



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

# LET THE SUN SHINE

I just saw a report on a weather channel that noted we experienced one of the coldest Aprils on record. I must also assume that it was one of the gloomiest, because it sure seemed like it was. That same report then also indicated that we have probably endured one of the hottest Mays. So, what the heck do June and July have in store for us this year?

When I look back at my history here at the co-op, June and July scare the you-know-what out of me. It was in late June 1998 when we experienced tremendous storms that left devastating damage and flood waters throughout our service territory. Exactly fourteen years later in June 2012, we all learned what a derecho was as storms knocked out power to 75 percent of our members within a couple of hours. So, as I write this article in late May, I pray that God will watch over each of us and protect us as storm season approaches. I especially pray for the safety of our linemen, who work under some difficult and dangerous circumstances.

The challenges that life brings are unpredictable and sometimes difficult to face. We typically have two choices: 1. Focus on the good and maintain a positive attitude; or 2. Dwell on the negative and feel sorry for ourselves. I can assure you that there is only one acceptable choice here. Obstacles must be met “head-on” with all the effort and enthusiasm that we can muster. There will be times when we question our ability or strength, but we must never lose hope.

With this in mind, I pray that June and July will be beautiful months and God will “let the sun shine” in each of our lives. Know that the employees at your co-op are dedicated to keeping the lights on every day. Keep them in your prayers. And, as we celebrate the birth of this wonderful country on July 4, pray for the men and women of our military. Remember to thank the veterans and their families for their sacrifice. God bless America!

*Jerry*



Jerry Kackley  
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO



On Wednesday, July 4, the Guernsey-Muskingum office will be closed so that our employees may enjoy the holiday with their families.

*We wish you a safe and happy holiday!*



CO-OP NEWS

## GMEC welcomes new linemen

Guernsey-Muskingum welcomes John Alford and Chris Jones to the cooperative line crew. They began employment in May 2018 as apprentice linemen.

John is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School where he was a member of the football team. He is also a graduate of the Mid-East Career and Technology Centers Adult Education Power Lineman training program. He previously worked for an electrical contractor. John resides in Adamsville. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and riding ATVs.

Chris is a graduate of West Muskingum High School and honorably served four years in the U.S. Army on active duty. He previously worked for an electrical contractor. Chris resides in Zanesville with his wife, Ashley. In his free time, he enjoys being in the outdoors.



John Alford



Chris Jones

*Please join us in  
welcoming John and Chris.*



## Cardinal Plant Tour

If you are interested in touring a power plant that generates electricity, please call Guernsey-Muskingum's member services department today at 1-800-521-9879.

You, a cooperative member, are one of the owners of the Cardinal Generating Station in Brilliant, OH, and this will be a chance to see it in operation.

The arrangements are being made for Wednesday, September 12. The trip will include the bus ride, the plant tour, and lunch.

**Seats will be reserved for Guernsey-Muskingum members who have not taken the tour in the past. Please call, as seats are limited and will be filled on a "first-call, first-served" basis. To fill the bus, we will keep a waiting list for members who have attended, but wish to return.**

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 any questions, please call your cooperative. We will be monitoring the situation.

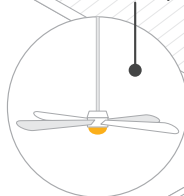
Please be our guests! But don't delay!

# Heating and Cooling Tips for Manufactured Homes

If you own a manufactured home, take measures to ensure you have an efficient heating and cooling system. You can also make simple improvements that save energy and make your home more comfortable.

## \$ Install ceiling fans

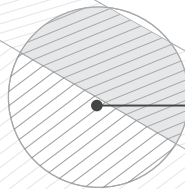
Install ceiling fans throughout your manufactured home. Ceiling fans are energy efficient and can be used to keep warm or cool air moving throughout your home. Be sure to turn them off when you're away. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not rooms.



- \$ Option for smaller budgets
- \$\$ Option for flexible budgets

## \$\$ Efficient roof color

Choose a light-colored roof if you live in the southern part of the U.S. and a dark-colored roof if you live in the northern U.S.



## \$\$ Install a mini-split system

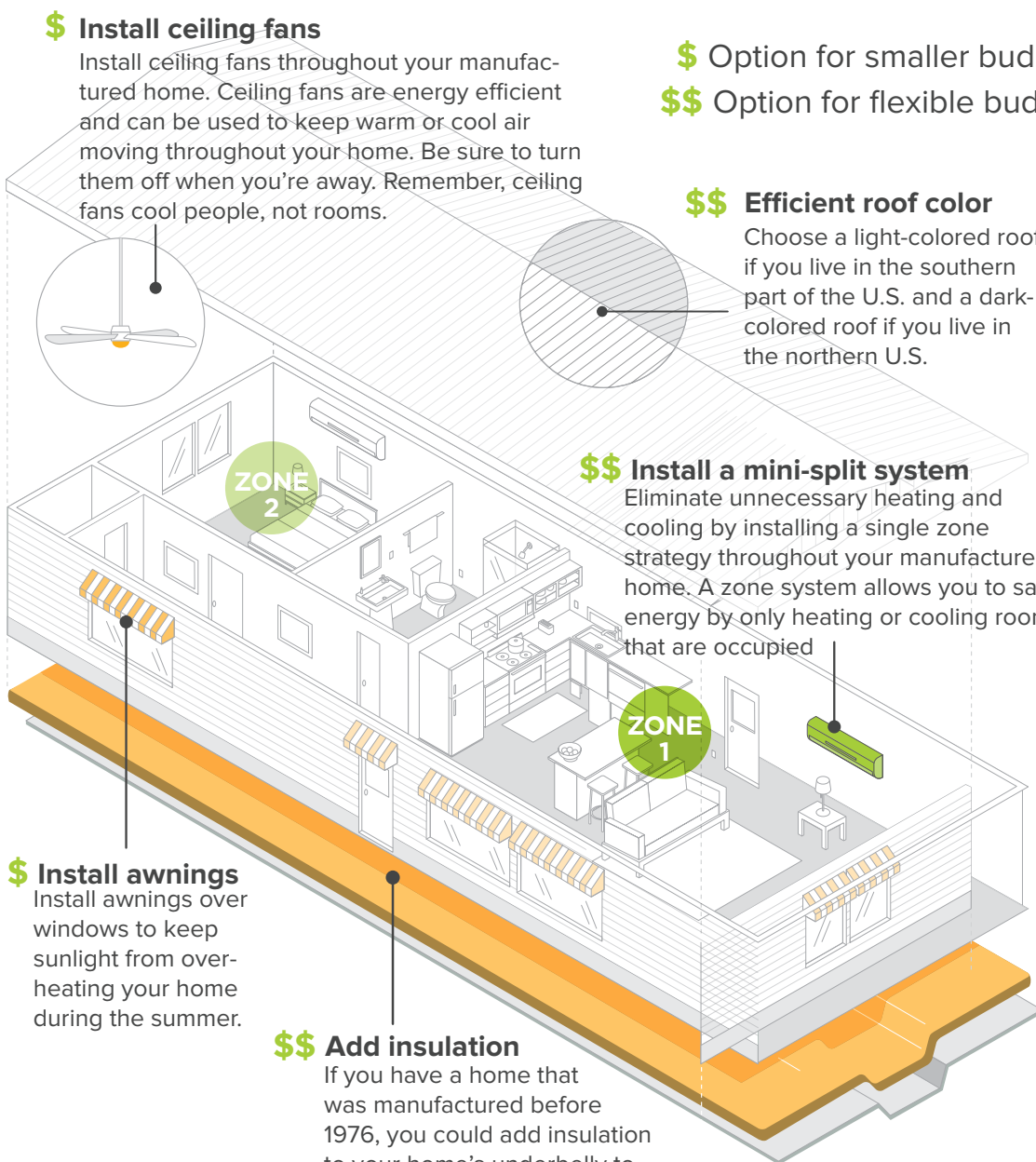
Eliminate unnecessary heating and cooling by installing a single zone strategy throughout your manufactured home. A zone system allows you to save energy by only heating or cooling rooms that are occupied.

## \$ Install awnings

Install awnings over windows to keep sunlight from overheating your home during the summer.

## \$\$ Add insulation

If you have a home that was manufactured before 1976, you could add insulation to your home's underbelly to reduce any heat loss.



Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING

## 9th ANNUAL FARM SCIENCE REVIEW BUS TRIP

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Yes, I/we would like to join our co-op and ride in a Muskingum Coach Tour Bus to the Farm Science Review at 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 ticket to the Farm Science Review.

Bus departs Cambridge at 6:00 a.m., and Zanesville at 6:30 a.m.

I WILL BOARD THE BUS AT \_\_\_\_\_ CAMBRIDGE \_\_\_\_\_ ZANESVILLE

Mail or return to:

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

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

## Is your name and account number here?

If it is, call the cooperative's office and receive a **FREE** home change-out to compact fluorescent lightbulbs (limit 6 bulbs). Thanks for reading the local pages of *Ohio Cooperative Living*.

#35-0903-14-00.....Kenny Ankrum	#40-0229-06-01.....
#18-0403-06-03.....Shane A McKenzie	Dorothy M Estep
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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, 2018, and Feb. 28, 2019)

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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