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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

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Brooke Grant

Roland High School



Justine Strome

Webbers Falls High School



Nathan Wingo

Quinton High School



Sivana Jacobson

Keota High School

CHEC is pleased to announce the recipients of the Herman Driscoll Memorial Scholarship: Brooke Grant of Roland High School, daughter of Mark & Nicole Grant; Justine Strome of Webbers Falls High School,

daughter of Pauline Rainey; Nathan Wingo of Quinton High School, son of Bobby & Faye Wingo, and Joe & Shana Grubis; and Sivana Jacobson of Keota High School, daughter of Kelley Jacobson.

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Take a Vacation from High Power Bills

Soaring temperatures and sultry summer nights can cause electric bills to skyrocket. This summer, take a vacation from high electric bills by making your home—and your family’s habits—more energy efficient.

Beat the Heat

Air conditioning helps most Americans beat the sweltering summer heat. According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), air conditioning accounts for as much as 50 percent of the average household electric bill. Proper maintenance and smart use of your home’s cooling system will help keep your electric bill in check.

First, make sure your air conditioner’s external unit is clean and free of debris. Clear away dead leaves or overgrown plants and weeds to enable the unit to perform as it should.

Second, change all of the air filters inside your home quarterly, or more often in homes with allergy sufferers or smokers. Fresh filters not only reduce the strain on your cooling system, but improve the air quality in your home.

Third, the DOE recommends that you set your home’s thermostat as high as possible, while still maintaining a comfortable environment for your family during the summer months.

Bumping the thermostat up at least two degrees can make a noticeable difference on your power bill. Investing in a programmable thermostat can lead to even greater savings by automatically adjusting it so that the cooling system runs more often when you are at home and less often when you are away.



Made in the Shade

Windows are not only great sources of natural light in your home, but also great sources of heat during the summer.

Curtains, blinds, and shades are some of the most cost-effective ways to make your windows and home more energy efficient. These window coverings offer low- cost, stylish solutions to shield the sun’s rays and keep the interior of your home cool and comfortable. Proper weather stripping and caulking around window panes and casings will also improve the function of your windows by keeping the cool air in and the hot air out. Solar film applied to your home’s existing windows will further repel the summer heat.

Daily Grind

Today’s appliances are more energy efficient than ever, performing better and using less electricity than they did in the past. But despite their functionality and efficiency, most major

household appliances give off heat when in use. During peak daytime temperatures, the residual heat from appliances can put an unnecessary strain on your home’s cooling system and send your power bill soaring. Cooler temperatures in the early morning or late evening make these ideal times for running the dishwasher or washing and drying clothes. When possible, turn off your dishwasher’s dryer cycle. This prevents even more residual heat from warming your home and saves on your power bill. Washing your clothes in cold water and hanging them out to dry are also great strides in reducing your household energy consumption.

As your summer heats up, call on your friends at CHEC for more ways to lower 1089000 your power bill. You can also visit

TogetherWeSave.com to find out how little changes around the house can add up to big energy savings.

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, EnergySavers.gov, TogetherWeSave.com

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CHEC employees initiated the scholarship program in 1997 in memory of longtime employee Herman Driscoll. Mr. Driscoll believed that education is of foremost importance to success. The Board of Trustees and employees of CHEC award four college-bound graduates the Herman Driscoll Memorial Scholarship each spring.

The scholarships are solely funded by employee fundraisers and donations. Their goal is to provide eligible graduating seniors the opportunity to further their education.

To be considered for these scholarships, students must plan to attend a state-accredited school or technical school offering associate or bachelor degrees. The program is open to any graduating senior whose parents or guardians are members of CHEC.

For details on the scholarship program, visit www.cooksonhills.com, or call Felicia Williams at 800-328-2368.

