



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

# We're ready for storm season. Are you?

**N**ow that summer is in full swing, like many of you, I welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summertime means the return of many of our favorite activities, like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons on the water, and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life. But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. Severe weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system,

but I want you to know that Guernsey-Muskingum Electric crews are ready and standing by to respond, should power outages occur in our area. When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. I would encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.



Brian Hill  
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

Guernsey-Muskingum has new technology coming that will aid us in storms and outage restoration. We will be starting to install an automated metering infrastructure (AMI) system throughout our territory this month. There will be contractors from Anixtor working on the system to replace our meters, and many of our crews will be working to bring this new system of meter reading and outage notification to you, our members. This will replace our self-read system that many of you have managed to report to us each month since the beginning of the cooperative's formation. Thank you to our valued members for being responsible members for so long. It is time for GMEC to move forward and offer a system that will be read from our office, will report power outages, and will offer other benefits to you, our members, and to the operations of our electric system. We are the last cooperative in Ohio to move to an automated system, but we believe that by waiting and allowing the bugs to have already been worked out of many older systems, your cooperative has been able to select a vendor with current technology that will serve us well into the future. This process will take at least one year before full implementation can take place, so do not stop reading your meters yet. Watch for more updates as we move along with this project. Let's all make the summer of 2021 a great success as we get back to a more normal time.





# Ohio Line Supervisors Association Scholarship

We are proud to announce that **Lynnea Crock** and **Cameron Hill** were chosen to receive an Ohio Line Supervisors Association Scholarship.

The Ohio Line Supervisors Association Scholarship is awarded to children of employees at Ohio electric cooperatives. Students are judged on scholastic record, personal achievement, school and community activities, personal interview, and cooperative knowledge.



Lynnea, a senior at Maysville High School, is the daughter of Ray and Lisa Crock of Zanesville. She is active in National Honor Society, Maysville Leo Club, Interact Club, soccer, archery, and track. In addition, she is an active member of 4-H, where she has served as a camp counselor and on the Junior Fair Board. Lynnea plans to attend Kent State University to study advertising and public relations.



Cameron, a senior at West Muskingum High School, is the son of Brian and Tracie Hill of Zanesville. He is active in National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, choir, Key Club, and swimming and is president of his class. In addition, he is an active member of 4-H and with his church. Cameron plans to attend The Ohio State University to study exercise science.

## Feldner takes ninth place

**Raegan Feldner** was awarded a ninth place, \$1,700 scholarship in the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Children of Members Scholarship competition.

Raegan, a senior at Shenandoah High School, is the daughter of Jason and Jeannette Feldner of Caldwell. She plans to attend The Ohio State University this fall with a double major in agriscience education and sustainable plant systems.

Twenty-four students representing each of Ohio's electric distribution cooperatives competed for \$41,800 in scholarship awards. Finalists competed in local scholarship competitions before advancing to the statewide competition.

Congratulations, Raegan!





# Wisniewski drives donation to American Diabetes Association



In the world of electric cooperatives, Concern for Community is one of our guiding principles.

In true cooperative spirit and with a desire to give back to the community, recently retired lineman Barry Wisniewski chose to donate the remainder of his vacation pay to the American Diabetes Association.

For several years, Barry and three generations of his family have participated in the Tour de Cure, as team

“Dead Pancreas Society,” to raise money and awareness in finding a cure for diabetes. It’s an illness that hits close to home for Barry — both he and one of his children live with the disease. Barry’s hope is that diabetes will end with their generation.

To help boost Barry’s gift, several of his co-op coworkers, members of the cooperative board, and the Operation Helping Others committee also made donations to this worthy cause. In all, \$6,625 was raised.



## DeLorenzo accepts new position

Louis DeLorenzo recently accepted the position of serviceman at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative. He started the duties of this position in April. Louis has been with the cooperative for 22 years as a lineman and crew leader. Good luck, Louis, on this new position!



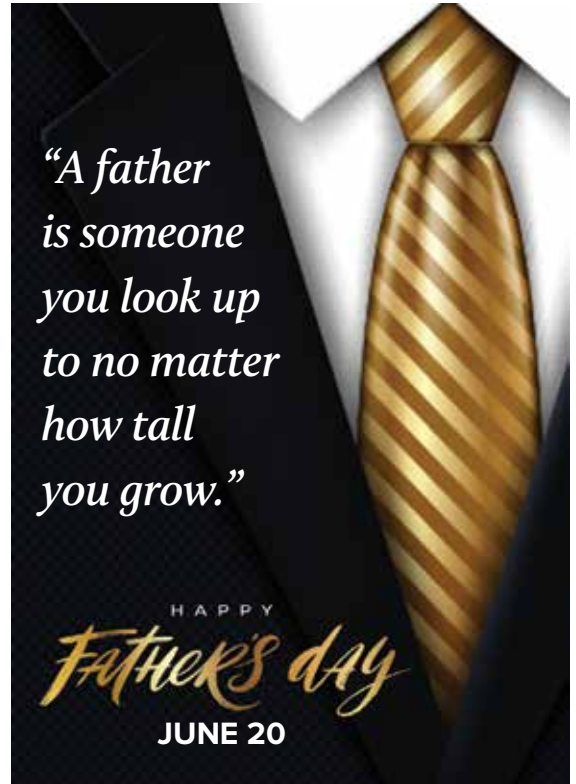
# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every two months) to prevent dust buildup, which can lead to even bigger problems.



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



## 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.

#27-0088-29-03 ....Willis Rigenbach  
#25-0009-02-00 ...Gene Swingle  
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#32-0214-42-00 .....G Timothy Wilkins

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#43-0687-12-02.....Daniel R Laughlin



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#### 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

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