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ELECTRIC • NATURAL GAS • PROPANE
In October of 1998, Licking Rural Electric merged with National Gas & Oil. At that time, both entities were long-established utilities providing electricity, natural gas and propane to nearly 60,000 members in east central Ohio. The merger, created under Licking Rural Electric, Inc., began doing business as The Energy Cooperative (TEC). Over the course of the next few years, the merger created significant financial hardships for TEC. What followed were very tough decisions, tightened budgets and the creation of a long-term strategy to financially recover, one might say “save,” the cooperative. To give you an idea, 1997 was the last year Licking Rural Electric built a new substation, the Reform Substation.

The goals for that recovery were to reduce debt, improve cash flow and reach positive equity. Today, we have added a new goal to TEC’s recovery strategy — growth! Our growth centers around two significant projects; the building of a new 5.2 million dollar state-of-the-art substation at the corner of Beech Road and Jug Street NW and the expansion of our natural gas lines in the Johnstown area. The new substation, named Smith’s Mill, will be a high-voltage, 138-kilovolt (kV) to 12 kV distribution substation. Smith’s Mill will position TEC for economic growth north and east of Beech Road. Additionally, Smith’s Mill will provide important load reduction on our Johnstown Substation. It will also back-feed our Northridge Substation if necessary, reducing outage times significantly. As the plan develops, this will also provide back-feeding capabilities to our Beechwood Substation.

I refer to the east central region—Johnstown, New Albany and Pataskala—near the Smith’s Mill Substation, as a triangle of significant economic growth. Commercial, industrial and residential development opportunities will soon come to light, requiring electricity and natural gas. Therefore, we are in the first year of a five year strategic plan to provide natural gas to the Johnstown area. If you are in the area, you can see us at work on Sportsman Club Road and Castle Road. Residents will be contacted in the future with a timeline for natural gas hook ups.

With the Smith’s Mill Substation and the expansion of natural gas lines in Johnstown, The Energy Cooperative has an opportunity to continue the long-term strategy of financial stability and success.
The Energy Cooperative (TEC) has always been dedicated to providing safe, reliable and affordable utility service to you, our member-owners. The lengths we go to keep you, your family and our employees safe are a point of pride for us and never taken lightly.

From acquiring new equipment and implementing new procedures, to increasing awareness of back-up generator systems within the cooperative community and supporting the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP), we strive to practice and promote the highest standard of safety.

Much has changed for the electric and natural gas utility industry in the United States over the last 130 years. With the advent of high voltage power stations, power lines, above-ground and under-ground gas lines and much of the equipment used in the energy industry, also comes dangers associated with it. Bringing electric or gas directly to your home has spurred the need for increased safety awareness, training and more thorough procedures. High voltage power lines or high pressure gas lines and equipment are a constant danger for cooperative employees, but they can also pose a danger to cooperative members. That is why we are proud to be at the forefront of safety training and education for our employees and members.

Our crews participate in numerous training sessions throughout the year. These courses ensure that our employees are constantly reminded of the safety aspect of the job and the importance of using equipment in the safest manner possible.

In addition to safety training for employees, TEC is continuously raising awareness of electric, natural gas and propane safety in our communities by performing demonstrations at local schools and various community events.

There we show members just how easy it is for an accident to occur when working with or near electricity, natural gas or propane and how to prevent these dangerous, and sometimes deadly, mishaps. We also increase awareness of safety by engaging with volunteer fire departments, emergency medical teams and sheriffs departments on a regular basis, offering education courses and demonstrations. These programs keep service men and women, as well as members of the community, safe and knowledgeable.

At TEC, we know that the more people we have in our communities who are knowledgeable about electric, natural gas and propane safety, the safer we all will be. That’s why we strive, every day, to raise awareness of, and encourage a safer environment for all. ☀️

Interested in safety training programs provided by our electric, natural gas or propane safety teams? Email us at feedback@theenergycoop.com.

SAFETY FIRST | SAFETY FOR ALL
BY CONNIE HOGUE, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES & SAFETY

SAFETY... We’re Raising the Bar
In today’s world, you won’t find many items that cost less than five dollars. You may be able to purchase a gallon of milk, a gallon of gas or a Big Mac® meal from McDonald’s near this threshold. But did you know that an average day’s electricity cost is less than five dollars? Even in our country’s shifting energy climate, electricity remains a good value. In fact, electricity often has the lowest cost per day of any of the items listed above. And not all of those items are necessary for daily life!

At The Energy Cooperative (TEC), we urge you to think about your daily necessities (electricity, natural gas, propane and gasoline, to name a few). Then think about the cost of the special treats we allow ourselves to purchase on a weekly basis—maybe even on a daily basis. We don’t often question the cost of a Big Mac® meal, yet it frequently costs over a dollar more to buy a Big Mac® meal than it does to purchase a day’s worth of power. And yet, we become upset if our electricity rates rise, and understandably so.

It makes sense; we have become increasingly reliant upon electricity. Electricity has, for many of us, gone from a luxury commodity to a necessity and an expectation. We expect the lights to come on when we flip the switch, we expect to be able to charge our handheld devices and laptops, and we expect our power to stay on during the best and worst conditions. How else would we keep our food fresh, our homes cool in the summer or warm in the winter? It is easy to cut a Big Mac® meal out of our spending routines here and there to save a few dollars. But we cannot simply cut electricity out of our budgets if times get tough or we decide that we want to scale back our spending in order to save.

Perhaps that’s why we get so upset when our rates increase, even if only in small increments. It is nearly impossible for us to think about what our lives would be like if we did not have electricity. If at times it doesn’t seem that electricity is affordable, remember—even as the demand for electricity grows—an annual cost increases still remain low, especially when compared to other consumer goods such as medical care, education, gasoline and, yes, even Big Mac® meals. Electricity is still a great bargain. We at The Energy Cooperative, your local electric cooperative, are committed to making sure that you and your family always have safe, reliable and affordable electric service in your home. So the next time you crave a Big Mac® meal, remember your electric bill, and think about what a good deal you’re getting for your dollar! 🍔

**NOTICE: METER TAMPERING IS A CRIME**

Tampering with an electric, natural gas or propane meter is both dangerous and a crime. Ohio law defines tampering as interfering with, damaging, or bypassing a meter or service equipment to reduce the amount of electric, natural gas or propane service registered on the meter. Proof of tampering or reconnecting an electric or gas meter is considered sufficient evidence that the member associated with that meter caused the tampering or reconnected the meter. Under Ohio law, the knowing and unauthorized use of energy is theft. Violation of these laws is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment. Additionally, the member may be financially responsible for any damages or loss, including death or injury, caused by the improper use or maintenance of the meter or other equipment.

**Meter tampering and unauthorized use of electricity, natural gas or propane is extremely dangerous and can cause serious injury or death.** Improper connections at the meter can cause fire at the meter and even inside the house. Public exposure due to improperly sealed meters is a major safety concern, especially for children. Energy theft affects all members of the cooperative. Theft of electricity or gas is stealing from honest, paying consumers. Those who tamper with meters to get “free” energy drive up energy costs for other members. If you witness someone tampering with their electric or gas meter, or using electricity or gas without authorization, please contact The Energy Cooperative immediately at (800) 255-6815.
I’d like to start by thanking you, the members, for re-electing me to represent District 1 of your cooperative. It has been an honor to serve you and I look forward to three more years on the board. With that, I’d also like to discuss a special time designated for cooperatives across the country — National Co-op Month in October.

You may be surprised by the number of co-ops around you. Co-ops have been formed to sell produce and electricity, offer financial and banking services, provide housing and health care, and much more.

So where did the bright idea for co-ops come from? It’s a matter of principles (seven, to be exact). The modern movement traces its roots to a store started by weavers in the town of Rochdale in northern England in 1844. The group was guided by a set of principles drawn up by one of its members. When introduced into the U.S. by the National Grange in 1874, these “Rochdale Principles” fueled a cooperative explosion.

Although stated in many ways, the Rochdale Principles require that a cooperative must be open for anyone to join. Every member retains one voice, one vote. Co-ops hold member business meetings annually, allowing member-owners to elect fellow member-owners to guide the co-op and have a say in how their utility is run.

There also have to be real member benefits. For example, members of co-ops often get money back (called capital credits) when the co-op’s in good financial shape. I am proud of this cooperative for making the recent recovery from negative equity to positive equity as Mr. Ware mentioned in his article on page one. As we continue to gain further financial stability we will soon be able to provide our members the benefit of capital credits.

Safety and education remain another big focus. Safety is the number one goal at your cooperative and we continuously strive to provide safety information and training to both our employees and members. We also share ideas on how to make your home more energy efficient to keep energy bills affordable. Be sure to attend our upcoming Savings Expo on September 25 where you will find numerous local vendors and hands-on seminars to help you save time, energy and money.

Your cooperative is also active in making sure elected officials and local leaders know about the co-op business model. Because there is strength in numbers, co-ops tend to stick together when tackling regional and national issues.

With the establishment of positive equity and the recent announcement of our electric and natural gas expansion into western Licking County, this is a very exciting time for your cooperative. We are focused on driving local economic development, funding scholarships and supporting local charities through our Operation Round Up program. We are independent and community-focused, and most importantly, not tied to the purse strings of far-flung investors. We are here to work to make life better in the areas we serve — that’s the heart of the cooperative difference.

Not only do our board directors give of themselves locally, they also work toward improving the bigger energy picture across the state of Ohio. Recently, Jack Schmidt, Energy Cooperative Director of District 3, took the oath of office to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperative (OREC) Board during the OREC Annual Meeting. Schmidt also serves on the Ohio ACRE/OEC PAC Board (Action Committee for Rural Electrification/Ohio Electric Cooperative Political Action Committee.) Also pictured is George Brake (Midwest Electric) and Dennis Schindler (North Central Electric Cooperative).

Nelson Smith, Energy Cooperative Director of District 2 (pictured at far left), also recently served on a panel during the OREC Annual Meeting to discuss issues facing board directors such as steps taken to improve board elections, protecting member rights, evaluating the co-op attorney, member engagement and member communication. Also pictured is Tom McQuiston from Butler Rural Electric.
The earliest known metal sculpture castings date from the early dynasties of Egypt, nearly 7,000 years ago, when metal was poured into shapes of fired clay. Then, sometime between 4,000 and 3,000 B.C., bronze was discovered, thus began the era known as the Bronze Age. Ancient bronze castings have withstood the centuries, visually telling the tale of past cultures, their religions, and their social structures. Most cultures have since evolved and societies have changed. Elements of the process have been refined, yet today, bronze casting is essentially the same as it was in 2,000 B.C. during the Akkadian period.

The Coopermill Bronzeworks, located in Zanesville, Ohio and co-owned and operated by Charles Leasure, is a foundry where the process of bronze casting and finishing continues strong today. Leasure was a full-time dairy farmer for 15 years, following seven generations of Leasures before him. He got into bronze casting when a long-time friend and local sculptor, Alan Cottrill, asked him to help with a very large sculpture for the University of Pennsylvania. He spent six months with Cottrill in Pennsylvania as part of a crew that formed molds for Cottrill’s clay figures. They cast the pieces in bronze, then painstakingly finished the pieces by carving, chiseling, grinding the details and correcting imperfections. Having learned the process, he, along with Cottrill co-founded Coopermill Bronzeworks.

“People thought I was nuts when I said I was going to stop farming and convert my workshop to a foundry,” said Leasure. “I always enjoyed metal working as a hobby. After those first few pieces, with Alan Cottrill, it just took off from there. We have cast hundreds of pieces for Alan and we have grown to a full service fine arts bronze...
foundry offering the capability to cast bronze pieces at nearly any size or scale. We now cast for 45 other artist from all over North America.”

Leasure is both a residential and commercial propane member of The Energy Cooperative. He has been a propane member since NGO Propane’s start in 1998. Why propane? Coopermill Bronzeworks uses it to fire the furnace needed to bring large, 35 pound bronze ingots to a liquid state. This is done by heating a “crucible” inside the furnace for roughly 1 hour and 45 minutes at 2,200 degrees. The molten bronze is then poured into a clay shell. The amount of bronze needed depends on the size of the sculpture. Many of the sculptures Leasure and his seven man crew cast are life size or one and a third stoic life size, which requires roughly 450 pounds or more of bronze.

“We just recently finished a piece for the Whaling Memorial outside of New London, Connecticut. The sculpture was of a large blue whale, complete with fountains,” said Leasure. “It was a big deal and we needed a huge truck to haul the 5,000 pound structure. Once in place, it turned out beautifully,” Leasure said.

On the day of my visit, the team was preparing to cast a large piece for artist, Jamie Lester from Morgantown, West Virginia. Lester’s piece will be displayed at the Boy Scout Camp in Fayetteville, West Virginia. Coopermill Bronzeworks is slated to complete 12 life-size sculptures by the end of this year. Many of the foundry’s completed pieces can be seen on display at Alan Cottrill’s Sculpture Studio and Gallery in Zanesville. Many sculptures can be found throughout central Ohio while others have gone outside the region, ready to withstand the test of time and silently telling the story of our own culture and society. When asked which piece he is most proud of, Leasure responded, “the next one.”

On August 2nd, Licking Memorial Health Systems (LMHS) and Park National Bank challenged area businesses to participate in the Couch to 5K Corporate Participation Challenge as part of the annual “For Your Health” 5K Run and Fun Walk held at The Dawes Aboretum.

Businesses were grouped into categories based on the number of employees: small, medium and large. The Energy Cooperative fell into the large business category with over 100 employees.

Over 40 Energy Cooperative employees and their families met the challenge by having the highest percentage of employee participation. This earned them the title of 2014 Corporate Participation Challenge Winner!

"We were excited to receive the challenge from LMHS and Park," said Todd Ware, President/CEO of The Energy Cooperative. "This was a great opportunity to promote wellness and team spirit among our employees. I am proud of them for stepping up, meeting the challenge and even exceeding the challenge to earn first place." Ware said.
BE PREPARED SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

BY ANDY NADER, SAFETY & TRAINING COORDINATOR

Many people are concerned about the possibility of a public health emergency such as a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or disease outbreak. We at The Energy Cooperative (TEC) are also concerned about these potential threats, and we encourage you to take steps now to prepare for, or cope with, an emergency.

TEC recently developed a Crisis Management Website at cmc.theenergycoop.com. This powerful website contains up-to-the-minute information regarding power outage status and estimated times of restoration. It also contains a resource library of information about what to do in various emergencies and severe weather, along with local, state and federal emergency resources. Please take a moment to visit this site for emergency preparedness information.

In addition, to help you prepare, we’ve provided some simple steps of actions you can take beforehand to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Get an emergency kit or even assemble one yourself. Place emergency items in a plastic tote for easy storage. It can also be taken with you if your family needs to evacuate. Assemble the following items:
- Water—one gallon per person, per day
- Food—nonperishable, easy-to-prepare items
- Flashlight
- Battery powered or hand crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply), other medical supplies, and medical paperwork (e.g., medication list and pertinent medical information)
- Multi-purpose tool (e.g., Swiss Army knife)
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (e.g., proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, and insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener

Create a Family Disaster Plan: Whether you have to evacuate your home or shelter in place, it’s important to have a plan ahead of time. Make sure you identify a meeting place in your neighborhood, a meeting place just outside your neighborhood, and a meeting place out of town. Review these plans with all members of your family.

Create a Family Communication Plan. Because you and your family may not be together when a disaster hits, it’s important to create a communication plan to help you and your loved ones connect and get help. Complete a contact card for each family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse, or backpack.

Families can cope with disasters by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Planning what to do before a disaster strikes provides the best protection for you and your family.

Visit our site, cmc.theenergycoop.com, for emergency preparedness tips and information.

See ya later, refrigerator.

We pick up your old fridge and you pick up $50!

Do you have an older refrigerator? Or perhaps you moved your old fridge to your garage or basement? Have you ever considered how much energy—and money—it might be costing just to keep a few drinks cold? Here’s an energy efficient option for your old refrigerator: recycle it and earn $50! The Energy Cooperative now offers, to electric members only, a refrigerator recycling and rebate program. To participate, simply visit our website at www.theenergycoop.com. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our refrigerator recycling partner, JACO, toll free at 1-877-545-4112.

BY ANDY NADER, SAFETY & TRAINING COORDINATOR
There is no doubt about it; the cold weather is on its way. Some are even predicting that we may see a repeat of the bitter cold winter we experienced in 2013-2014. Not only is it important to make sure that your heating unit is working properly, but you should check your home to make sure that none of that heat is escaping outdoors.

When the weather turns colder, drafts around windows and doors are constantly letting in cool air. Most people immediately want to raise their thermostat even higher; however, that will cause your furnace to use more energy unnecessarily. The best solution is to weather strip your home. This is typically an easy fix that will eliminate energy waste and help you save on your monthly energy bill.

Sometimes drafts are obvious, and other times the openings are much smaller. Here are two quick ways to find out if heat is escaping from your home. For doors, look for daylight between the door and its frame. If you see even a hint of light in between the two, you need to weather strip that area. For windows, place a piece of paper between the sash and the seal then close it. If you can remove the piece of paper from the window without ripping it, you need to weather strip that area as well.

The great thing about all of this is that weather stripping is easy! There is an assortment of materials available (like rubber, foam, metal, etc.) and they are all inexpensive. Once you have purchased what you need, keep the following in mind before you begin weather stripping: be sure the surface is dry and clean, measure the area more than once for best accuracy, and apply so that strips compress between both sides of the window or door.

### To weather strip windows:
- Place the stripping between the frame and the sash.
- Be sure that it compresses when the window is closed.
- Check to make sure that the stripping does not interfere with the movement of the window.

### To weather strip doors:
- Choose the proper sweeps and thresholds for your door.
- Weather-strip the entire door jamb.
- Make sure the stripping meets tightly at both corners.
- Use a thickness that allows for a tight press between the door and the ground, but one that does not make the door difficult to shut.

Roughly half of the energy that your home uses comes from heating and cooling. So the next time you feel an uncomfortable draft in your home, do not immediately crank up the heat. Check to find out where the draft is coming from and properly weather strip the area.

And remember, if you’ve taken steps to weatherize your home and you are still experiencing high bills, it may be time to contact us to make arrangements for a home energy audit. This low-cost audit can pinpoint where the energy inefficiencies exist in your home. Call (800) 255-6815 or email us at feedback@theenergycoop.com to request an appointment.

### What Will I Need to Weather Strip Doors and Windows?

There are a variety of materials available to weather strip your home. Here are a few options to help you choose:

*Apply weather stripping around the door frame and stop. At the bottom of a door, install a door sweep, door shoe or threshold; or apply reinforced-foam weather stripping. Apply weather stripping at the top and bottom of window sash.*

**Felt**
- Reinforced with a flexible metal strip.
- Should be stapled, glued or tacked into place.
- Cost: Low
- Advantages: Easy to install and inexpensive.
- Disadvantages: Low durability. Do not use where exposed to a great deal of moisture. All-wool felt is more durable but very visible.

**Rolled or Reinforced Vinyl**
- Pliable or rigid strip gasket (attached to wood or metal strips).
- Cost: Low to moderate.
- Advantages: Easy installation, various colors to help with visibility and some types of rigid strip gaskets provide slot holes for height adjustment.
- Disadvantages: Can be difficult to install and very visible.

**Reinforced Foam**
- Closed-cell foam attached to wood or metal strips.
- Cost: Moderately low
- Advantages: Effective sealer, rigid, proven to work well.
- Disadvantages: Can be difficult to install and very visible.

*For more weather stripping options, visit [http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/weatherstripping](http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/weatherstripping)*
Since it founding in 1936, The Energy Cooperative (TEC) has always been an active supporter of the local county fairs and the 4-H Program. This year, TEC made numerous monetary donations to the Perry County, Knox County, Muskingum County, Coshocton County and Hartford Fairs by participating in livestock auctions, and advertising sponsorships. TEC and TEC's Operation Round Up Foundation are both financial donors to the Hartford Fair’s Natural Resource Area where fair-goers can learn about wildlife, gun safety, canoeing and nature.

"Fair time is an exciting time for the youth involved in 4-H and also the community who attends the fair activities. We have supported the fairs each year through donations and involvement because of what it does for the community and the pride it brings to those involved in the 4-H program. We applaud the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers and community leaders who give time each year to cultivate and mentor today’s youth into tomorrow’s leaders. They are what make the local fairs a success year after year," stated Todd Ware, President/CEO of The Energy Cooperative.

In what has become a yearly tradition, employees and board directors of The Energy Cooperative volunteer their time on “move-in” day at each fair to provide free hot dogs, chips and water for the 4-H participants and their families. At the Muskingum Fair we team up each year with Guernsey Muskingum Rural Electric Cooperative in a joint effort to “feed the troops.”

A core value of all cooperatives is concern for community. We are proud to support the Perry County, Knox County, Muskingum County, Coshocton County and Hartford Fairs and what they do to give back to the community.
Notice to Budget Billing Members/Sign Up for Budget Billing
A budget billing adjustment may have been made to your budget in September depending on your yearly usage. We will automatically renew existing budget accounts unless you tell us otherwise. You can sign up for budget billing by simply calling our Member Service Department at (800) 255-6815. Please note the following qualifications: 1) The account must be paid in full by the September due date. 2) We would prefer that you have 12 months consumption history but will work with you if you do not and 3) The budget accounts may be adjusted during the month of March. At this time your budget amount may be increased or decreased depending on your usage, the weather and market conditions.

Be Aware of the Dangers of Carbon Monoxide
When we seal our homes and offices against cold weather, we should be careful to avoid creating conditions that can produce and trap carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide gives no warning, but continued exposure can be extremely dangerous. A vehicle left idling in an enclosed garage can produce enough carbon monoxide to cause illness or death. In fact, more than two-thirds of accidental deaths from carbon monoxide are caused by exhaust from vehicles or coal, kerosene and wood burned in a fireplace or stove that is not vented properly. Even though natural gas or propane does not contain carbon monoxide, the colorless and odorless gas can be produced when there’s not enough oxygen present for these gaseous fuels to burn properly. To guard against carbon monoxide, have your heating equipment serviced on a regular basis. Proper adjustment and venting of equipment will help to ensure an adequate supply of fresh air for combustion. Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home. Carbon monoxide detectors are easy to install and can alert you when carbon monoxide levels rise above acceptable levels.

Time to Check Your Furnace
You can save money this fall and winter by having your furnace tuned up. Duct air leakage is one of the largest energy-wasters in your heating system. Heating contractors can check your ducts for air leakage and seal the leaks. Duct tape is not a good choice for sealing ducts because its adhesive usually fails after a short time. Duct mastic, available in cans and buckets, is an effective and permanent material for sealing duct air leaks. Refer to your owner’s manual to determine how often your furnace needs servicing for routine seasonal maintenance. For 101 no-cost/low-cost energy saving tips, visit www.theenergycoop.com.

Electric Right-of-Way Maintenance Notice
The Energy Cooperative Right-of-Way Crews along with contract crews from WA Kendall are currently working in the St. Louisville Substation area and will move to Northridge in roughly two months. Vegetation Management Crews will finish spraying in the areas surrounding our Palymra Substation by the end of September and will move to Apple Valley. They will remain there throughout 2014. Mowing Crews are currently working in the Jelloway Substation area and will move to our Loudonville Substation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact TEC at (800) 255-6815, ext: 1247.
Question and Answer with Mr. Gloshinski

Q. What is the Smiling With Hope Bakery?
A. The bakery is a unique educational venture for multi-handicapped, special needs students which allows them to develop vocational, life, social and functional academic skills by being involved in every aspect of operating a full-service, licensed bakery housed at Newark High School. The program strives to bring students to their fullest potential through individualized instruction. The program has evolved into a very successful business. The students assist in every aspect of baking, packaging and selling preservative-free dog biscuits both locally and by mail-order.

Q. How did you apply the funds granted by Operation Round Up?
A. With the recent renovation of the high school, my students and I were able to move into a new commercial kitchen that meets the legal requirements for selling baked food products for human consumption. The funds were used to purchase a commercial grade mixer and freezer for the bakery. We are very thankful for the grant.

In August of 2014, The Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up Foundation, Inc. awarded $38,739 to the following community groups in our service area:

- Harrison Township Pool to fill in baby pool with concrete, and lifeguard platforms
- Twin Oak Elementary for ELMO Cameras
- 6th Street and Growing Community Gardens for Phase I landscape project
- The Works for a fence and gate for Discovery Garden
- Fredericktown Community Joint Emergency Ambulance District for a CPR Chest Compression System
- Food Pantry Network of Ohio for three year grant toward Capital Campaign
- Fredericktown K-12 Library for iPads
- Zanesville High School Yearbook for three cameras and two laptops

- Licking County Metropolitan Housing Authority/Terrace Gardens for concrete and fencing for outdoor space
- Fredericktown Music Boosters to replace and repair drums
- Boy Scout Troop 4024 for an Eagle Scout Project
- Chandlersville Building Association for a door replacement

Founded in 2005, The Energy Cooperative’s Operation Round Up Foundation is a community service program of its member/consumers. Members “round up” their utility bills to the next dollar and that amount is donated to groups, within The Energy Cooperative’s nine county service area, who meet the funding guidelines. Since its inception, Operation Round Up has donated over $1,999,000 to our community.
Recently employees from The Energy Cooperative (TEC) and Board Chairman Nelson Smith, traded the usual office attire for jeans, boots and a hard hat. Todd Ware, TEC President/CEO, along with his staff donated their time toward Mid-Ohio Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity affiliates work around the world, each working in their own community to select and support homeowners who earn 30-60 percent of median income, organize volunteers and coordinate house building. The team worked at a site located in Newark and installing soffits and roofing on the home. The homeowners are schedule to move in near the end of the summer, 2014.

Making an Icy Splash for ALS

Todd Ware and his staff were recently challenged by Park National Bank and Med Ben to complete the “Ice Bucket Challenge.” The challenge is an activity involving dumping a bucket of iced water on someone’s head to promote awareness of the disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and encourage donations toward research. It went viral on social media during July-August 2014. The challenge dares nominated participants to be filmed having a bucket of iced water poured on their heads and challenging others to do the same. A common stipulation is that nominated people have 24 hours to comply or forfeit by way of a charitable financial donation.

The Energy Cooperative completed their challenge by having Dean Ogle, Line Operations Foreman, dump buckets of iced water from a bucket truck, making it the “Ice Bucket from a Bucket Challenge.” Although TEC complied with their challenge, a monetary donation was made to the ALS Association’s Central & Southern Ohio Chapter. TEC further challenged Velvet Ice Cream, Buckeye Power and Baker & Hostetler’s Dan Gunsett and Ron Linville.

Groups Recently Sponsored by The Energy Cooperative

- American Breast Cancer Foundation
- Cade & Katelyn Fundraiser
- Camp O’Bannon
- Danville Athletic Boosters
- Duncan Falls Fire Department
- Genesis Healthcare Foundation
- Homer Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Licking County Coalition of Care
- Licking County Sheriff - National Child Safety Council
- Licking Heights Athletic Boosters
- Loudonville/Perrysville Music Boosters
- Newark Catholic Fall/Winter Sports Program
- The Works - STEM
- West Muskingum Fall Sports Program

TEC staff participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise funds for ALS. Getting doused with an icy bucket of water are from left to right, Gary Glover, VP/COO of Electric Operations; Dan McVey, VP/COO of Gas Operations and Pat McGonagle, VP/CFO. Since the ALS phenomenon started on July 29, 2014, it has raised $94.3 million for ALS research.
APPLE DUMPLINGS
Prep & Cooking Time: Roughly 1 hour
Serves 6 to 8
Ingredients:
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoon vinegar
  Mix together in a small bowl, set aside
- 2 cups flour
- 1 generous cup of Crisco®
- 1 teaspoon salt

Directions:
For the dough, place in a bowl or mixer and cut ingredients until it makes small pea-sized pieces then add milk mixture. Blend.

For the apple filling, peel, core and cut in half 4 apples.
Separate pastry into 8 pieces, roll into balls and then roll out on wax paper. Lay one apple piece in the center of each pastry round. Tap with 1 teaspoon of white sugar, and 1 teaspoon of brown sugar, a generous sprinkling of cinnamon and a light dusting of cloves and nutmeg. Top with more spices and sugar as desired. Top with a pat of butter a squeeze dough close. Squeeze a little honey on top. Bake at 350 degrees F for 45 minutes or until tender.

Notes from the kitchen: If using a tart apple, add more sugar.

PUMPKIN BARS
Prep & Cooking Time: Roughly 45 minutes
Serves 20
Ingredients:
- 4 eggs
- 1 and 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 (16 oz) can of pumpkin
- 1 cup oil
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups flour

Directions:
Combine pumpkin, oil, eggs and sugar. Beat until lightly fluffy. Mix dry ingredients and add to pumpkin mixture. Pour onto ungreased 13'x 9' cookie sheet, Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees F.

After bars are cool, frost with cream cheese frosting.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING
Ingredients:
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1 (8 oz) cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla

Directions:
Cream butter and cheese together until well mixed. Add vanilla. Gradually add powdered sugar and beat until smooth. Frost and cut into bars.

Notes from the kitchen: If using a bigger pan, decrease the cooking time to prevent burning.

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