

Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

Darke members give \$12,960 to area causes



Dan Gehret (right), chairman of the Operation Roundup board, presents a \$1,000 check to Joy Greer and Willie Powell of the Greenville Girls' Softball Association. The contribution will help with the construction of the Community Room facility.

Recipients of funds are as follows:

- Mandy's Sunshine Run — \$300
- State of the Heart Hospice — \$1,200
- Hope in Recovery — \$1,500
- Community Help Center of Union City, IN/OH — \$1,500
- Treaty City of Greenville — \$600
- Darke County 4-H Youth — \$600
- Saint Mary's School — \$960
- Greenville Girls' Softball Association — \$1,000
- MV Athletic Boosters — \$900
- Boy Scout Troop 373 — \$1,100
- Ohio Benefit Bank, a ministry of the EUM Church — \$800
- North Star Community Park — \$1,500
- Individual — \$1,000

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 Dan Gehret, 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's members.

Organizations or individuals can contact Beth Davenport at Darke REC (937-548-4114 or 1-800-776-5612) to receive an application.

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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.



Dan Gehret presents a \$1,500 check to Art Garland of the Hope in Recovery Program for needed equipment and materials. Pictured from left to right: board members of Hope in Recovery Scott Richards and Connie Stollar; chairperson, Art Garland; Operation Roundup Chairman Dan Gehret; and Hope in Recovery board member Rev. Doug Klinsing. Board members of Hope in Recovery not present for picture are Rev. John Person and Rev. John Wiltshire.

Keep your lawn healthy during dry spells

If you want to keep your lawn healthy through the dog days of summer, first consider which grass(es) are growing in the lawn.

Of the four cool-season grasses grown in Ohio, tall fescue and the fine fescues are the most drought tolerant and will remain green through most summers without supplemental irrigation, while Kentucky bluegrass and perennial ryegrass will turn brown at some point and go dormant. These lawns may need supplemental, light irrigation to ensure they survive.

Grass survival during dormancy depends on the length and severity of the dry weather and the lawn's condition going into summer.

Lawns with an excessive thatch layer and weak, shallow root systems will be more prone to injury. At 80° F daytime temperatures and

limited, intermittent rainfall, lawns can remain dormant for three or four weeks. Under prolonged dry weather with little or no rainfall and temperatures above 90° F, grass survival is limited to only two to three weeks. Grass in "hot spots" along sidewalks, curbs and driveways is under the greatest stress and will suffer the most.

To help ensure grass survival in hot, dry summers, a light irrigation of one-half inch of water every three to four weeks is recommended to keep the roots and crowns alive; however, this amount of water will not re-green the lawn. Water early in the morning (by 9 a.m., if possible), and measure water applied by setting straight-sided cans under the sprinkler pattern.

Source: The Ohio State University

Prepping your lawn for winter

Winter is not the time to apply winterizer fertilizer to the lawn. The late-fall application is usually applied in late October or early November, but only if fertilizer also was applied in early September.

The September application sets the lawn up physiologically to receive the full benefit of the late-fall application, mainly for increased root

growth.

If you plan to make only one fertilizer application in the fall period, do so in late September or early October.

Consult your local garden center for the proper fertilizer application for your lawn.

Source: The Ohio State University

Darke Rural Electric

New office hours

Beginning

Monday, Aug. 4

New office hours will be:

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday

CFL Charlie kicks-off the CFL exchange program at "The Great Darke County Fair"



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

Bring the coupon below to the coliseum at The Great Darke County Fair and you will receive 3 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 percent less energy;
- ✓ Generate up to 70 percent 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. 22** 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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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



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.