



## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

It is most fitting that today, I pay tribute to our past CEO Jerry Kackley. My words will not do justice to the life lived by Jerry Kackley, who passed away on Sept. 3, 2019. Jerry served as general manager/CEO for seven years and worked for Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative for 27 years. Jerry was an outstanding, dedicated employee who had a wit that could make us all laugh even when times looked tough. He was a loving husband to Debbie and a wonderful role model as a father to Jessica and Andrea. There are many memories we all have of Jerry, but one thing I did not know about Jerry was that he was a great writer of poetry. As we head into the fall harvest season and Thanksgiving time, it would be appropriate for me to allow Jerry one more article in your *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine with this poem titled "Bridges." I believe this could be a great life lesson for us all to follow. Till we meet again!



Brian Hill  
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

## Bridges

There comes a time in each life  
When the heart and mind struggle for possession of the soul  
The fear of death, a fear of life, or fear of growing old  
To do the things we know are right  
With conscience as our guide  
Can leave us asking "What might have been"  
Had we crossed to the other side  
Would grass grow greener and air blow fresh  
And adventures take away our breath  
Or would the mysteries that we could seek  
Destroy our hopes and leave us meek  
As time goes by I ponder more  
On accomplishments of yesterday  
Forgetting that the future holds  
Opportunities all along the way  
We will face new bridges upon each road  
Though some we dare not cross  
For at that destination's end  
The battle could be lost  
So from the past your wisdom gain  
But focus on the coming day  
And when faced with bridges in your life  
Before crossing, kneel and pray

— Jerry Kackley



## Remembering Jerry Kackley

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. was saddened by the death of former General Manager/CEO Jerry Kackley on Sept. 3, 2019. Jerry served GMEC for 27 years, first hired in 1992 as an accountant and promoted to controller in 1994. In 2012, he was selected to become the general manager/CEO and held that position until his retirement in 2019. As general manager/CEO, Jerry served on the Buckeye Power board of directors and various Buckeye Power committees.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Debbie, and two daughters, Jessica and Andrea. The family has set up a scholarship in Jerry's name through the Muskingum County Community Foundation – the Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative Scholarship in honor of Jerry Kackley.

## Faith

He is there in the first, angry breath of a newborn  
And the last gasp for life of a dying friend  
He is there in the life-giving warmth of spring  
And the frigid, isolating cold of winter  
He is there in the glory of victory  
And the degrading emptiness of defeat  
He is there when a congregation stands to sing His praises  
And when a small innocent child kneels at the bedside to pray  
He is there in our tears of anger or sadness  
And in our smiles of joy and forgiveness  
He is there in the calm passiveness of peace  
And the turbulent violence of war  
He is there in the security of family  
And in the loneliness of loss  
He is there in tragedy and triumph  
God is there in everything we see and everything we do  
But we must have faith or we will never see Him

— Jerry Kackley



Ray Crock

## Now is the perfect time to plan an energy audit

By this time of the year, the beautiful autumn colors are moving toward the drab browns and tans of winter, the best items in the trick-or-treat basket have already been chosen, and there's cool, crisp nip to the air. This is

the perfect time to have an energy audit performed at your residence.

What is an energy audit, and why should you have one on your home? Energy audits are customized to each member, but the basic format is a troubleshooting and teaching session where I answer your questions, address your concerns, and use scientific equipment to identify opportunities and give you common sense solutions for them. The reason for an energy audit visit varies. Some top reasons include:

- High energy bills
- Cold or hot room or floor
- A rise in electric use
- Looking into a new HVAC system
- Considering solar
- Planning home improvements
- General curiosity about how good (or bad) a house is
- Insulation concerns

My first question to the member is, "Why do you have me here?" I then approach their audit according to their needs. With the member, I analyze the home's electric use history. I may go to the breaker box to check amperage draws, walk the home as we discuss concerns, or sit and

answer questions. I often need to poke my head into the attic or crawl space to discuss insulation. The evaluations I do with scientific diagnostic equipment — the blower door and infrared camera — are of utmost importance, and this is the time of year when outside temperatures are well suited to this equipment.

A blower door is a frame and large fan that is installed in an exterior door along with controls and measuring equipment. The fan can put the house under pressure of vacuum. With the house under a lower air pressure than outside, every air leak in the structure will be letting air in, and I can quickly tell from measurements whether the house is tight or leaky. I find the leaks in a variety of ways, including feeling for them, looking for movement of cobwebs and curtains, or even holding up a tissue. The next step is to use the infrared camera.

An infrared camera shows everything in temperature differences. Cooler temperatures show up darker (black or blue) while warmer surfaces appear lighter (orange, yellow, or white). I can usually spot leaks with the camera that I might not be able to feel during an inspection. The infrared camera can also pick up voids or lack of insulation in walls or ceilings. On a few occasions, the camera has yielded some surprising results — a squirrel in the attic, a mouse nest in the wall, and a bad electric outlet.

Homeowners are usually surprised at what we find. Members find this service from your cooperative to be well worth their time, as they're able to learn the information they wanted to know along with some things they hadn't thought of. To get your questions answered or schedule a home visit at no cost, contact me at 800-521-9879 or rcrock@gmenergy.com.

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy-efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install — you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!

Source: energy.gov







## New vehicle for GMEC

In August, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative took delivery of a Ford F-550 aerial lift truck. The truck was designed and assembled in Circleville, Ohio, by Utility Truck Equipment (UTE). UTE has been providing trucks and trailers to rural electric cooperatives and other utilities for over 30 years. Started by two partners in 1986, UTE continues today with 26 employees providing utility equipment to many of Ohio's electric cooperatives. Current owner and president, Ray Bricker, is proud of the professional services provided with a small business attitude.

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric recognizes good partners in the practice of providing safe, reliable electricity to the folks of southeast Ohio. "UTE has helped us design and build trucks that are safer, easier to use, and more efficient than those of decades past. They are honest, reliable guys to work with," says Rob Weber, GMEC operating superintendent.

"We are an assembler and distributor rather than a manufacturer," says Ray Bricker. "We take a chassis or truck base, add a utility body for storage compartments, and typically finish off with an aerial device. Once the truck is delivered to the utility, maintenance and repairs can be accomplished with one of our road services trucks."

Guernsey-Muskingum currently has five aerial-lift or bucket trucks and three digger-derricks. Trucks last between seven and 10 years. Like our personal autos, mileage is one measurement, but we also track the hours the trucks run. Once a truck arrives at a job site, that truck's day has only begun — the truck is used for hours, digging, lifting, and more.



## Cooperative holiday hours

**Office closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov 29**

**Office closed for Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25**

**Office closed for New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1**

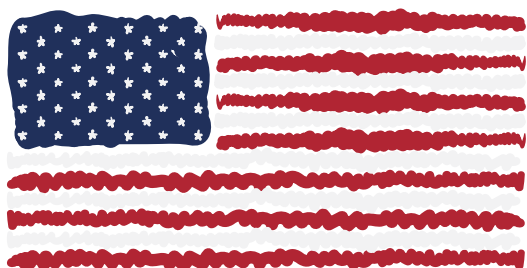
If outages occur during the holidays, someone will be available to take your call and dispatch a trouble crew to correct your problem. GMEC's drop box is always available for your convenience.



# Combat high energy bills! Schedule a FREE home energy audit.

In a continuing effort to help our members save energy and money, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative provides an experienced energy advisor, Ray Crock, to conduct on-site home energy audits. Appointments are filling up quickly, so call today to make your reservation!

Contact our member service department at 800-521-9879. Visit [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com) for helpful energy saving tips.



## Happy Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served



Guernsey-Muskingum Electric thanks all veterans and their families for their sacrifices.

## Happy Thanksgiving

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





# IT PAYS TO BUY **QUALITY!**

## TWO WAYS TO SAVE:

Rebates for water heaters purchased at Guernsey-Muskingum

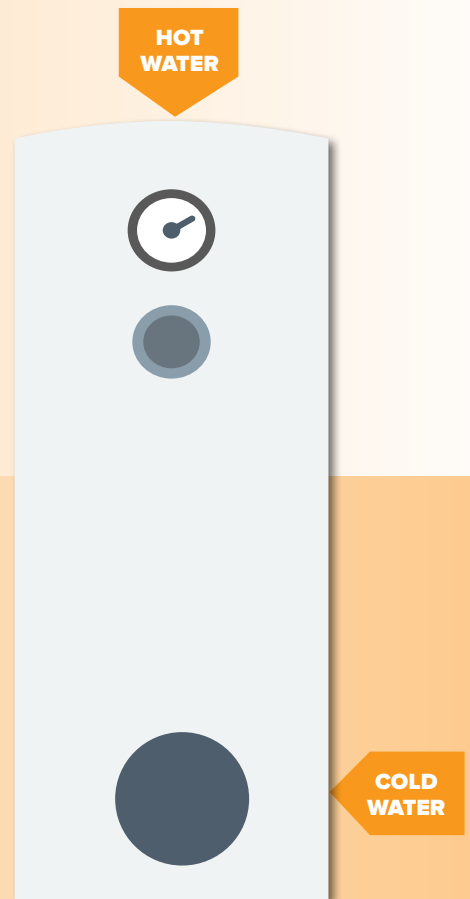
Prices include:

**FREE** delivery

**FREE** maintenance (except cleaning),  
including parts & labor

**FREE** pressure relief valve

**FREE** radio-controlled switch



**Manufactured  
set at 125 degrees**

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**Vaughn 50-gallon:** 11-year warranty  
3-inch foam insulation, 4-inch hand-hole cleanout  
Dimensions: 28-inch diameter x 52-inch height  
Weight: 230 lbs.

\$650 wholesale cost  
\$250 member rebate  
**\$400 net member cost, plus tax**

**Marathon 85-gallon:** Lifetime (same owner) manufacturer warranty  
2.5-inch foam insulation  
Dimensions: 29-inch diameter x 71-inch height  
Weight: 135 lbs.

\$1,150 wholesale cost  
\$ 250 member rebate  
**\$ 900 net member cost, plus tax**

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

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**Cash back\*** – For electric water heaters purchased elsewhere, with installation of a radio-controlled switch (hybrid water heaters eligible):

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| \$100 cash back for:          | \$50 cash back for:           |
| • 50 gallon                   | • 40 gallon                   |
| • 7-year warranty (or longer) | • 7-year warranty (or longer) |
| • 91% or higher Energy Factor | • 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 800-521-9879.*

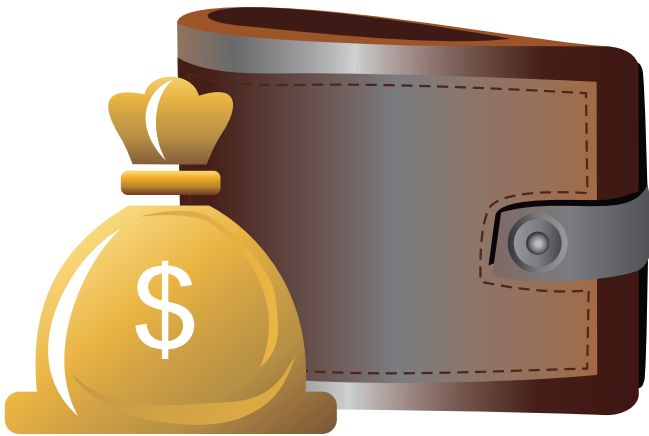
## CO-OP NEWS

### Geothermal heating and 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 the electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. Over 280 of our members are using 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 of at least 40-gallon capacity, you are eligible for a \$300 rebate. 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 — \$100 rebate

Are you having central air conditioning installed or a new electric heat pump with electric resistance heat backup? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and receive a \$100 rebate check. Over 170 members are using Cool Returns.

### ENERGY STAR refrigerator/freezer rebate

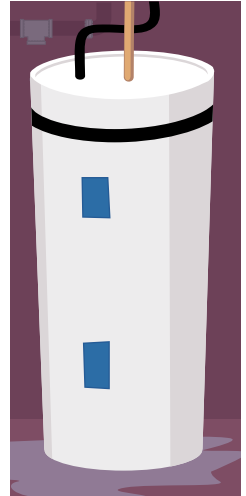
Did you buy a new ENERGY STAR refrigerator or freezer? We may have a \$100 rebate for you. Call member services for details.

### 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. 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, our member services technician, Tim Fisher, may be able to install your water heater for an additional charge. 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 Tim Fisher 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.

### 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 be used to receive discounts nationwide on lodging, entertainment, dining, and more. Visit [www.gmenergy.com](http://www.gmenergy.com) and click on the link to explore the possible discounts available to you.





# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING



## Holiday workshop

### Guernsey-Muskingum Electric's holiday workshop is Wednesday, Nov. 13.

We will only be holding one workshop, in the evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.,  
at the Guernsey-Muskingum office in New Concord.

Hands-on activities and other great learning opportunities are part of this  
fun-filled evening. If you would like to join us, please call member services at 800-521-9879.  
There is no charge to attend.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn some great tips to help you prepare for the holiday season.

### 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.

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#### 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 — \$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, 2019,  
and Feb. 28, 2020)

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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