



### MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

# EXCITEMENT

### JUST AROUND THE CORNER

s I write this article on Aug. 21, excitement abounds in the office as we prepare to witness a solar eclipse for the first time since 1979. In a few minutes, the moon will pass between the Earth and the sun and the afternoon will briefly take on the appearance of a very cloudy day. And in another seven years, we get to do it all over again. It is amazing that this simple event has created an almost party-like atmosphere across the country. I must say that I am happy to see that. At a time when the news bombards us with political tensions from within and outside of our country, it is refreshing to focus on something as simple as a brief celestial display. Perhaps it reminds us of just how small we are in an enormous universe.

Speaking of a party-like atmosphere, now is a good time to mark your calendars for the second annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, Oct. 7. Deerassic Park will open the gates from noon until 4 p.m. to members of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric and their families so they can enjoy all that the park has to offer. There

will be fishing, archery, inflatable play houses, food, and much more. Read all about it in the article that follows on Page 20B. Members who attended last year seemed to really enjoy the day, and it gave us an opportunity to talk and get to know each other a little better. I should also note that Deerassic is a member of the cooperative, so it is great to partner with the

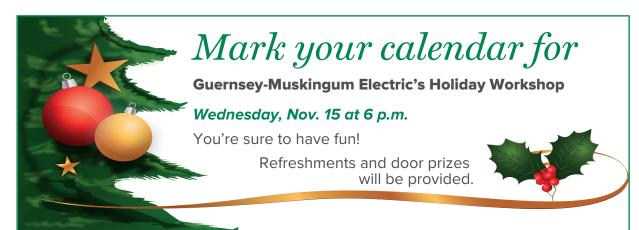


Jerry Kackley General Manager/CEO

great to partner with them for this event. We hope to see you there!

Now I better check on that solar eclipse. Oh no, I think I missed it! I'd better mark my calendar for April 2024. Take care and God bless.

Have a wonderful day. God Bless. Jerry







### **ASK YOUR ENERGY ADVISOR**

# The dreaded VAMPIRE LOADS



Ray Crock, Energy Advisor

Perhaps you are familiar with an undesirable aspect of the electronic revolution: vampire loads. Vampire loads come from devices that use electricity even when they appear to be off. The primary culprits are chargers, set-top television boxes, instant-on televisions, and gaming systems. There are others, but these four represent the major offenders.

Let's look at how these vampire loads occur and why they are approaching 10 percent of average household electric use, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Chargers take the 120 VAC (volts alternating current) power at the outlet and reduce it to the voltage required by the connected device, usually 5 to 12 VDC (volts direct current). Obviously, when your device is charging, the charger is using electricity, but you might be surprised to learn that chargers are still using small amounts of energy when they're not connected to a device.

Television set-top boxes also consume energy when they appear to be inactive. Anytime the set-top box's lights are on, it is using power. Like chargers, they use more when the television is on, but they are always working — even when the TV is off. This is especially true for those devices with a DVR function that records your favorite TV shows.

The instant-on television is another culprit. The intention of the "instant-on" feature is instant gratification for the viewer, meaning no waiting for the TV to turn on and warm up. Unfortunately, for that convenience, the TV must be on at nearly full power. So, in this mode, it's a real energy drain.

The typical gaming console can use as much energy as a regular refrigerator, even when it's not being used. Make sure to check the console settings and disable automatic updates, which is where the energy drain comes from. Games on the console are frequently updated, which requires a lot of electricity.

So how does the average family combat these dreaded vampire loads? Garlic garlands? Silver bullets?

Fortunately, none of the remedies of fable are necessary. You just need to change how you handle these energy-sucking electronics. Here are a few suggestions.

- Unplug chargers when not in use.
- Invest in smart power strips. These look like normal power strips but have a twist; one of the outlets is the "master" that receives power all the time. The others are off. When the device connected to the master outlet turns on, the rest of the outlets receive power too. Have the television in the master outlet, and when you turn it on, the set-top box, speakers, streaming devices, etc., will turn on, too. They are also ideal for PCs and their peripherals.
  - Turn off the instant-on function on your TV.

    Turn off set-top boxes that do not contain the

    DVR functionality or use a smart power strip.
    - Disable automatic updates in gaming consoles, and turn the console completely off when you finish using it.

The primary culprits are chargers, set-top television boxes, instant-on televisions, and gaming systems.

• When replacing a device, look for an ENERGY-STAR®-rated product.

Vampire loads are a real problem that will only continue to grow as the digital age advances. But you can fight the vampires with vigilance and application of the recommendations above. Check with Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative for additional suggestions and energy-saving advice.



# IT PAYS TO BUY [] | A | TY!

### TWO WAYS TO SAVE:

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.

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 cash back for

•50-gallon •40-gallon

•7-year warranty (or longer) •7-year warranty (or longer)

•91 percent or higher Energy Factor •91 percent 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 800-521-9879.





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# Family Fun Day

### Saturday, Oct. 7

12-4 p.m. at Deerassic Park 14250 Cadiz Rd., Cambridge



### **Activities** will include:

- Fishing

- ◆ Kids games
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Canoe/kayaking ◆ Soft-tip archery
- ◆ Pellet range
  ◆ Deer viewing
  - ◆ Inflatable obstacle course
- ◆ High-voltage safety demonstration

### **Educational booths, including:**

Energy Wall







dventure, learning, and family quality time — at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, we think all of these are important to incorporate into your life. That's why we're hosting Family Fun Day on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, from noon to 4 p.m. at Deerassic Park in Cambridge.

Whether you want to brush up on archery skills, learn how to make your home more energy efficient, attempt the inflatable obstacle course, enjoy decadent ice cream, or simply watch the grazing deer at the park, there's something for everyone.

Founded in 1996, the park has an education center on 130 acres, with a 3-acre pond, trails, and 15,000 square feet of pavilion space. The Deerassic Park Education Center also maintains an educational herd of deer for youth and families to view, while the main building houses a unique collection of mounted animals and artwork. Included in the collection are replicas of world-record "Beatty Buck," harvested by Mike Beatty, and the one-of-a kind "Megaloceros: Irish Elk" replica from world-renowned taxidermist Ken Walker of the enormous creature that went extinct over 10,000 years ago.

Come out and join GMEC for a day of outdoor family fun, where you can simultaneously take away a new factoid about your co-op — and take dozens of photos of your children in action. Free food, water, and ice cream will be provided.

Please call GMEC at 800-521-9879 for more information. We hope to see you there!











### **CAPITAL CREDITS**



### Official Notice of Intention to Reallocate Patronage Capital

The following is a listing of former members of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc., who received service from the cooperative in prior years. Attempts were made to mail capital credits checks to these former members in 2013. These capital credit checks have remained unclaimed for at least four years.

The cooperative's Code of Regulations provides that capital credits payments that remain unclaimed for four years shall, after

proper notice is given, be reallocated to the current margins of the cooperative. After such reallocation, these unclaimed payments will no longer be available for payment to the former members listed.

If you have any information on any of the names published in this listing, please call the cooperative's office at one of the numbers listed below. Thank you for your help in locating our former members.

**Toll Free** 

800-521-9879

### New Concord **740-826-7661**

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### STEALING ELECTRICITY AND METER TAMPERING ARE CRIMES

Since August 1978, a revised Ohio law has been in effect covering theft of utility service and tampering with utility equipment. The statute provides that a person does not have to be seen tampering with a meter to be held responsible for such action. Prior to the revision in the law, it was difficult to prosecute a person for meter tampering unless the action was witnessed.

In addition, in prosecution for a user's reconnecting a device that was disconnected by a utility, such activity now is considered prima facie evidence that the user intended to defraud the utility.

The law defines theft of a utility service as a first-degree misdemeanor if the value of the stolen electricity, plus any utility equipment repair, is less than \$150. It's a fourth-degree felony if the value is more than \$150 or if the offender was previously convicted of the charge. Tampering convictions carry similar penalties.

Tampering is defined as "to interfere with, damage, or bypass a utility meter, conduit, or attachment with intent to impede the correct registration of a meter or the proper function of a conduit or attachments."

Conviction can bring from six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine to five years in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Meter tampering costs all of us. It costs the cooperative, and it costs you. And it's downright dangerous. If you witness someone tampering with an electric meter, contact your cooperative office. Stealing electricity is a crime, and anyone caught violating the law will be prosecuted.



## CO-OP PEOPLE



Pictured from left to right: Vicki Maple, Kendra Kent, Dale Burnett, Susan Sands, Dylan Daniels. and Julie Janicki.

# KARAOKE COUNTRY STYLE WINNERS

The Karaoke Country Style Contest was an openingday event sponsored by Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative at the 171st Muskingum County Fair. Singers in four age categories competed with their favorite tunes.

In the under-18 division, the winner was Kendra Kent of Zanesville. The winner for the 18 to 40 age group was Julie Janicki of Chandlersville. The winner of the 41 to 60 age group was Dale Burnett of Zanesville. The winner in the over 60 age category was Susan Sands of Zanesville.

Each winner received a \$50 gift card, and all participants received a sandwich and drink coupon to use at the fair. Judges for the evening were Dylan Daniels and Vicki Maple. Sound was provided by Sandy Groves.



### **Beth Motta retires**

Beth Motta is retiring from Guernsey-Muskingum Electric after 25 years of service.

She first joined the cooperative in July 1991 as a part-time maintenance dispatcher. In October 1992, she moved to the member accounting department for the full-time position of member accounting specialist/field services, and she was in that position until her retirement in May 2017.

We thank Beth for her many years of dedicated service, and we congratulate her on her retirement.





### 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, have a radio-controlled switch installed, and have at least a 40-gallon capacity. More than 280 of our members are currently using geothermal.

### Dual Fuel - \$300 rebate

If you install a new add-on electric heat pump with a fossil-fuel back-up and have an electric water heater with 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 water heater. Please call your cooperative for details. More than 880 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 back-up? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and receive a \$100 rebate check. More than 160 members 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 GMEC, Member Services Technician Tim Fisher may 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 radiocontrolled switch (RCS) for your electric water heater, at least 40-gallon capacity, please call and Tim Fisher will install one for free. More than 5,300 GMEC 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.

#### GenerLink™

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call the member services department at GMEC and ask them about GenerLink $^{\text{IM}}$ . GenerLink 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. And as always, you can 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, 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. gmenergy.com and click on the link to explore the possible discounts available to you.

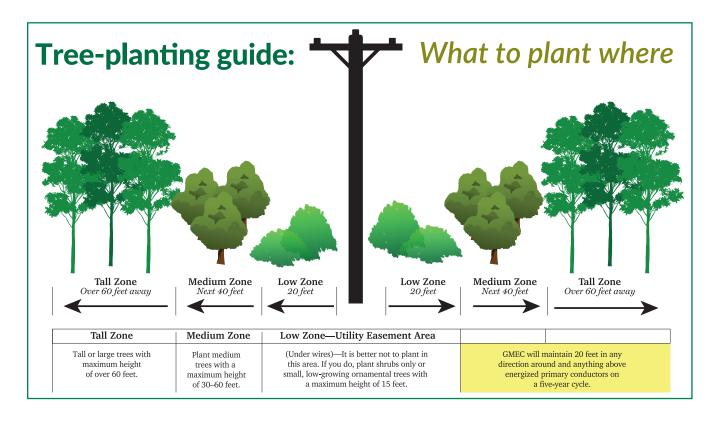
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Service Availability Charge — \$360/yr. First 800 kWh/yr. — 19.769¢/kWh 800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — \$10.645¢/kWh Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 10.845¢/kWh (Minimum annual charge — \$360/yr. for service between March 1, 2017, and Feb. 28, 2018)

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

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