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Cool off summer use

Keep comfortable for less as temperatures rise

Don't let warmer weather turn into "summertime blues" when your monthly electric bill arrives. Here are some energy-saving tips from Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative.

Adjust the thermostat. During warmer months, raising the thermostat a few degrees can save money. Set the temperature between 78 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit, to save on monthly use associated with cooling your home.



Program-mable thermostats make it easy to save by offering four pre-programmed settings to regulate a home's temperature throughout the year.

Be a "fan"-atic. While they don't replace air conditioners or heat pumps, fans move air and help you feel more comfortable. Fans cool people, not rooms, so turn them off when you leave.

Regular maintenance is essential. Mid-Ohio Energy recommends that members have their HVAC systems serviced annually by a NATE (North American Technician Excellence)-certified technician. This HVAC professional will check your entire system to make sure it runs efficiently. This will help to extend the life of the system and save money.

Look for ENERGY STAR® equipment. When it's time to replace your cooling system, TogetherWeSave.com recommends replacing it with an

ENERGY STAR-qualified model. Doing so could reduce your energy costs by as much as 30 percent. Tax credits and rebates on qualifying ENERGY STAR appliances may be available so check www.energystar.gov for more information.

Bigger isn't always better. Too often, cooling equipment isn't sized properly and leads to higher electric bills. A unit that's too large for your home will not cool evenly and might produce higher humidity indoors.

Inspect your attic. Your attic contains some of the most important energy details in your home. Take a look to make sure everything is in order. Check attic insulation and ductwork. See that all bath and kitchen fans are vented to the outside.

Consult your co-op. Mid-Ohio Energy offers several programs to help educate members and help them cut down on home energy use. Go online to view a variety of resources on our website, www.midohioenergy.com. From here you can access the Energy Calculator, 101 energy-saving tips, a video highlighting the benefits of having a home energy audit performed by Mid-Ohio Energy, and much more.

View energy-saving tips and learn about programs designed to help you save.

Visit us online at www.midohioenergy.com.

Trustees elected at Mid-Ohio Energy's Annual Meeting

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative consumers exercised their rights as member/owners when they elected three trustees at the cooperative's April 12 annual meeting at River Valley High School. Re-elected to terms on the board were incumbents Gene McCluer, District 7, and John Thiel, District 8. Newly elected was Robert F. Imbody, who will serve District 9.

John Metcalf, president/CEO, noted that this year marks the 75th anniversary of the cooperative. In his report he reflected on Mid-Ohio Energy's history of providing reliable and affordable electricity to its communities as well as the remarkable achievements of electric cooperatives across the nation.

"Rural life in the 1920s and '30s was fixed in a cycle of hardship and drudgery during the depression. Only the most affluent farmers and rural home owners could get electricity," Metcalf said. "In 1935, Franklin Roosevelt created one of his New Deal agencies called the Rural Electrification Association, or REA. The first documented pole set on Mid-Ohio Energy's system was in July 1937. In the first five years, more than 75 percent of the current Mid-Ohio Energy service footprint was in place and at a much lower cost than what the private companies could build.

"By the late 1930s, electric cooperatives were expanding at a remarkable pace. This meant that the nation's rural electrification effort was possible within a reasonable budget and timeframe."

Metcalf talked about how improvements in engineering and equipment in the last 75 years have improved the operating efficiency of the cooperative. In those early years, line losses topped 23 percent, or nearly a quarter of the power purchased by the cooperative never made it to the members. Today, only about 5 percent is lost, Metcalf said.

"Mid-Ohio Energy has grown to serve more than 8,900 meters with a total system capacity of nearly 100 megawatts," Metcalf said. "Mid-Ohio Energy currently serves 10 individual members that consume more energy than our entire system did in the early 1940s.

"Your cooperative will continue to provide cost-based service and take every step necessary to contain cost and maintain reliability to ensure the power members receive from Mid-Ohio Energy remains a tremendous value in the future."

Dave Berger, vice president, Administrations and Operations for Buckeye Power, reported that the cooperative is enjoying the lowest cost for wholesale electricity in the state. Wholesale rates will continue to see increases, though, due primarily to the environmental investments required at cooperative-owned generating units.

Berger encouraged co-op members to stay informed by reading *Country Living* magazine and to contact their cooperative to find out how they can help shape policies in the statehouse and Washington, D.C. "This political action helps amplify your voice with those in the public policy arena," Berger said. He also encouraged members to become more efficient in their use of energy.

Madelyn Lowery of the Mid-Ohio Energy Community Fund reported on the local impact the fund has had in the communities in the past year and since the program began.

"The Community Fund has invested into the lives of members and local communities over \$189,000 since the beginning of the program and has awarded 171 Community Fund grants to date," Lowery said.

Vice Chairman Dan Harris and Metcalf gave special recognition to retiring board member Paul Trihaft and past board member Myron Park for their combined service to the cooperative of 55 years. A video tribute was shown during the awards presentation. Paul was first elected to the Marion Rural Electric Cooperative board of directors in 1977 and served 33 years. Myron was elected in 1987 and served the cooperative until 2009. "It has been a pleasure serving with you and we greatly appreciate your service to the members of Mid-Ohio Energy," Harris said.

Tim Street, director of Communication and Member Services, introduced the 2011 Children of Consumers Scholarship award winners, the Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship winner and the Mid-Ohio Energy Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., representative.

The meeting ended with door prizes and entertainment by River Valley High School Show Choirs.



Elected to serve on the board of trustees at the annual meeting were (from left) Gene McCluer (District 7), John Thiel (District 8) and Robert Imbody (District 9).



President/CEO John Metcalf presented a detailed look at the co-op's past and present.

Annual Meeting Snapshots

...celebrating 75 years of serving our members



Each member attending the meeting received a reusable bag, magnetic clip and a \$10 energy credit. A drawing was held to give members the chance to win additional energy credits and an energy efficiency gift package valued at \$150. The winners of additional door prizes are as follows:

\$200 energy credit plus energy efficiency package:

Melissa Klingler of Ada

\$150 energy credit plus energy efficiency package:

Theo R. McElheny Jr. of LaRue

\$100 energy credit plus energy efficiency package:

Bonnie J. Campbell of Caledonia

\$75 energy credit winners:

Cecil Oehler of Prospect
Randy Weston of Morral
William Woodard of Forest
Doug Wenig of LaRue

\$50 energy credit winners:

Kenneth Stauffer of Edison
Sheldon McKinniss of LaRue
Dale Hughes of LaRue
Keith Clum of Harrod

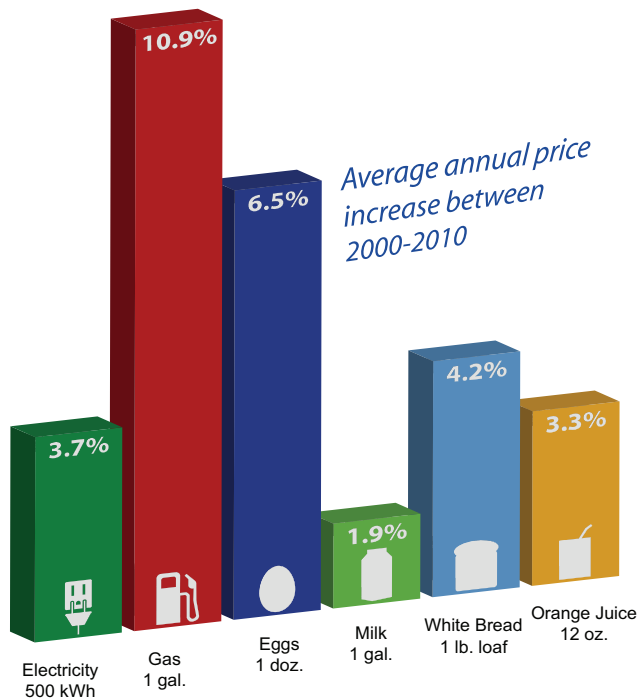
\$25 energy credit winners:

Jack Luikart of Forest
Craig D. Thompson of Morral
Loren Fulton of Caledonia
Dennis McNeal of Ridgeway

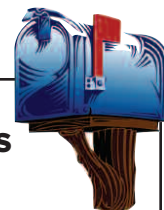


Electricity remains a good value

Electricity continues to be a bargain, especially when compared to other consumer goods. As demand for energy rises and fuel prices increase, your electric cooperative is committed to providing safe, reliable electricity and keeping your electric bill affordable.



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Mainstream Graphics



LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

Thank you for selecting me as a Mid-Ohio Energy Children of Consumers Scholarship winner. I greatly appreciate the generosity of Mid-Ohio Energy for not only the multiple scholarships you award, but also for all you do for our community. Your scholarship will ease the financial burden of college for me. Thank you!

Thanks again,
Patrick Weston

Thank you very much for the scholarship money! I will be attending Bluffton University in the fall. This scholarship will help with my college expenses.

Thanks again!
Amber Steinke

I would like to thank the cooperative for the scholarship which I recently received. The funds will be put to good use as I begin college this fall.

Thanks again,
Ben McKinniss

Board leadership elected



During the first board meeting after the annual meeting, the leadership group for the Board of Trustees is selected. This year's group is (from left): Treasurer Richard Kritzer, Vice Chairman Dan Harris, Secretary Don Bumgarner and Chairman Eugene Royer. *Not pictured:* Assistant Secretary Gene McCluer.

New members for February 2011

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| Peconna Bahr | Sandra I. Lambert |
| Amber C. Bauer | Jaime M. McCurry |
| Nicholas Boes | Trevor Melton |
| John Bond II | Rebecca J. Mermann |
| Deborah C. Bosart | Joel W. Minton |
| Fawn Boyer | George F. Oliver Jr. |
| Peggy S. Byrne | Stacey Parsons |
| Phoebe Clapper | Kylee Preston |
| Diana Duran | Scott E. Roberts |
| Charles Eickemeyer | Kim Rooper |
| Lance Ferryman | Susan Saylor |
| Deborah Flint | Jessica Shrader |
| Daniel S. Fosnaugh | Jennifer Slone |
| Katrina Hare | Susan Taylor |
| Justine Hill | Susan G. Taylor |
| Penny Hudson | Cory White |
| Robert D. Hudson | Wilcox Family Farms |
| Amy E. James | Adrian S. Williams |
| Jason Kelbel | Duane Williams |
| Heather Kennedy | Kimberly Zimmerman |