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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

Morrow finishes 38-year career with co-op

After 38 years of service to the cooperative, Bob Morrow has retired. Bob joined the cooperative in 1972 as a combination man. During his years with GMEC he held many positions including lineman, crew leader, service man and, most recently, projects superintendent.



Bob's plans for retirement include spending time with his family and working in the family business. Bob resides in New Concord with his wife, Ramona. They have three children and 10 grandchildren.

We congratulate Bob on his retirement and wish him good health.



Safety a priority at Guernsey-Muskingum

At Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, like other rural electric cooperatives, we stress electric safety a lot to employees, to members and especially to children. This is the reason we perform safety demonstrations. We have had a large high-voltage demo at the annual meeting and at the GMEC office last fall. We also have a tabletop demonstration that we do for various groups.

The goal is to teach children about electricity and the dangers of being in contact with it. We demonstrate how electricity can travel through trees, ladders, kite string, and yes, even our bodies to get to the ground. They learn the dangers of down power lines and what to do if power lines come down during an auto accident.

A great example of a youth doing the right thing under pressure occurred recently when the school bus overturned on route 60 north of Zanesville. Shae Burkhart, son of members Kent and Wendy Burkhart, not only helped the younger kids off of the overturned bus; he also cautioned them to stay away from the downed power lines from the broken pole. We are grateful for Shae helping to keep the others safe around our dangerous lines.



If you would like us to perform a demonstration for your group (scouts, 4-H club, camps, schools, etc.) call Member Services at 800-521-9879 to be added to our schedule.

New Concord
740-826-7661

(24-hour service)

All other members
1-800-521-9879

Guernsey-Muskingum local information

From the tailgate:

Recent copper thefts — A death-defying act!

Over the last couple of weeks, the cooperative has been the victim of three copper thefts at our substations, two of which occurred at Cumberland and one at Senecaville.

Unfortunately, AEP and Shield Alloy had similar thefts. Thanks to excellent work by the Guernsey County Sheriff's Department the thieves were apprehended. Apparently, the culprits were unharmed from their efforts, only by the grace of God. Recently, in other newspapers I have read accounts of copper thefts, which did not go so well. One occurred in Lancaster, which put about 800 AEP customers out of power due to a fire at an electrical substation. In this case, it was the thought that the thief would have been burned and area hospitals were notified to be on the lookout for someone with electrical burns to their hands and arms.

Recently, two deaths attributed to copper theft occurred in Ohio. First, in Trumbull County, someone stealing copper from a FirstEnergy substation was killed in the act. Second, in Ross County, a man stealing copper from a South Central Power substation was also killed. He left behind a wife, five children and three grandchildren.

One only needs to go on the Internet and Google copper theft deaths to see a whole series of photos and articles regarding more of this type of situation. Trust me, the results are not pretty.

Copper theft is very dangerous. Electrical substations are locked, fenced and have warning signs for a reason — not to keep stuff in inside them, but to keep the public away from the potential hazards. AEP, FirstEnergy and South Central Power substations are no different than Guernsey-Muskingum's, except maybe in size. The hazards that exist in each of them are the same. The grounding is there for the protection of workers who must operate equipment in this environment. It also exists for the reliability of service to the consumers of electricity. By

cutting these grounds, a thief not only puts his own life in danger, but potentially the danger of anybody who must follow after him and does not notice that the grounding has been compromised.

The cost to replace this wiring is much more than just materials. Add a few thousand for the equipment and labor necessary to put things back as they should be and there's almost a \$10,000 cost for each instance of theft. This is without any equipment being damaged in the process. A couple of years ago at our Cannelville substation we had a similar occurrence. At that time a voltage regulator was damaged and the repair was almost \$30,000. Who pays for these costs? The rate payers — our members — you!

Thieves might get a few hundred dollars per occurrence. The bottom line is would you put your life or others lives at risk for maybe a few hundred dollars in scrap? Electricity takes multiple paths to ground. By cutting the ground wire, there is no guarantee you will be electrocuted. Likewise, there is no guarantee you will not! Cutting multiple ground wires ensures that you will eventually find the path the hard way. It's like playing Russian roulette with wire cutters instead of a gun. Our linemen are trained, have proper test equipment and personal protective gear to keep them safe. Someone stealing copper likely has none of this.

Please report any entry to any electrical substations immediately to 911 — the local sheriff's department or police, regardless of who owns the substation. By doing so you just might save a life!



Garry Mbiad,
General Manager/CEO



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!

Local students visit Washington, D.C., with Youth Tour

Alissa Bodner and Cheyanne Bamfield were selected to represent Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative this year at the Washington Youth Tour. Alissa and Cheyanne joined 33 other students from around Ohio and 1,500 from across the United States for the seven-day, all-expenses-paid trip.

The weeklong tour included a stop in Gettysburg, visits to the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials, Arlington Cemetery, the National Zoo and a night cruise on the Potomac River.

The tour is offered in conjunction with Ohio's Rural Electric Cooperatives to allow students a chance to learn about the principles and practices of American democracy and gain an understanding of rural electric cooperatives.

Alissa (pictured on the right) and Cheyanne were chosen to attend from all applications received based on an interview at the GM Cooperative office in March. Alissa, a senior at Buckeye Trail High School, is the daughter of David and Joy Bodner of Salesville. Cheyanne, also a senior at Buckeye Trail High School, is the son of Rudy and Lori Bamfield of Cambridge.



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:

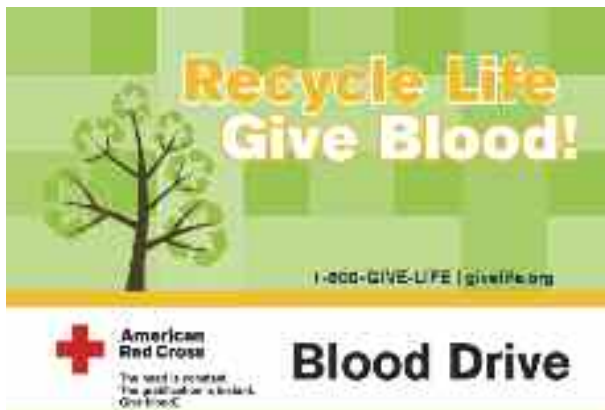
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For more information, call member services at 1-800-521-9879.

I WILL BOARD THE BUS AT

CAMBRIDGE **ZANESVILLE**

Be a hero — donate the Gift of Life!



Guernsey-Muskingum Electric
17 South Liberty St – New Concord
Thursday, Aug. 26
Noon to 6 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call Heather at
740-826-7661 or 800-521-9879.

If you last donated on or before July 1,
you may be eligible to donate.

It only takes about an hour
to help/save three lives!

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your donor card or positive identification with you when you come to donate.

Co-op Connections coming soon

Coming soon from Guernsey-Muskingum Electric is a discount program offering further proof that being a member of an electric cooperative has its advantages.

The Co-op Connections Card, Touchstone Energy's exclusive membership discount card offers cooperative members many national deals.

When you receive your new cards for the Co-op Connections program with your bill in the next few months, it will allow you to save even more by offering 10 to 60 percent savings on most prescriptions at over 48,000 independent pharmacies and national chains including CVS, Walgreens, WalMart and more. With soaring prescription prices, this discount pharmacy program will work for your family.

The Co-op Connections card is free to all Guernsey-Muskingum Electric members; and one card can be used by the entire family. The card can also be used to receive discounts nationwide on lodging, entertainment, dining and more. Visit www.co-opconnections.com to explore all the possible discounts available to you.

Addy promoted

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc., is pleased to announce that Jeff Addy has accepted the position of Projects Superintendent. He began his new duties in June, filling the position left from the retirement of Bob Morrow.

Jeff has been with the cooperative since 1987 when he was hired as a meter reader. In 1988 he became an apprentice lineman and in 1991 a 2nd class lineman. In 1993 he became a journeyman and took on the role of staking engineer in 1994.

Jeff resides in Norwich with his wife Judy.



Jeff Addy

KARAOKE CONTEST 'COUNTRY STYLE'

- WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.
Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Muskingum County Fairgrounds Entertainment Tent
- WHO:** First 30 to register
- WHAT:** \$100 savings bond to the winner of each age group
• Under 15 • 15 to 50 • Over 50
- RULES:** Fairground admission **not included**
Singing order will be randomly selected at registration
Singers can bring their own CDs or use Sandy's
Music will end after 4 minutes
Singers must be present when it's their time
No bumping to a later spot
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|------------------------|-----|
| Independent judging on | |
| Voice quality | 80% |
| Song appropriateness | 10% |
| Stage presence | 10% |

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