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Local Information

GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Electric rates

Farm and Home Service
 rate schedule R-1
 Service Availability Charge \$15/month

First 500 kWh/month @ 11.619¢/kWh
 Over 500 kWh/month @ 9.495¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service
 annual rate schedule S-1
 Service Availability Charge \$180/year

First 800 kWh/year @ 19.619¢/ kWh
 Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year @ 10.495¢/ kWh
 Over 6,000 kWh/year @ 9.495¢/ kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$180 per year for service between March 1, 2010, and Feb. 28, 2011.)

Commercial Service
 rate schedule C-1
 Service Availability Charge \$15/month

First 1,500 kWh/month @ 11.619¢/ kWh
 Over 1,500 kWh/month @ 9.495¢/ kWh

Rider T — 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

Children of Members Scholarship Winner

Tony Ahern, left, president and CEO, Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., congratulates McKenzie Huston, daughter of Steve and Linda Huston-Moore of Nashport and Bill and Kris Huston of Dresden, who won fifth place and a \$1,430 scholarship in a statewide competition sponsored by Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., in Columbus.

McKenzie is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School. She plans to attend Cornell University majoring in chemical engineering this fall.

There were 47 students representing the 24 electric cooperatives in Ohio competing for \$23,640 in scholarship awards. Winners were announced at a banquet following interviews with scholarship judges on May 10.



Guernsey-Muskingum local information

New Concord
740-826-7661

(24-hour service)

All other members
1-800-521-9879

Ask your Energy Advisor

Easy summer cooling tips

If your home is too hot in the summer, there are many ways you can help keep heat out of your house. Planting trees, for instance, is one of the best ways to diffuse the hot summer sun before it enters your home. But a surprising amount of heat comes from inside your home.

The biggest sources of internal heat gain are lights and appliances. Reducing their use will save electricity and keep your home cooler. In humid climates, moisture that is released by cooking, bathing and other activities also will make it harder for air conditioners to cool your home. A drier home feels more comfortable.



Ray Crock,
Energy Advisor

Here are some easy ways to keep cool in the summer:

- Replace standard incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs. The electricity used by standard bulbs produces 10 percent light and 90 percent heat. Also, compact fluorescent lights are cheaper to operate.
- Schedule heat-producing chores like baking or doing the laundry after the hottest part of the day.
- Install an insulating jacket on your water heater.
- Use kitchen and bathroom fans to remove heat and moisture during and after cooking and bathing.
- When replacing appliances, buy those with the Energy Star® label. These appliances conserve energy and release less unwanted heat.
- If you are home during the day, use a room fan to create a cooling breeze.
- If you live in an area where evenings are cool, don't forget about the cheapest cooling method of all. Open your doors and windows, or run window fans. This will move cool evening air through your home for almost no cost.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Are you interested in very low-cost solar power? It may not be as glamorous as solar panels on the roof, but line drying your clothes is just as "green." It can save you a lot of money and has several other benefits. Visit www.laundrylist.org to estimate your savings and benefits.

Cardinal plant tour



If you are interested in touring a power plant that generates your electricity, please call Guernsey-Muskingum's member services department today at 1-800-521-9879.

You, a cooperative member, are one of the owners of the Cardinal Generating Station in Brilliant, Ohio, and this will be a chance to see it in operation.

The arrangements are being made for **Wednesday, Oct. 6**. A bus ride, tour and lunch will be provided.

Seats will be reserved for G-M members who have not taken the tour in the past. Please call, as seats are limited and will be filled on a "first-call/first-served" basis.

Please be aware that if there would be a "high" or orange security warning issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the tour may be canceled. If you have any questions, please call your cooperative. We will be monitoring the situation.

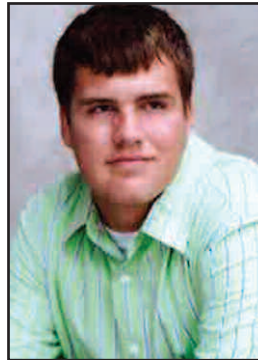
Please, be our guests! But don't delay!

Touchstone Energy Special Achievement Scholarship

We are proud to announce that Austin Nelson was chosen as the first-place GMEC recipient of the Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship for 2010. Second place went to Stefanie Beskid. This scholarship was created to reward those students who have committed themselves to the pursuance of a college education despite unique personal challenges.

On April 27, Austin competed against other students at the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., and received one of four \$1,630 scholarships.

Austin graduated this year from John Glenn High School. He is the son of Brett and Melissa Nelson of Zanesville. Stefanie graduated from Meadowbrook High School. She is the daughter of Steve and Jill Beskid of Byesville.



Be a hero — donate the Gift of Life!

Every minute 30 units of blood are transfused to patients who would not survive illness or injury without them. You can make a difference. Time after time, with the precious gift of donated blood, you can help families, friends and neighbors fight serious disease or recover from life-threatening accidents. About an hour of your day could easily mean a lifetime to a patient in need.

On Thursday, Aug. 26, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric will hold a blood drive. If you are interested in donating call Heather Baker at 800-521-9879 to set up an appointment.

Office hours

On **Monday, July 5**, the Guernsey-Muskingum office will be closed in observance of the 4th of July. The office will resume normal hours on Tuesday, July 6. We wish you a safe and happy holiday!



County fairs in our area

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| Harrison County | Cadiz | July 6-10 |
| Perry County | New Lexington | July 19-24 |
| Hartford Fair | (Licking Co.) Croton | Aug. 8-14 |
| Muskingum County | Zanesville | Aug. 15-21 |
| Noble County | Caldwell ... | Aug. 30-Sept. 4 |
| Morgan County | McConnelsville | Sept. 7-11 |
| Guernsey County | Old Washington | Sept. 13-19 |
| Tuscarawas County | Dover | Sept. 20-26 |
| Coshocton County | Coshocton | Oct. 1-7 |

Fair dates can be found by logging onto www.ohiofairs.org

County fairs are a family affair!

Sign up for a bus trip to the

2010 FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Yes, I/we would like to join our co-op and ride in a Park Tour Bus to the Farm Science Review at London.

Please reserve _____ seats at \$25 each.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____
Please make check payable to GMEC.

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE TRAFFIC,
LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!**

Your ticket covers the bus trip to and from the Review, plus coffee and doughnuts in the a.m. and your ticket into the Farm Science Review. Bus departs Cambridge at 6 a.m., and Zanesville at 7 a.m.

Mail or return to:

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc.
17 S Liberty St, New Concord, Ohio 43762

For more information, call member services at 1-800-521-9879.

I WILL BOARD THE BUS AT

CAMBRIDGE **ZANESVILLE**

Budget billing plans available

Do your electric bills go up and down with the changing seasons? Would you prefer to pay approximately the same amount each month? If so, Guernsey-Muskingum may have a budget billing plan for you.

The cooperative offers two budget billing plans: the **fixed budget** and the **levelized budget**.

Fixed budget

Under the fixed budget plan, the cooperative estimates your monthly use based upon a 12-month average. This average is then used to calculate the bill that you will pay over the next 12-month period. Members typically pay the same amount every month. This amount may be adjusted periodically by the Member Accounting Department to prevent either a large positive or a negative balance from accumulating on the account.

Levelized budget

The levelized budget does not result in exactly the same budget payment each month. The cooperative adds the current month's consumption to the previous

11 months' use and an average monthly kilowatt-hour figure is determined. This amount is used to calculate the budget billing amount for the month. This means that the budget amount is actually adjusted monthly, but usually remains within a few dollars of the previous month's budget. As with the fixed budget, the levelized budget amount may need to be adjusted periodically to prevent a large positive or negative balance from accumulating. The levelized budget can only be offered for accounts that have 12 months of billing history.

The benefit of both budget plans is to minimize or eliminate large swings in your bill that can be caused by the change of the seasons. If either of these budget plans appeals to you, and your billing account is current, just call the Member Accounting Department at 740-826-7661 or 1-800-521-9879 and ask to be placed on budget billing. To remain on either budget plan, the budget amount billed must be paid in full each month.

One phone call is all it takes...

CO-OP NOTES

Geothermal heating/cooling system — \$300 rebate

We have a \$300 rebate to help pay for the most efficient underground heating, cooling and hot water system available today. A radio-controlled switch is required on the unit and on your electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. More than 240 of our members are using geothermal.

Dual Fuel — \$300 rebate

If you install a new add-on electric heat pump with a fossil-fuel backup and have an electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity, you are eligible for a \$300 rebate. Radio-controlled switches are required to be installed on both the heat pump and the water heater. Please call your cooperative for details. More than 800 members are using Dual Fuel.

Cool Returns — \$100 rebate

Are you having central air conditioning installed or a new electric heat pump with electric resistance heat backup? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and receive a \$100 rebate check. More than 85 member are using cool returns.

Water heater with a hole

The four-inch hole in the side of our tank is great for cleaning out sediment. This rebated tank is available for *free delivery*. We also have \$50 or \$100 checks to send you if you purchase a tank somewhere else. Give us a call for details.

Water heater installation available

If you purchase your water heater from G-M, our members services technician, Tim Fisher, will install your water heater for an additional charge. Give us a call.

Radio-controlled switch

"What a deal!" If you don't already have a radio-controlled switch for your electric water heater (at least 40-

gallon capacity), please call and Tim Fisher will install one...FREE. More than 5,300 G-M members have an RCS on their water heaters. This entitles you to a discount and free maintenance (except cleaning), including parts and labor, on your electric water heater. Some exclusions apply; call us for details.

Long distance telephone service

Your cooperative has an opportunity to offer you long distance at a very good price — 6.9¢ per minute in the domestic 48 states. PowerNet Global is the long distance carrier, and your cooperative is the sales agent. You will be billed by PowerNet Global on a separate bill. We think you will like their service and love the price. Give it a try and let us know what you think of it. Call the PowerNet Global/GMEC Members line to Switch and Save! 1-877-890-6434.

Are your name and location/account number here?

If they are, 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.

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