billing date shown on your statement. We've installed three electronic kiosks outside of our offices over the past year. You can view your account and make payments 24 hours per day.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS, VISIT ENERGYUNITED.COM.

# A \$100 VISA GIFT CARD OR BILL CREDIT

Voting doesn't just ensure that you're part of EnergyUnited's democratic process. It will also give you a chance to win one of three \$100 Visa gift cards (or a \$100 credit on your monthly energy bill).

### **VOTING PROCEDURE**

There are two ways to cast your ballot.



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If we have your email address, we will email you a ballot on August 10, 2018.

Prefer a hard copy? We will send a paper ballot to your registered address on August 10, 2018.

It's just another way we're helping you remember—you're a member.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

EnergyUnited is owned and jointly run by over 107,000 members, which means each and every one of you has a direct say-so in how we run the business. Your opinions matter, your voice deserves to be heard and the future of our co-op greatly depends on your active participation in our meetings, events, elections and more.

With roots leading back to the 1930s, EnergyUnited still continues to operate as a strong, communityminded electric cooperative. Each of our members is part of what makes this cooperative exceptional. This October, EnergyUnited will celebrate 80 years as a co-op family. Look for more details about this special anniversary in the October edition of Connect.

Each year, nominees are chosen from within the co-op's membership to run for board positions. The individuals elected comprise 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 truly representative board.

The upcoming election will begin on August 10, 2018. As a valued member-owner, we strongly encourage you to check out our official 2018 Board of Directors Voting Guide so you can get to know the nominees. The guide will be sent with your ballot and can be found on our website. Once you're informed, cast your vote by September 10, 2018. There are two ways to let your voice be heard: a hard copy ballot via U.S. Mail or, much easier, an electronic ballot via email. If we don't have your email address, keep an eye out for a hard copy ballot which will be mailed on August 10, 2018. If we do have your email address, expect to receive an electronic ballot on August 10, 2018. As an added incentive to cast your vote, three voters will be randomly selected to receive a \$100 Visa gift card or a \$100 bill credit. If's a win-win.

Electric cooperatives are born when communities join together in support of their neighbors and bring electricity to hard-to-reach rural areas. With that in mind, we hope that you join together once again for our 2018 Board of Directors Election. It is important that each of our members has a voice and participates in this year's voting process. Election results will be announced at our Annual Meeting at our Statesville headquarters (IT Building) on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

-H- Wayn Willows

H. Wayne Wilkins

### 2018 CREDENTIALS & ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

On an annual basis, the sitting EnergyUnited board appoints three to nine member volunteers to form the Credentials & Election (C&E) Committee. The C&E Committee is responsible for 1) supervising the board of directors election process, and 2) reviewing and certifying the newly elected board members prior to the Annual Meeting. The following C&E Committee members were appointed by the current board of directors:



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To learn more about the voting process and our C&E Committee, visit EnergyUnited.com.

### INTRODUCING OUR 2018 TOUCHSTONE ENERGY SPORTS CAMP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Sharing the love of basketball with children in our communities through the Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship Program is more than tradition; it's an opportunity to teach the importance of teamwork and cooperation in an enriching environment.

This year's winners were selected by a panel of judges based on an application that included the students' academic achievements, extracurricular activities, an essay and a short-answer question. After careful review, it is our pleasure to introduce you to our 2018 scholarship recipients.





### NICOLE BEAL

A rising sixth grader at E. Lawson Brown Middle School in Thomasville, N.C., Nicole attended Wolfpack Women's Camp, June 10–13, 2018.

### BRACKTON **PARRISH**

A rising seventh grader at Bailey Middle School in Cornelius, NC, Brackton attended the Roy Williams Camp, June 16–20, 2018.

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