



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

# Thanks, Cubby!

**D**ecember is here already, and for some, this is a tough time of year. We should be preparing to celebrate Christmas and all the giving that goes with this holiday. Some people have had losses this year that make celebrating the season more difficult.



For those of us associated with Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, we lost a friend and former employee in October who held a special place in our heart. We called him “Cubby.” Many of you have seen Darrel Cubbison running our annual meetings for years or saw him putting on microwave demonstrations back in the day, or maybe announcing the opening of

the Muskingum County Blue Ribbon Fair. He had been known to fill in for Mr. Claus at times as well, so it seems fitting to share a few thoughts today about Cubby.

Cubby was our member services manager here at GMEC for many years, retiring in January of 2008. For most who got to know him, he was Guernsey-Muskingum Electric — the guy who ran the company. Truth be told, Darrel never was the CEO/manager, but he was the face of the cooperative at every annual meeting or community event that GMEC had any part in. All our employees have and continue to be an asset to you, the member, and I am proud of each one. But Cubby was one of a kind. I thought this would be a good time to celebrate the life of Darrel Cubbison, prior to Christmas and after the county fair season.

I attended the funeral service and thought the message was right on target for memorializing Cubby’s life at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative over the many years. The minister, Keith Taylor, gave me permission to use a part of his message in this article today. It goes like this:

“I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.”

So how did Darrel spend those years? For all of us who knew Cubby, we remember things during that dash. It might be putting in electric water heaters or emceeding the annual meeting or maybe a “welcome to the Muskingum

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Brian Hill  
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO





## GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING

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Sen. John Glenn with Darrell "Cubby" Cubbison.

County Blue Ribbon Fair!" Many memories we all have of his life and how it might have affected each one of us.

Some of what I will remember is that he was a man of integrity who had respect for his fellow man, and how he wanted what was best for our members of GMEC, especially the youth through our scholarship programs or the Washington Youth Tours. I remember traveling to Washington, D.C., and entering the offices, and all the staff would know Darrel by name, but most called him Cubby. Politics did not matter to Darrel — he was there to represent the member-owners of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric. His credibility on Capitol Hill was built through relationships Cubby had developed his whole life. Cubby was all about improving the community.

Keith closed that portion of the sermon with "for it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our DASH." My prayer is we all learn to live our dash here at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric the way Cubby did, treating others as he would like to be treated. To Carol and the Cubbison family, thanks for sharing your Cubby with so many here at Guernsey-Muskingum and across this state.

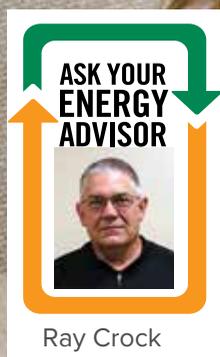


## Welcome Staci Burke

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. welcomes new employee Staci Burke. Staci was hired in October as the operations coordinator. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School and attended the University of Akron studying chemistry. Staci previously worked as a 911 dispatcher. She lives east of New Concord with her husband, James, and their two daughters.

*Welcome*  
TO THE CREW

# Powerful fun



## Five cool ways to power your yuletide

Electricity offers one way to brighten gift choices as innovators keep coming up with new gadgets and gizmos to power our lives with efficiency and fun. Here are five electric ideas to add pizzazz to your holiday shopping list.

**1. Healthy French fries?** Electric air fryers have been around since 2010, but their popularity started taking off about five years ago. As health-consciousness increased, people liked the idea of these cookers that could prepare traditional fried favorites with much less oil. Sales bumped up even more as the pandemic kept people at home and paying more attention to their cooking. Air fryers aren't really fryers, but rather, high-heat convection devices that simulate traditional recipes like chicken tenders, egg rolls, potato chips, fried vegetables, and apple fritters.

**2. Hit the road** "Electric vehicles" doesn't mean just cars and trucks anymore. The sidewalks of college campuses and downtowns are now shared with electric scooters. If you're having trouble keeping up with a bicycle-fanatic, an electric bike might help you scale those steep hills. You can go off-road with an electric all-terrain vehicle. And if you were born to be wild, you can head out on the highway on a battery-powered motorcycle — an electric Harley boasts instant 100% torque, electronic safety features, and the ability to use your smartphone for checking battery status and stolen-vehicle tracking.

**3. Walk the talk** Walkie-talkies are one of those old technologies for staying in touch that still work great for businesses, conference coordination, or hiking and camping. They can help keep a caravan of cars and trailers together. Shop carefully and know what you'll use them for — the range can vary from a half-mile to 20 miles, depending on the type of model and whether they'll be used indoors or outdoors.

**4. Easy reader** If you're tired of squinting at the little screen on your phone, take a look at tablets. They come in a variety of screen sizes that make it easier to enjoy that magazine, detective novel, streaming movie, or TV show. Most models come with the ability for you to write or draw on them.

**5. Packing power** A portable charger may be one of the least-exciting gifts you can give or get, but you'll change that thinking when your phone's about to die as you hike over a hill and see a sunset vista to photograph. A word of advice — charge it up the day before; the smallest ones for your purse or pocket tend not to hold a charge for the several weeks they sit in a drawer waiting for the next event.

Shop carefully and know how you want to use the device — they all come with a variety of features and prices. And be cyber safe: Anything connected to the internet can be hacked, so set a strong password. Then focus on having a blast.



# The Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative Scholarship in honor of Jerry Kackley



In 1980, Jerry Kackley, a high school senior at Meadowbrook High School, won the Guernsey-Muskingum Scholarship. At the time, each high school in the GMEC territory could nominate one boy and one girl to compete for the scholarship. Who knew that 12 years later, Jerry would become employed by GMEC and would eventually become general manager/CEO? In 2018, Jerry was diagnosed with cancer and in early 2019, made the decision to retire to spend time with his family.

Shortly before Jerry passed away, he and his wife, Debbie, decided that they needed to give back to the GMEC members who supported him and his family through

the years. This led to the creation of the Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative Scholarship in Honor of Jerry Kackley. Jerry's family, with the help of the Muskingum County Community Foundation, has created a \$750 scholarship to honor Jerry.

To be eligible for the GMEC Scholarship in Honor of Jerry Kackley, you must be a senior with a 3.0 GPA or higher whose parents/guardians are members of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative. A list of the complete rules and the application for this scholarship can be found at the Muskingum County Community Foundation's website, [www.mccf.org/scholarship-central/](http://www.mccf.org/scholarship-central/).

## Application deadline: Friday, Feb. 4, 2022



# 2022 GRADS

Are your parents Guernsey-Muskingum  
Electric Cooperative members?

If so, you could  
win more than **\$3,900**  
in scholarships!



To obtain rules and applications  
for the **Children of Members  
Scholarship:**

- Visit [www.gmenergy.com](http://www.gmenergy.com)
- Call the co-op at 800-521-9879
- Stop by the co-op office
- Ask your guidance counselor

***Deadline to apply: Feb. 4, 2022***



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## GRADUATING SENIORS

Have you overcome unique and significant personal challenges on your way to academic excellence?

You could win \$750!

# Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship



For rules and applications:

- Visit [www.gmenergy.com](http://www.gmenergy.com) and click on the Community tab
- Call the co-op at 800-521-9879
- Ask your guidance counselor

Deadline to apply: Feb. 4, 2022



## COOK UP ENERGY SAVINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.

From our table to yours,  
merry Christmas!

## CO-OP NEWS

### Geothermal

We have a \$300 energy credit to help pay for the most efficient underground heating, cooling, and hot water system available today. To be eligible, the geothermal unit must be ENERGY STAR-rated and have a radio-controlled switch installed on the unit and on the electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. Over 280 of our members are using geothermal.

### Dual Fuel

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 energy credit. Radio-controlled switches must be installed on both the heat pump and water heater. Please call your cooperative for details. Over 890 members are using Dual Fuel.



### Cool Returns

Are you having a new electric heat pump with electric resistant heat backup installed? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and receive a \$100 energy credit. Over 170 members are using Cool Returns.

### ENERGY STAR

Did you buy a new ENERGY STAR refrigerator, freezer, or central air conditioner? We may have a \$100 energy credit for you. Call member services for details.

### Electric vehicle chargers

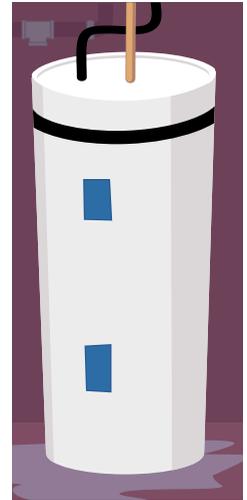
Level 2 electric vehicle charges may be eligible to receive a \$250 energy credit. Call us for more information.

### Water heaters

Need a new water heater? We offer a 50-gallon Vaughn tank or an 85-gallon Marathon tank at rebated prices with free delivery. We also have \$75 or \$125 energy credits for you if you purchase a tank somewhere else. Give us a call for details.

### Radio-controlled switch

What a deal! If you don't already have a radio-controlled switch (RCS) for your electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity, please call, and we will install one at no charge. Over 5,600 GMEC members have an RCS on their water heaters. The switch 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.



### GenerLink

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call the member services department at GMEC and ask about GenerLink. GenerLink eliminates the use of extension cords and other connections that can be dangerous to members and linemen. Over 200 members currently have a GenerLink installed at their homes.

### Meter reading

You can enter your meter readings online at our website, [www.gmenergy.com](http://www.gmenergy.com). You can also mail your readings or call us 24 hours a day with meter readings.



### Bill pay

You can pay your bill online through SmartHub or by clicking the "Pay Bill Now" button on our website, [www.gmenergy.com](http://www.gmenergy.com). You may also pay by phone by calling 844-206-7873.

## Energy Efficiency | Tip of the Month

Heading out of town for the holiday season?

Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets like TVs, phone chargers, gaming consoles, and toothbrush chargers use energy when plugged into an outlet — even when they're not in use.

Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)





# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING

## Cooperative holiday hours

Office closed for the Christmas holiday,  
**Thursday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Dec. 24**

Office closed for the New Year's holiday, **Friday, Dec. 31**

If outages occur during the holidays, someone will be available to take your call and dispatch a trouble crew to correct your problem. GMEC's drop box is always available for your convenience.



Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative's  
board of directors and employees wish all members a merry Christmas.

### Is your name and account number here?

If it is, call the cooperative's office and receive a FREE home change-out to LED lightbulbs (limit six bulbs). Thanks for reading the local pages of *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

- #53-0284-10-00.....John P Schoendorff
- #44-0084-20-00.....John M Yanosik
- #13-0208-43-02.....Aletha A Vickers
- #18-0711-05-00.....Brent Iden
- #25-0069-16-07.....Deborah J Updegrave
- #47-0652-21-07.....Max Carpenter



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New Concord, OH 43762

##### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

##### ELECTRIC RATES

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1\*  
Service Availability Charge — \$24/mo.  
First 500 kWh/month — 12.669¢/kWh  
Over 500 kWh/month — 11.345¢/kWh

Net Metering Residential R-1 NM\*  
Service Availability Charge — \$42/mo.  
First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 11.145¢/kWh  
Over 2,000 kWh/mo. — 11.345¢/kWh  
Seasonal Residential Service rate schedule S-1\*  
Service Availability Charge — \$384/yr.  
First 800 kWh/yr. — 20.269¢/kWh  
800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — 11.145¢/kWh  
Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 11.345¢/kWh  
(Minimum annual charge — \$384/yr. for service between March 1, 2021, and Feb. 28, 2022)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1\*  
Service Availability Charge — \$26/mo.  
First 1,500 kWh/mo. — 13.069¢/kWh  
Over 1,500 kWh/mo. — 11.345¢/kWh

\*Rider T — Kilowatt-Hour Tax applies to all rate schedules and must be added to the rates shown.

First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 0.465¢/kWh  
Next 13,000 kWh/mo. — 0.419¢/kWh  
Over 15,000 kWh/mo. — 0.363¢/kWh

##### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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