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Information for the members of United Power, Inc.

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October is National
Co-op Month

NOVEMBER
11 & 12

Country Christmas Bazaar
Member discount inside.
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United Power is joining 30,000 cooperatives nationwide in October to celebrate National Co-op Month, which recognizes the many ways cooperatives are committed to strengthening the local communities they serve. “Co-ops Commit” is the theme for this year’s celebration, spotlighting the countless ways cooperatives meet the needs of their members and communities.

“Our cooperative delivers electricity to over 200,000 people in our six-county service area along the north central range of the Colorado Rockies,” said John Parker, CEO. “Delivering safe, reliable, affordable power is our top priority, but we are also invested

in our communities because we are locally owned and operated. Revenue generated by United Power goes back to Main Street, not Wall Street.”

Rural America is served by a network of about 1,000 electric cooperatives, most of which were formed in the 1930s and 40s to bring electricity to farms and rural communities that large, investor-owned power companies had no interest in serving because of the higher costs involved in serving low-population and low-density areas.

In addition to providing the vital power co-op members depend on, United Power supports our communities directly and indirectly. We provide educational opportunities for youth in our territory, visiting classrooms teaching students about electrical safety or talking to them about job opportunities.

We also educate our communities and members about the dangers of contact with electricity through our safety demonstration trailer. Not only does our presentation team, made up of knowledgeable linemen, teach people how to be safe around electricity, but

they also inform people about the complex and dangerous tasks our linemen face each day and explain the importance of safety equipment, including personal protective equipment, rubber gloves, hard hats and cover ups.

United Power provides college scholarships and sponsors student representatives to youth camps in Colorado and Washington D.C. We are sponsors of dozens of community events including fairs, festivals and school fundraisers. United Power employees are active members of local Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Councils and nonprofit organizations serving our membership.

United Power is proud to be part of America’s cooperative network and we are dedicated to bringing safe, reliable electricity to our members.

To see how United Power and other cooperatives from across the country are celebrating National Co-op Month, follow #CoopMonth on Facebook and Twitter.



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How I Will Spend #MyCapitalCredits

United Power asked members to share with us how they would spend their 2017 capital credit refunds that were issued in August. Anyone who was a member last year received a refund, and those amounts are based on your length of service with the cooperative, and amount of electricity you used. For amounts less than \$10, the refund appeared as a credit on your bill. Refunds over \$10 were issued as a check. The longer you are a member, the larger your refund!

Members who told us how they would spend their capital credits were entered into a drawing to win one of three \$100 bill credits. The following lucky members will be credited \$100 on their next electric bill:

- James E. Bustamante
- Amy Dill
- Amanda Kinzie

United Power members are spending this year's capital credit refunds in some very fun and generous ways! Here are some of our favorite entries from the #mycapitalcredits contest.

I would find someone who needs it more than I do. Maybe help them with some of their bills.
Karen Marie Fishler

I'll put #mycapitalcredits towards some kind of home project!! Our home is old and always in need of some sort of improvement. Big or small, the capital credits will help tackle a project or two on our To-Do list!
Lauren McIver

I'll take my wife and sons out for ice cream a couple of times. I always appreciate my refund, which has grown over the 17 years I've been a United Power member.
Joe Brooks

I'd buy tickets to Elitches for me and my two kids. 9 years and I've never been. My little one is finally big enough to ride all the rides.
Mary Sonsino

Put it back towards my bill, one less bill to worry about!
Mandy Clingan

We have a family reunion in October with 4 generations coming from 5 different states. The eldest is 75 and the youngest is 3. We plan to use our capital credit to contribute towards the rental home.
Colleen B. Wilcox

I want to use my refund for something that we will enjoy in the kitchen and dining room. Each spring we purchase a share from a farmer co-op. During the summer and early fall we pick up our bushel of produce from a farmer's market. The vegetables are extremely fresh and delicious. When I receive my refund, it will go towards our next share purchase.
Kathleen Muth

I will be spending my capital credit in Los Angeles, California. My son graduated this year from high school and as a gift for his life achievement I am taking him to Venice Beach where he has always wanted to go. Mother and son trip will be awesome and well deserved.
Amie Rivera

Going to buy Palisade peaches to make a pie and freeze some!
Linda Reynolds

Ours will be a bill credit since it wasn't much. But I'll treat myself to a chocolate bar in its honor.
Betty Oppenheimer Taylor

I will spend my capital credit on lunch for myself. My credit was \$18.50. Ya have to spend some money on yourself once and awhile.
Cheryl Hadley

I treated my family to a fried chicken dinner with all the fixings! First time in awhile we splurged. Thank you United Power.
Torrey Cranford Hill

With school around the corner I'd use it for new shoes, haircuts and new backpacks for my boys. Growing up we'd always have that for the first day of school photo.
Lee Anna Hageman

Thanks United Power! I treated my kids to Dairy Queen!
Tanya Livesay

I would use my credit on me! Maybe a nice dinner with family or treat myself to a spa day or both!
Kristie Miller



ENERGY SAVERS

Inspect Insulation

Check the insulation in your home including your basement, attic, ceilings and floors. Hire a professional to inspect the type of insulation your home has, what rooms are insulated and thermal resistance of the insulation.

Don't Forget: Take Capital Credit Checks to the Bank

In August, United Power issued capital credit retirements to all United Power members. If your retirement was more than \$10, you received a check in the mail.

These refunds are your share of the \$5 million in capital credits retired by the United Power board of directors in 2017. Capital credit checks expire after 120 days, so please process those checks promptly.

Capital credits are one of the many ways membership in a not-for-profit electric cooperative pays!

For more information about Capital Credits, call 303-637-1300 or visit our website, www.unitedpower.com.





Ward Electric crews, United Power's primary contractor, were dispatched to Georgia to help members reconnect to the grid.

Co-ops Band Together to Help Fellow Cooperatives Hit By Hurricane Irma

As Hurricane Irma swept through Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, electric cooperatives took a direct hit from the historic storm. It's estimated that there were 760,000 co-op outages in Florida, 535,000 in Georgia and 100,000 in South Carolina.

Although affected co-ops took steps ahead of Irma's landfall to prepare for restoration, co-ops were working around the clock and making remarkable progress as they worked to restore power in the wake of the catastrophic storm.

Approximately 5,000 cooperative workers from 25 states converged on the hurricane's impact zone to assist with restoration efforts. Crews from Ward Electric, United Power's primary contractor, were dispatched to Georgia to lend a helping hand to cooperatives working to reconnect members to the grid.



United Power employees also came together to help cooperative employee families affected by Hurricane Harvey. Employees donated \$1,185 and United Power matched that donation up to \$1,000 for a total donation of \$2,185. The donation check was sent to the Texas Cooperative Association, which then distributed the funds to the families.

POWER MIX

Wholesale power is purchased from Tri-State Generation & Transmission. Tri-State's portfolio of electric energy is derived from base load-serving coal generating units, intermediate load-serving natural gas, combined-cycle generating units and peak load-serving natural gas and oil combustion turbines, and renewable resources, including hydropower, wind and solar.

- 45% Coal
- 22% Natural Gas
- 15% WAPA/Hydro Renewables
- 13% Open Market Contracts
- 5% Locally Generated Renewables*



LOCALLY GENERATED RENEWABLES

Locally generated renewable sources include utility-scale solar projects, individually owned rooftop solar, a methane landfill capture system and small wind generation.

- 47,541 kW Solar
- 2 kW Wind
- 3,200 kW Methane



Celebrate the Cooperative Difference and Save Big

October is National Cooperative Month and United Power is celebrating the cooperative difference. For more than 50 years, organizations across the country have championed the benefits of the cooperative network and have used it as an opportunity to educate others about the value of the cooperative business model.

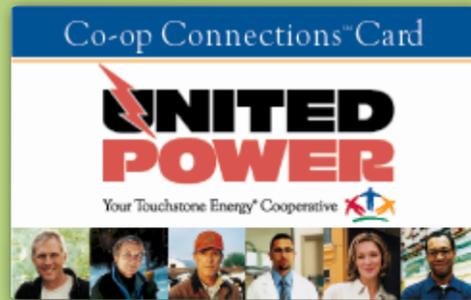
The Co-op Connections Card program, sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, gives members access to discounts from the national business community, but it doesn't just help you save at big box stores and chains. The card also provides discounts for businesses right here in our local community.

Cooperative employees and member-owners can celebrate this money-saving program and receive even more benefits when they use The One Card That Does It All® at participating national and local retailers.

To add even more excitement, members are eligible to win prizes if they share a photo that features their Co-op Connections Card throughout the month of October by using the hashtag #ImConnected. Members who participate in the social media photo contest will be eligible to win a \$40 gift certificate towards any maintenance service at Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center at Brighton Ford.

"We are happy to have the opportunity to help our member-owners save even more while supporting the businesses we serve" said Heidi Storz, United Power Communication Manager. "The Co-op Connections Card program is a great way for our members to enjoy big savings, while supporting local businesses."

For more information on the Co-op Connections Card program, or to print a new card, click on 'Co-op Connections' under the 'Co-op & Community' tab at www.unitedpower.com.



Share a photo holding your Co-op Connections card throughout the month of October for a chance to win a prize. Share on social media at [Facebook.com/UnitedPower](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedPower) or [Twitter.com/UnitedPowerCoop](https://twitter.com/UnitedPowerCoop). Be sure to tag your photo with **#ImConnected**.



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READER REWARDS

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Three Winners Every Month!

1st place: \$150 Lowe's Gift Card
2nd place: \$50 Lowe's Gift Card (two winners)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail entry form to: United Power • Reader Rewards
PO Box 929 • Brighton, CO 80601

Reader Rewards Online

www.unitedpower.com



Save a stamp! Visit www.unitedpower.com and click on 'Co-op & Community' to enter Reader Rewards online. Answer the question below with your online entry:

What is the theme for this year's National Cooperative Month celebration?

By submitting this entry I agree to allow United Power to publish my name in subsequent issues of United Newsline if I am selected as a winner.

UNITED POWER PRIDE



"We just got back from a 10-day vacation to Scotland and Wales and we took our June newsletter with us. It was fun to do this as we were enjoying the beautiful scenery!"

Tammy Williamsom, Brighton

United Power Pride Photos

Snap a photo with the *United Newsline* and we'll send you a gift if we print it. Send your name, address, phone number, and a description of the photo to:

E-MAIL: unitednewsline@unitedpower.com

MAIL: United Power—Attn: United Newsline
PO Box 929, Brighton CO 80601

LET'S HAVE A PARTY!

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RECIPES

Classic Hot Wings

- Canola oil for frying
- 12 chicken wings separated in 2 pieces
- 1 12 ounce bottle Frank's RedHot® sauce
- 1 stick butter
- Several dashes of Worcestershire sauce
- Several dashes Tabasco® sauce
- Blue cheese dip, for serving
- Celery sticks, for serving

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Heat three inches of canola oil in a heavy pot to 375 degrees. Add half the chicken wing parts to the oil and fry them until they're golden brown and fully cooked, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove and drain on paper towels. Repeat with the other half of the wing parts. In a saucepan, heat the Frank's RedHot® sauce and butter over medium-low heat. Add the Worcestershire and Tabasco®. Let it bubble up, and then turn off the heat. Place the wings in an ovenproof dish and pour the hot sauce over the top. Toss to coat, and then bake in the oven for 15 minutes. Serve with blue cheese dip and celery sticks

Artichoke Spinach Dip

- 14 ounces canned (or frozen, thawed) artichoke hearts, drained, diced (not marinated)
- 9 ounces frozen creamed spinach, thawed
- 1/2 cup finely diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced roasted red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan
- 2 Tbs. jarred pesto sauce
- 2 Tbs. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. freshly cracked black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 package tortilla chips
- 1 package pita chips

Preheat a gas or charcoal grill to 350 degrees. In a medium mixing bowl, add all the ingredients, except the chips, and mix well. Transfer to a 9 by 9-inch foil baking pan and cover with aluminum foil. Put on the grill over indirect heat (350 degrees is ideal) and cook for 15 minutes, turning every 5 minutes, to keep the heat even. Carefully remove from the grill and serve with the chips.

Share Your Recipes

Earn a free gift if we publish your recipe.

ONLINE: www.unitedpower.com

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PO BOX 929
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#ImConnected

You work hard all year long, so let
The One Card That Does It All® work hard for you.

Help celebrate National Cooperative Month by using your Co-op Connections Card throughout the month of October for special deals and discounts. Then share a photo featuring your card with the hashtag #ImConnected to be eligible to win a gift certificate from Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center at Brighton Ford.



Two New Round-Up Board Members Welcomed

Two new Operation Round-Up board members were welcomed during the September 19th Round-Up board meeting. Wendee Dietrich and James Long are joining the 11-member board, which administers all Round-Up contributions. This voluntary program gives members the opportunity to give back to the community by electing to have their monthly electric bill 'rounded up' to the next whole dollar. The money is used to provide assistance to community organizations in United Power's service territory.

The board is made up of local residents who understand the unique needs of United Power's service territory. United Power also covers all administrative costs of the program to ensure every donated dollar is distributed to worthy groups or organizations who serve United Power members.

The small change, an average of 50 cents per month, adds up fast. Since its inception in 1995, Operation Round-Up has donated over \$1.5 million to individuals, families and charitable groups in United Power's service territory.

To have your electric bill 'rounded up' to help organizations in your community, click on 'Operation Round-Up' under the 'My Community' tab at www.unitedpower.com.



United Power in the Community

As a cooperative, United Power invests in all of the communities we serve. One of the most visible ways we outreach to our communities is by sponsoring and supporting many local fairs and festivals throughout our territory.

This summer, United Power was out and about participating in parades, sponsoring children's activities, manning booths and providing sponsorships for many events including: the Adams County Fair, Boulder County Fair, Southeast Weld County Fair, Gilpin County Fair, Carbon Valley Music and Spirits Festival, Erie Town Fair and Balloon Festival, Summerfest in Brighton and July Fourth celebrations in Firestone and Fort Lupton.

In September, United Power also stopped by Mead Community Day/ Sugarbeet Festival, Fort Lupton Trapper Days, the Reunion Kite and Flight Festival and the Fort Lupton Optimist Club Duck Race.

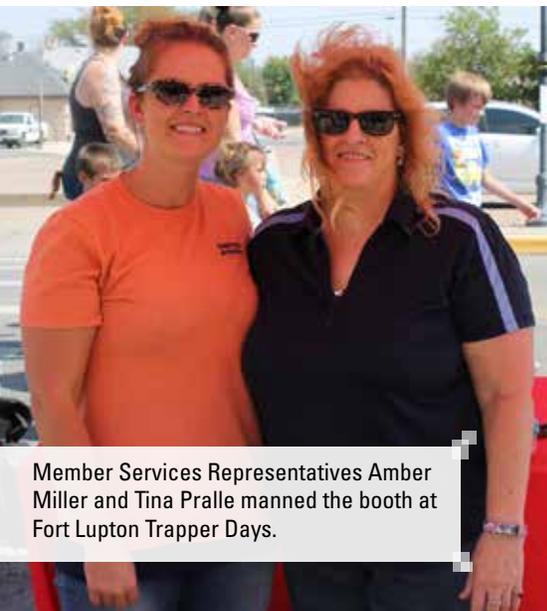


Community Affairs Representative Bill Meier drives a United Power truck in the 4th at Firestone parade.

United Power also sponsors the Colorado State Fair. During the Colorado's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Junior Livestock Sale at this year's fair, United Power was represented well by Sydney Bowman of Fort Lupton who earned a 1st place ribbon with her market goat.

Cooperatives are uniquely committed to the communities they serve. One of our cooperative principles is *Concern for the Community*, the driving force behind our visible support of many events.

United Power employees enjoy spending time in the community educating our members about a variety of topics including capital credits, rebates and electrical safety. We look forward to continuing to connect with our members and the communities we serve for the rest of the year!



Member Services Representatives Amber Miller and Tina Pralle manned the booth at Fort Lupton Trapper Days.



Sydney Bowman of Fort Lupton with her 1st place market goat.



ENERGY SAVERS

Find and Seal Leaks

Add caulk or weather-stripping to seal air leaks around doors, windows, chimneys and electrical outlets. By sealing these leaks, you can save up to 20 percent on your heating bill and the cost of materials is typically under \$20.

**UNITED
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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Exclusive Member Coupon

\$1 off
Adult
Admission

Proceeds from door admissions
benefit the Adams County Museum

**Country
Christmas
Bazaar**

November 11 & 12
9 am - 4 pm

400 BOOTHS
FOUR BIG BUILDINGS
HANDCRAFTED GIFTS

Adult Admission is \$4 with coupon
Coupon good for up to four adults
Ages 14 & under enter for free

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Adams County Regional Park & Fairgrounds
9755 Henderson Rd., Henderson, CO
www.adamscountymuseum.com | 303-659-7103

Free Payment Methods to Avoid Service Charges



United Power offers a variety of ways members can pay their bill and avoid a service charge. Members can always make payments free of fees at any of our United Power offices, through SmartHub or over the phone by calling 303-637-1300.

SmartHub, United Power's online billing and payment portal, also allows members the ability to view and pay their bills online, and to sign up for payment options like Paperless Billing and Auto Pay. All of these options are available as a website and mobile app.

When you sign up for Paperless Billing, you will stop receiving a paper bill in the mail and you will receive an e-mail notification when your statement is available. You can then make a payment how you prefer: online, over the phone, or in person. For added convenience, you can also sign up for Auto Pay. Combine Auto Pay plus Paperless and no more statements will be mailed to you, and you'll never miss a payment due date.

To sign up for these convenient payment options, visit www.unitedpower.com and click on SmartHub, or download the SmartHub app.

The #WhoPowersYou Contest: Help Spread the Positive Energy

At United Power, we do more than just deliver electricity. We believe it's important to recognize the people who inspire our lives. That's why, in partnership with Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, we're running the #WhoPowersYou contest again this year. This is an opportunity to honor inspirational people in our communities.

Who has inspired you and made a difference in your life? The person you nominate could win up to \$5,000!

Contest Details

- Visit www.WhoPowersYou.com/enter to make a nomination between 10/2/2017 and 11/4/2017
- Winners will be selected by a panel of judges and announced in early December
- Prizes for nominees include: \$5,000 Grand Prize; \$2,000 Second Place; \$1,500 Third Place; and \$500 Honorable Mention



United Power Earns Philanthropic Award

United Power was presented with the Donald C. Ciancio Philanthropic Award during Community Reach's annual Reach for the Green Golf Tournament on September 12th. The award is in appreciation of United Power's ongoing charitable support that has benefited countless numbers of children, adults and families at Community Reach Center and throughout the community. Community Reach is a behavioral and wellness provider serving people of all ages throughout Adams County. John Parker, United Power CEO, has been active on the Community Reach Center Foundation Board since 2010.

United Power Public Affairs Officer Troy Whitmore (R) received the award on United Power's behalf from Community Reach Board Member Brad Harvey (L).

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Three lucky members were randomly chosen to receive \$100 bill credits!

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United Power in the Community

United Power employees were busy this summer and fall at events connecting with members.

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Exclusive Discount for the Country Christmas Bazaar



Look inside for your coupon for discounted entry to the Country Christmas Bazaar at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

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National Cooperative Month

October is National Cooperative Month. This year's theme is "Co-ops Commit."

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- 1st Place:** Connord Genereux, Hudson
- 2nd Place:** Mary Ramos, Brighton
Gerald Baker, Black Hawk

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