



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

# Let's connect

**W**hen we say that we live in a “connected” world, most of us think about technology, like our smartphones and other devices and gadgets. But when you're a member of an electric co-op, there's so much more to being part of our connected co-op community.

As member of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric, you help to power good in our local community through initiatives like Operation Helping Others, food and toy drives, and other projects that help the most vulnerable in our community.

We depend on you because you power our success, and when Guernsey-Muskingum Electric does well, the community thrives — because we're all connected.

We greatly value our connection to you, the members we serve. And we'd like to help you maximize the value you can get from Guernsey-Muskingum Electric through a variety of programs, products, and services that we offer our members. For example, we can help you save money on your energy bill through our free energy audits and rebates.

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric relies on data for nearly every aspect of our operations, and up-to-date contact information from our members helps ensure that we can provide the highest level of service that you expect and deserve.

Updated contact information can even speed up the power restoration process during an outage. That's because when you call to report an outage, our system recognizes your phone number and matches it with your account location. Accurate information helps our outage-management system predict the location and the possible cause of an outage, making it easier for Guernsey-Muskingum Electric crews to correct the problem.

We hope you will connect with us whenever and wherever you can — whether that means attending our annual meeting, providing feedback on a recent visit or call with our employees.

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric exists to serve our members, and when we're better connected to you and our local community, we're better prepared to answer the call.

To update your contact information or to learn more about co-op products and services that can help you save, call 800-521-9879.

We look forward to connecting with you!



Brian Hill  
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO





# 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 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 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. 5, 2021**

# 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. 5, 2021



SCHOLARSHIPS

# 2021 GRADS



You could win more than \$3,800 in our

**Children of Members Scholarship** program!

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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

**Replace standard power strips with advanced power strips to save energy.** Advanced power strips look like ordinary power strips, but they have built-in features that are designed to reduce the amount of energy used by standby electronics that consume energy even when they're not in use (also known as phantom load).

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) estimates that the average home loses \$200 annually to energy wasted by phantom load.

Source: [www.nrel.gov](http://www.nrel.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.

#24-0450-87-00.....Stephen Brown

#18-0980-46-02.....Ruby F Reed

#27-0418-13-00.....Donald C Oliver

#46-0587-26-00.....Kenneth Burris

#45-0040-22-02.....

Gerald B Pyles

#60-0614-40-00.....

Randy Moore

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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 — 12.369¢/kWh  
Over 500 kWh/month — 11.045¢/kWh

Net Metering Residential R-1 NM\*  
Service Availability Charge — \$40/mo.  
First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 10.845¢/kWh  
Over 2,000 kWh/mo. — 11.045¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service rate schedule S-1\*  
Service Availability Charge — \$360/yr.  
First 800 kWh/yr. — 19.969¢/kWh  
800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — \$10.845¢/kWh  
Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 11.045¢/kWh  
(Minimum annual charge — \$360/yr. for service between March 1, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2021)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1\*  
Service Availability Charge — \$24/mo.  
First 1,500 kWh/mo. — 12.769¢/kWh  
Over 1,500 kWh/mo. — 11.045¢/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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