

# Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

## Darke members give \$13,400 to area causes

The Operation Roundup is a voluntary charitable program. Participating members' monthly electric bills are rounded up to the next dollar, with the additional pennies put into the "Trust" fund.

A Board of Trustees, made up of Darke Rural Electric Cooperative members oversees the Operation Roundup process. Those serving as trustees are Chairman Susan Schepis, Vice Chairman Joan Buschur, Treasurer Jim Faller, Secretary Susan Smearsoll, Jane Braund, Charles Hoover and Ronnie Neanen.

They volunteer their time and meet twice a year to review

applications and decide if an application should be funded. The decision can be very difficult when the request exceeds the available monies. The goal is to disperse funds to best serve the

communities of the cooperative members.

Organizations or individuals can contact Beth Davenport at Darke REC (937-548-4114) to receive an application.



*Dot Cain (left) accepts a \$2,000 check from Susan Schepis, chairman of Operation Roundup, for the Greenville Community Unity Food Pantry. Also pictured is Donna Howdieshell and Director Jim Morehouse.*

### TRUSTEES

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**Monday through Friday**  
**7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Closed Saturdays**

Failure to receive your electric bill in no way relieves you, the member, from paying it. If you do not receive your bill, contact us before the due date.

### Recipients of funds are as follows:

**West Manchester Fire Dept.—\$3,000;**  
**Greenville Twp. Fire Dept.—\$3,000;**  
**Greenville Community Unity—\$2,000;**  
**Tri-Village Volleyball Program—\$1,000;**  
**Ansonia Area Youth Football—\$1,000;**  
**North Star Little League—\$1,000;**  
**Darke Co. Chapter FarmSafety 4 Just Kids—\$500;**  
**Friends of the Preble County Park District—\$800;**  
**New Madison Public Library—\$500;**  
**Miami Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America—\$600**

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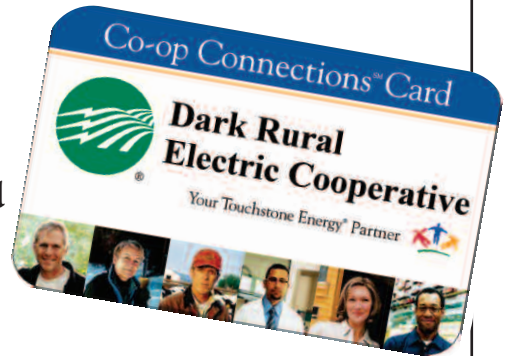
Susan Schepis presents a \$3,000 check to Terry Hofacker of the West Manchester Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection gear.



Susan Schepis, Chairman of the Operation Round-up, presents a \$3,000 check to Deputy Chief Kevin McEldowny (left) and Chief Chris Greer of the Greenville Township Volunteer Fire Dept. The contribution will help with the purchase of needed equipment for the fire department.

# The Touchstone Energy Co-op Connections Program!

Darke Rural Electric Cooperative has a program that offers further proof that being a member of an electric cooperative has its advantages. The Co-op Connections® Program is a card-based program for Touchstone Energy® cooperatives that offers members valuable discounts at participating local and national businesses. *Best of all, the card is free!*



### Here's what you get:

- Great discounts from businesses in your community.
- 10–60 percent discounts on prescriptions at participating pharmacies.
- Access to more than 56,000 national and regional pharmacy chain stores, including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target and many more. Search online to find discounted prices on prescriptions ([www.rxpricequotes.com](http://www.rxpricequotes.com)) and participating locations ([www.locateproviders.com](http://www.locateproviders.com)).

### Here's what you do:

- Log on to [www.darkerec.com](http://www.darkerec.com) to view a list of participating businesses and discount offerings (fall of 2009).
- Present your card at participating businesses to receive discounts. (New discounts are added periodically.) The cards will be mailed to you in your September bill.

This is just one more way you benefit from being a cooperative member. As a Touchstone Energy cooperative, we always are “looking out for you.” If you have any questions, please call Beth Davenport at Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, 937-548-4114 or e-mail [bethd-darkerec@woh.rr.com](mailto:bethd-darkerec@woh.rr.com).

**Watch for more information on the Co-op Connections program in upcoming *Country Living* publications and in your bill.**



**Register to win a \$150 bill credit with the coupon below.**

# CFL Charlie continues the CFL program at 'The Great Darke County Fair'

Bring the coupon below to the Darke REC booth in the coliseum and you will receive three CFLs (while supplies last). These bulbs are to replace your incandescent light bulbs.

## Benefits of CFLs

*Compared to an incandescent light bulb, compact fluorescent light bulbs:*

- Last up to 10 times longer, you replace them less often;
- Use up to 75% less energy;
- Generate up to 70% less heat and CFLs don't cost you money, they save you money!

**Clip this coupon to register to win a \$150 bill credit**

# For members only

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this coupon to our booth in the coliseum during "The Great Darke County Fair" prior to **10 a.m.** on **Friday, Aug. 28** and register to win a \$150 bill credit. The winner will be announced at noon on the last Friday of the fair. This coupon also will qualify you to receive three free CFLs (while supplies last) in the CFL exchange program.

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The power of human connections®




## Automatic Credit Card\* Payment

Forgot to send your payment in on time and now have to pay the penalty? Darke Rural Electric is making it even easier to pay your monthly electric bill. You can make your payment automatically by signing up for your payment to be charged to your credit card\*. On the first business day of the month, the amount of your net bill will be charged to your credit card\*. You still will receive your monthly billing statement to let you know how much your bill is. If you are required to provide us with a meter reading, you will need to call or mail the reading to us by the 15th of the month. To start the Automatic Credit Card\* Payment, you will need to complete the authorization form below and return it to our office. The automatic payment will begin the first billing cycle after we receive the application.

*Please complete the form below and return to:*

**Darke Rural Electric Cooperative**  
**Attn.: Janelle Barga**  
**P.O. Box 278**  
**Greenville, OH 45331**

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### Credit Card Authorization Application

Mastercard

VISA

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Darke account number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Mastercard or VISA credit or debit cards only\***  
Some conditions may apply