

Operation Round Up grants awarded

Southern Indiana Power recently awarded grants totalling \$14,424.87 to local organizations during the most recent round of grant disbursements. Photos of some of the recipients are published here.

The funds for grants are generated by Southern Indiana Power members who voluntarily "round up" their electric bills to the next whole dollar. On the average, each participating customer contributes about \$6 per year. All contributions are tax deductible.

All Operation Round Up donations are placed in a trust and administered by an independent board of trustees operating on behalf of the SIREC Community Trust, Inc. The seven-member board of trustees serves on a voluntary basis and geographically represents the Southern Indiana Power service territory. For more information about Operation Round Up, visit www.sinpwr.com.



Barry Whitehead, left, accepts a \$1,000 grant for the Rome Community Center to help pay for repairs to the old Perry County Courthouse in Rome. Operation Round Up board member Paul Malone makes the grant presentation.



Eric Spaulding, secretary of the Hatfield Community Recreation Committee, left, accepts a \$1,000 grant from Donna Harpenau. The grant will be used to purchase and install equipment in the toddler play area of the Hatfield Park.



The Perry Central FFA was awarded a \$1,500 grant to purchase welding supplies, welding cables and a wire gun for welding classes. Becky Wenzel, FFA reporter; Olivia Schroeder, FFA president; and Bill Crockett, FFA volunteer, accept the grant from Operation Round Up board member Donna Harpenau.



Danny Peter, left, accepts a \$2,500 grant for the Perry County Parks and Recreation Department to pay for landscaping at Eagle's Bluff Park and Millstone plane crash site. Paul Malone makes the grant presentation.



Mike Strahl, president of the St. Meinrad Chamber of Commerce, accepts an Operation Round Up grant of \$584.87 to purchase folding chairs for the St. Meinrad Community Center. Donna Harpenau makes the grant presentation.

Grant applications being accepted by ORU program

The Operation Round Up program began in November 2005 and the fund continues to grow. Participation in the program is approximately 65 percent right now and we hope to see this number climb as the long range benefits of the program continue to materialize.

The Operation Round Up board of trustees will accept applications from Jan. 1 through Feb. 15, with disbursement in March. Applications are available at the Southern Indiana Power office and on our Web site at www.sinpwr.com. Simply click on the "Forms" tab and then the Operation Round Up application link. Due to the possible volume there will be no blank applications mailed.

Operation Round Up is a program whereby Southern Indiana Power customers allow us to round up their electric bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded up funds are collected for philanthropic and charitable purposes in the geographic area of our service territory.

Those eligible to apply for the funds include groups, organizations, individuals or families located within the Southern Indiana Power service territory which covers the counties of Perry, Spencer, Dubois and Warrick. Applicants need not be members of the cooperative.

The maximum amount available to any group or organization in any one year is \$5,000 and the maximum amount available to any individual or

family in any one year is \$1,000.

Grants are available for local volunteer fire departments, youth programs, 4-H, senior citizen programs and other community service projects. The fund will NOT be used to pay any electric or utility bills or be used in any way to support or oppose any political candidate or campaign.

If you or your organization is interested in applying for an Operation Round Up grant, please visit the Southern Indiana Power office or download the forms from the Web site at www.sinpwr.com. If you have any questions please contact the cooperative office at 800-323-2316 or 812-547-2316 or e-mail to sinpower@sinpwr.com.

Operation Round Up scholarship applications being accepted

The Operation Round Up board of trustees is accepting applications for \$500 scholarships from Jan. 1 through Feb. 15, with disbursement for the fall semester of 2010.

Eligible students must be scheduled to attend their sophomore or higher year in the fall of 2010, be enrolled as a full time student (carrying 12 hours or more) and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0

or higher. The student or his/her parent(s) must also be a member of Southern Indiana Power and participate in the Operation Round Up program.

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