



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

ARE THE **BERRIES** RIPE YET?

I can be a competitive person at times, but I have learned a very valuable lesson after 31 years of marriage: When you compete against your lovely wife, **YOU NEVER WIN** — unless, that is, you lose. As such, I have made it a point to turn off the competitive switch when my wife and I work together. Whether we are doing yardwork, cleaning, or washing windows, my goal is to “help,” not to “win.” Over the years, this attitude of cooperation has served us both well and has limited my time spent in the “doghouse.”

However, there is one activity that seems to override our unspoken competitive truce: picking berries. We both absolutely love to pick berries, and we both are very competitive when we pick. In late spring, wild raspberries are the first delicacy to catch our attention. We explore the bushes around the perimeter of the woods in search of the perfect patch. Just the right combination of shade and sun will do. While not as large as their domestic cousins, wild raspberries present a challenge that seems to add flavor to each bite. I have perfected the art of two-handed picking by creating a can that clips on my belt. I am able to delicately pluck each berry with surgeon-like precision while holding briars at bay.

Next up — strawberries! There is nothing quite like a perfectly ripened strawberry sliced over shortcake or ice cream. And the only jam that I can eat is homemade strawberry freezer jam. While we do not have a patch of

our own, early summer will find us picking along the banks of the river in southeastern Ohio. We typically make two to three trips, and we are not happy unless we drive away with at least 40 quarts. I sometimes think my wife and I were migrant farm workers in a prior life.

The last berries of the season are wild blackberries. Unfortunately, Mother Nature can be very stingy with these, and it is often hit-or-miss when it comes time to pick. In a good year, we might pick five to six gallons at one time, while we may walk away with only enough for a bowl of cereal in a bad year. Early mornings and evenings tend to be the best time to pick so we can avoid the heat.

Whatever your passion may be, just enjoy life. Never let your competitive spirit overcome the joy of teamwork and participation. And take it from me — a little milk and sugar on strawberry shortcake is wonderful!

God bless!



Jerry Kackley
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO



The office will be closed on
Monday, May 28,
in observance
of Memorial Day.

We remember all those who
gave the ultimate sacrifice
serving our country.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

GMEC awards six scholarships

Each year since 1954, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative has sponsored scholarship awards to high school seniors. GMEC awarded six scholarships ranging from \$600 to \$1,100. This year, 27 students from 9 high schools competed for the awards. The seniors participating were:

Archbishop Hoban

Conner Watkins

Buckeye Trail

Rachel Chesar

Cassidy Dobbins

Lindsay Gray

Alexandria McVicker

Randi-Leigh Rippeth

Cori Seifert

Caldwell

Katey DePuy

John Glenn

David Booth

Maria Griffin

Alexa Harshbarger

Jackie Huhn

Nicholas Meinert

Lauren Sherry

Hailey Vasko

Taiylor Williamson

Maysville

Jessica Wilson

Meadowbrook

Alec Bell

John Krak

Erica Wade

Philo

Macy Krouskoupf

Sarah McGee

Madeline Wilson

Tri-Valley

Jobin Harney

Cutter Vernon

West Muskingum

Shelby Brown

Kyle Lones

On Feb. 24, 2018, applicants participated in interviews. Judges for the day were Dr. Howard Beazel, Kari Burke, and Dorothy Montgomery.

Points in the competition were given for scholastic record, personal achievement, school and community activities, and a personal interview. Interviews began at 7:30 a.m. and continued until 12:30 p.m.

First-place winner, receiving a \$1,100 scholarship, was **David Booth**, son of Richard and Joyce Booth of Cambridge. David attends John Glenn High School.

Second-place winner, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship, was **Katey DePuy**, daughter of Randy and Marissa DePuy of Caldwell. Katey attends Caldwell High School.

Third-place winner, receiving a \$900 scholarship, was **Lauren Sherry**, daughter of Paul and Ann Sherry of Cambridge. Lauren attends John Glenn High School.

Fourth-place winner, receiving an \$800 scholarship, was **Alexa Harshbarger**, daughter of Eric and Teresa Harshbarger of Cambridge. Alexa attends John Glenn High School.

Fifth-place winner, receiving a \$700 scholarship, was **Madeline Wilson**, daughter of James and Amy Wilson of Zanesville. Madeline attends Philo High School.



David Booth



Katey DePuy



Lauren Sherry



Alexa Harshbarger



Madeline Wilson



Cassidy Dobbins

Sixth-place winner, receiving a \$600 scholarship, was **Cassidy Dobbins**, daughter of David and Christine Dobbins of Kimbolton. Cassidy attends Buckeye Trail High School.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Touchstone Energy Scholarship

We are proud to announce that **Victoria Nason** and **Hailey Vasko** were chosen as the recipients of the Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarships for 2018. Victoria attends West Muskingum High School and is the daughter of David Dooley and Sue Debolt of Hopewell. Hailey is the daughter of Brad and Jaynie Vasko of Cambridge.

The Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship was created to reward those students who have committed themselves to the pursuance of a college education despite unique personal challenges.



Victoria Nason



Hailey Vasko

OLSA Scholarship

We are proud to announce that **Morgan Hopkins** was chosen as a recipient of the Ohio Line Supervisors Association Scholarship.

Morgan, a senior at West Muskingum High School, is the daughter of Josh and Beth Hopkins of Zanesville. She is active in National Honor Society, student council, key club, volleyball, and 4-H. Morgan plans to attend The Ohio State University to study biology/pre-med.

The Ohio Line Supervisors Association Scholarship is awarded to children of employees at Ohio cooperatives and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, GMEC's statewide trade association. Students are judged on scholastic record, personal achievement, school and community activities, a personal interview, and cooperative knowledge.



Morgan Hopkins

Louise Freeland Scholarship

We are proud to announce that **Adam Crock** was chosen as a recipient of the OEC Children of Employees/Trustees Louise Freeland Scholarship.

Adam, a senior at Maysville High School, is the son of Ray and Lisa Crock of Zanesville. He is active in National Honor Society, Leo Club, archery, and 4-H. Adam plans to attend The Ohio State University to study engineering/pre-med.

The OEC Children of Employees/Trustees Louise Freeland Scholarship is awarded to children of employees and trustees at Ohio cooperatives and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, GMEC's statewide trade association. Students are judged on scholastic record, personal achievement, school and community activities, a personal interview, and cooperative knowledge.



Adam Crock



GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LOCAL PAGES

***“All that I am, or ever
hope to be, I owe to my
angel mother.”***

Abraham Lincoln

Happy Mother’s Day!



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming online content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Source: energy.gov



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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)

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all rate schedules and must be added to
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