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Electric Rates

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1

Service Availability Charge \$17/month
First 500 kWh/month @ 12.369¢/kWh
Over 500 kWh/month @ 10.245¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service annual rate schedule S-1

Service Availability Charge \$204/year
First 800 kWh/year @ 20.369¢/kWh
Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year @ 11.245¢/kWh
Over 6,000 kWh/year @ 10.245¢/kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$204 per year for service between March 1, 2012, and Feb. 29, 2013.)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1

Service Availability Charge \$17/month
First 1,500 kWh/month @ 12.369¢/kWh
Over 1,500 kWh/month @ 10.245¢/kWh

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Kilowatt-hour Tax applies to all rate schedules.
First 2,000 kWh/month .465¢/kWh
Next 13,000 kWh/month .419¢/kWh
Over 15,000 kWh/month .363¢/kWh

New benefits to your Co-op Connections Card

Your Co-op Connections® Program is about to save you even more. The card that offers discounts at several local merchants and has saved Guernsey-Muskingum members more than \$62,000 on their prescriptions now offers savings on lab and imaging services, chiropractic, dental, vision and hearing care at participating providers.

This addition to your Co-op Connections Card called “Healthy Savings” is simple and easy to use. There are no health restrictions or paperwork. You can use the benefits immediately and as many times as needed. When you present your card to a participating provider, you will receive a discount at the time of purchase.

The new Healthy Savings package is available at no cost. You may print a paper card from www.healthysavings.coop and show it with the plastic card you already received. This new benefit to Guernsey-Muskingum members is part of a commitment to help members save money during challenging economic times.



COAST TO COAST™ VISION 800-800-EYES	HumanaDental ACCESS	ums Chiropractic™	Beltone™ Helping the world hear better 800-235-8663
Mail Order Prescriptions	866-734-7201		
Humana Dental Access®	877-281-7031		
LASIK Eye Surgery	877-307-4448		
Mail Order Contacts	800-878-3901		
Mail Order Hearing Aids	800-333-4327		
MRI and CT Scans	877-864-9414		
Laboratory Testing Network	877-258-5840		
HEALTHTRANS Pharmacies: For additional information or assistance please call the Help Desk at 877-448-6182.			
THIS IS NOT INSURANCE. Payment must be made at time of service.			

For benefit details, how to use information, FAQs and savings examples on each of the benefits, visit www.healthysavings.coop or call 800-800-7616. Savings examples include 10 to 60 percent off eye-glasses, contact lenses and eye exams; 20 to 40 percent discounts on a range of dental services; and up to 30 percent off chiropractic treatments.

Scholarship Day



Megan Bell



Aaron Laube



Trista Thurston



Paxton Pickrell

Each spring since 1954, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. has sponsored scholarship awards to high school seniors. The cooperative awards one \$1,000 first-place award, one \$500 second-place award, one \$300 third-place award, and one \$200 fourth-place award, each, in the girls' division and in the boys' division.

On Scholarship Day in February, applicants participated in interviews with two teams of judges. Judges for the girls' division were Dr. Steve Kokovich, Muskingum University; Kari Hitzel, WB Green Insurance; and Dorothy Montgomery, retired Muskingum County Commissioner. Judges for the boys' division were Jack Taylor, retired CEO Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center; Dr. Barb Hansen, Muskingum University; and Dr. Howard Beazel, psychologist.

Points in the competition were given for scholastic record, personal achievement, school and community activities, personal interview and an essay question. Interviews began at 8 a.m. and continued until 11:30. Following the interviews, the participants and their parents enjoyed a luncheon.

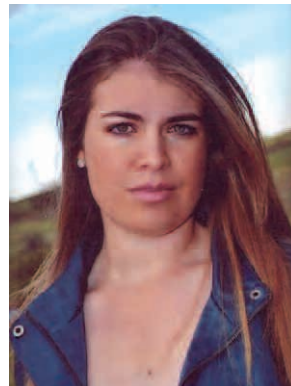
Winner in the girls' division was **Megan Bell**, the daughter of Craig and Traci Bell of Frazeytsburg. Megan attends Tri-Valley High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, editor of the Newspaper Club and on the swim team. She is also very active with her church and is a youth leader. Megan will be attending Brigham Young University-Idaho to study early childhood/special education.

Winner in the boys' division was **Aaron Laube**, the son of Philip and Stephanie Laube of Cambridge. Aaron attends John Glenn High School. He is editor of the school newspaper and yearbook and was awarded the Eagle Award in Boy Scouts. He is very active in community theater including roles in Guys and Dolls and Music Man. Aaron will be attending Marymount Manhattan to study theatre performance/musical theatre.

Second place winner in the girls' division was **Trista Thurston** who attends Buckeye Trail High School and is the daughter of David and Teresa Thurston of Quaker City. Second place winner in the boys' division was **Paxton Pickrell** who attends Tri-Valley High School and is the son of Jeffrey Pickrell of Dresden and Amy James of Zanesville.

Third place winner in the girls' division was **Rebecca McGinnis** who attends Tri-Valley High School and is the daughter of George and Rosemary McGinnis of Frazeytsburg. Third place winner in the boys' division was **Wade Davis** who attends Tri-Valley High School and is the son of Peter and Pamela Davis of Nashport.

Fourth place winner in the girls' division was **Katie Hill** who attends Shenandoah High School and is the daughter of Duane and Jane Hill of Quaker City. Fourth place winner in the boys' division was **Sam Austen** who attends Bishop Rosecrans High School and is the son of J and Ramona Austen of Nashport.



Rebecca McGinnis



Wade Davis



Katie Hill



Sam Austen



This year 19 students from nine high schools competed for the awards. The seniors participating were:

Buckeye Trail

Trista Thurston

Bishop Rosecrans

Samuel Austen

Cambridge

Ryan Larrick

John Glenn

Trevor Basham
Megan Heacock
Michael Janosko
Aaron Laube
Wyatt Nelson
William Shaffer
Brittany Taylor

Philo

Nicholas Dorman
Hayley Flynn
Zane Scott

Shenandoah

Katherine Hill
Rachel Slevin

Tri-Valley

Megan Bell
Wade Davis
Rebecca McGinnis
Paxton Pickrell

Office hours Changing

Summer hours Beginning Tuesday, May 29,
the office will be open:
Monday – Friday
7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The cooperative's drop box is always available
for your convenience for non-cash payments

Is your name and location/account number here?

If it is, call your Cooperative's office and receive a **FREE** home change out to compact fluorescent light bulbs. (Limit 12 bulbs)
Thanks for reading the "local pages" of *Country Living* magazine.

- #11-0080-12-04.....Bryan Vineyard
- #15-0173-40-00John Garber
- #18-0378-03-10James A Young
- #23-0012-07-02Ginger A Young
- #27-0051-12-23Cay Larrison
- #30-0033-16-06Beckie S. Monlux
- #33-0086-03-03Joseph Farkas
- #74-0037-19-03Candace Shorts

Be your home's private investigator

Do-it-yourself home energy audits reveal savings in energy and money

BY MAGEN HOWARD

No matter the age of your home, it could benefit from a private energy investigation — also known as an energy audit. Guernsey-Muskingum offers home energy audits conducted by energy advisors. But you can get started on your own search to find low-cost solutions that could save money every month on your electric bill.

To be an energy “private-eye,” ask yourself a simple question: Does my home feel drafty and cold in the winter, or stuffy and hot in the summer? If your answer is “yes,” then your home probably experiences air leakage.

To track down where those spots are, round up the usual suspects — culprits like damaged seals around doors and windows. If you see daylight or feel air, then apply caulk and weatherstripping to keep outdoor air

where it's supposed to be.

But don't forget spots you might not immediately think of, like recessed canister lights and electrical outlets. Outlet insulation kits can be purchased for as little as \$2, and you can fix up your canister lights with some caulk around the edges.

Also look where walls meet the ceiling. Cobwebs mean you've got drafts.

Next, poke your head into the attic and inspect the crawl space or basement for sufficient insulation. How much you need depends on your climate. Check out the insulation calculator from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at

www.ornl.gov/~roofs/Zip/ZipHome.html. It's important to remember insulation won't do its job well if there's not a proper air barrier working in tandem. That means all joints and cracks must be sealed between your living space and insulation.

Finally, look to your light fixtures. Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are up to 75 percent more efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs, and they've come a long way in light quality, design and affordability. You can purchase CFLs in a variety of shapes and hues. They cost more upfront, but you'll make your money back in less than nine months and after that, they start saving money. Make sure to purchase a CFL that's rated by ENERGY STAR, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's program that denotes products meeting specific energy efficiency criteria. ENERGY STAR-rated CFLs will typically last 10 times longer than a traditional incandescent bulb producing the same amount of light.

To learn more about ways to reduce your electric bill, visit TogetherWeSave.com or call Guernsey-Muskingum at 800-521-9879 and ask about our home energy audit program.

Sources: EnergySavers.gov, Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, EnergyStar.gov



Ray Crock,
Energy Advisor



*Guernsey-Muskingum Electric
will be closed on Memorial Day, May 28,
as we honor those who have
sacrificed for our country.*



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Smart home landscaping can lower your electric bills. Trees on the east and west sides of your home provide shade — and reduce your cooling costs — during hot summer months. Shade for your air conditioner can save 10 percent of your cooling costs. And by adding vegetation to the north side of your home, you can reduce winter winds that trigger higher heating costs. Find more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

