**ORU funding benefits youth programs**

While the world may have stopped for a while, LaGrange County REMC’s Operation Round Up continued to give back to make sure our community’s youth remain successful.

We’re grateful for the nearly 75 percent of LaGrange County REMC members who participate in the program, allowing their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. These cents are then kept locally through community grants each quarter.

Organizations awarded funding from the April distribution of LaGrange County REMC’s Operation Round Up, totaling $10,250, include:

**Junior Achievement of LaGrange County** was awarded $3,000 to deliver financial programming to 46 elementary school classrooms.

**LaGrange Baseball League** received $2,000 to help purchase equipment for more than 200 youth between the ages of 4 and 14 years old.

**Topeka Happy Workers 4-H Club** was granted $2,500 to purchase supplies for school-aged children for a successful school year.

**Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana** received $750 to help low-income families pay for registration fees, plus other program costs including supplies, insurance, staff, facilities and equipment.

**Wolcottville Youth Sports** was awarded $2,000 to help purchase needed equipment, including bats, balls, nets, helmets and more, for leagues and opportunities helping 160 children from 3-15 years old.

To be considered for the next cycle of disbursements, local nonprofit organizations are encouraged to fill out and return an application to the LaGrange County REMC office by Wednesday, July 1.

Applications can be picked up at the cooperative office at 1995 E. U.S. 20, LaGrange, or downloaded from the REMC website, lagrangeremc.com.