



## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

# GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

As I was listening to the radio while driving home from work a few days ago, I heard Lee Greenwood's version of "God Bless the USA." Even though I have heard this patriotic theme countless times over the past decades, it still stirs my emotions. If you don't shed a tear or want to stand and salute the flag as Lee's voice thunders from the speakers, then I am not sure you really belong here.

We are blessed, as Americans, to live in the greatest country in the world. A nation where life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are imbedded in our very foundation. We are fortunate, as Americans, to have a history of patriots who have been willing to stand up for those rights and even die defending them.

The most basic of these rights is the freedom of speech. It is unfortunate that there are many in our country who feel the need to use this right in a manner that serves to divide and anger. When freedom of speech is used to mock or intimidate other Americans because they do not share our religion, race, or gender, it seems to me that we lose the true meaning of this freedom. While our founding fathers understood that the best results are achieved through a mixture of ideas and experiences, I doubt that they felt that hateful rhetoric was a useful ingredient in a successful democracy. Perhaps, I am wrong.

If I could offer any advice as Independence Day approaches, I would suggest that we all reevaluate our patriotism. We must focus on the blessings in our lives and find common ground, even when our opinions differ. We should use our words to raise up other Americans, not to run them down. We must unite, not just in times of trial and tragedy, but every day.

So regardless of your religion or your politics, as the sun sets on this Fourth of July, I hope that you will consider yourself a proud American. And I pray that you will use your freedoms to make this country even greater.

THANK YOU to all the wonderful men and women who serve or have served in our armed forces. You make us proud. Perhaps through our words and actions, we can return the favor. **God Bless the USA!**



**Jerry Kackley**  
General Manager/CEO

*Have a wonderful day!  
God Bless! Jerry*



### Is your name/account number here?

If so, call GMEC's office and receive a free home change-out to compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs (limit of six bulbs).

Thanks for reading the Guernsey-Muskingum local pages of *Ohio Cooperative Living*.

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| #51-0333-42-04 | Adam M. Elliott   |
| #39-0233-11-00 | Ted Bailey        |
| #10-0200-18-00 | Ryan M. Vernon    |
| #47-0773-10-02 | John W. Reed      |
| #56-0358-15-00 | Ellen Coutts      |
| #33-0053-14-02 | Willard C. Corder |



On **Tuesday, July 4th**, the GMEC office will be closed so our employees may enjoy the holiday with their families.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday!



# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING



## ASK YOUR ENERGY ADVISOR

### Emerging outdoor lighting technology

Emerging technologies for outdoor lighting are coming in the form of new controls and networking capabilities. All electric light sources have a common ancestor — Thomas Edison’s incandescent bulb. As interest in energy conservation began to take hold, new bulbs surfaced, including high-pressure sodium (HPS) and compact florescent (CFL) bulbs.

Today, light emitting diode (LED) light sources shine in the spotlight. They have a number of advantages:

- LEDs use less energy. Replacing an HPS light with an LED delivers a 50 percent increase in savings.
- The color of light produced is much more appealing and can be tuned if desired. Light from an LED source is also easily focused, which eliminates light pollution.
- LED sources have longer life spans and are more durable since there are no filaments or electrodes.



The next technological advances in outdoor lighting are coming in the areas of control and networking. Control of outdoor lights today is rudimentary and focused solely on turning them on or off at particular times or in response to motion.

LEDs lend themselves especially well to control and networking strategies. Varying the light output on a time or event basis can save energy and improve safety and security. Examples include reducing output when fewer people are outdoors and increasing output during outdoor events. Color output can be tuned for special events or to meet specific requests. Well-lit streets are safer for drivers and pedestrians, a deterrent to criminal activity, and add to the overall image of a neighborhood.

The quest for energy savings, improved light quality, and reduced maintenance costs have driven the evolution of outdoor lighting. Is the LED the end of the lighting family tree? Not likely. But for now, the next big thing will be the application of control and networking technologies to gain additional benefits from the LED.

When you are in the market for a new outdoor area light, consider contacting me for help choosing the best lighting option for your home.



Ray Crock, Energy Advisor



## POWER PLANT TOUR

### Want to tour Cardinal Generating Station? Call today!



If you are interested in touring a power plant that generates electricity, please call Guernsey-Muskingum 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, Sept. 13. A bus ride, tour, and lunch will be provided. Seats will be reserved for

GMEC members who have not taken the tour in the past. Call soon, 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 questions, call your cooperative. We will be monitoring the situation.

Please, be our guests — but don’t delay!



## NOTES AND REBATES

### 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. To be eligible, the geothermal unit must be Energy Star®-rated and have a radio-controlled switch installed on the unit and on your electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. Over 280 members use 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 (40-gallon minimum), you're eligible for a \$300 rebate. Radio-controlled switches must be installed on both the heat pump and the water heater. Over 880 members use 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 us to install a radio-controlled switch to receive a \$100 rebate check. Over 150 members participate in Cool Returns.

### Energy Star® refrigerator/freezer rebate

Did you buy a new Energy Star refrigerator or freezer? We may have a \$100 rebate for you. Call for details.

### Water heater with a hole

The 4-inch hole in the side of our tank is great for cleaning out sediment. This rebated tank is available for free delivery. If bought elsewhere, we offer \$50 to \$100 rebates.

### Water heater installation available

If you purchase your water heater from GMEC, our member services technician, Tim Fisher, will install your water heater for an additional charge. If you don't already have a radio-controlled switch (RCS) for your electric water heater (40-gallon minimum), call for a free installation. Over 5,300 GMEC members have an RCS on their water heaters.

### GenerLink™

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call and ask them about GenerLink, which eliminates the use of extension cords and other connections that can be dangerous to members and linemen.

### Meter reading

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

### Co-op Connections Card

The Co-op Connections® Card is free to all GMEC members. Receive discounts nationwide on lodging, entertainment, dining, and more. Visit [www.gmenergy.com](http://www.gmenergy.com) to learn more.

8th Annual

## Farm Science Review Bus Trip Wednesday, Sept. 20

Yes, I/we would like to join our co-op and ride in a Muskingum Coach tour bus to the Farm Science Review in London.

**Seats will remain at \$25 each this year.**

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 and your admission into the grounds.

Bus departs Cambridge at 6 a.m. and  
Zanesville at 6:30 a.m.

### **Mail or return to:**

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

**I will board the bus at**

**CAMBRIDGE**     **ZANESVILLE**

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



# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING

## IT PAYS TO BUY **QUALITY!**

### TWO WAYS TO SAVE:

**1**

**Rebates** – For water heaters purchased at Guernsey-Muskingum:

Prices include: **FREE** Delivery

**FREE** Maintenance (except cleaning), including Parts & Labor

**FREE** Pressure Relief Valve

**FREE** Radio-Controlled Switch

**50-gallon:** dimensions 28" dia. x 52" hght. (Weight = 230 lbs.)

\$625 Wholesale Cost

\$250 Member Rebate

\$375 Net Member Cost, plus tax

**80-gallon:** dimensions 32" dia. x 59" hght. (Weight = 345 lbs.)

\$850 Wholesale Cost

\$250 Member Rebate

\$600 Net Member Cost, plus tax

**Installation may be available for an approximate charge of \$120.**

**2**

**Cash back** – for electric storage water heaters purchased elsewhere, with installation of a radio-controlled switch (hybrid water heaters not eligible)

**\$100 cash back for:**

- 50-gallon
- 7-year warranty (or longer)
- 91% or higher Energy Factor

**\$50 cash back for**

- 40-gallon
- 7-year warranty (or longer)
- 91% or higher Energy Factor

**To qualify for cash back incentives and discounts, members must allow the free installation of a radio-controlled switch. Prices and rebates subject to change. Call Guernsey-Muskingum for more details at 1-800-521-9879.**



### GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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17 S. Liberty St.  
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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

#### ELECTRIC RATES

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1\*

Service Availability Charge — \$22/mo.

First 500 kWh/month — 12.169¢/kWh

Over 500 kWh/month — 10.845¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service

rate schedule S-1\*

Service Availability Charge — \$360/yr.

First 800 kWh/yr. — 19.769¢/kWh

800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — \$10.645¢/kWh

Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 10.845¢/kWh

(Minimum annual charge — \$360/yr. for service between March 1, 2017, and Feb. 28, 2018)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1\*

Service Availability Charge — \$24/mo.

First 1,500 kWh/mo. — 12.569¢/kWh

Over 1,500 kWh/mo. — 10.845¢/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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