



Youth Day

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Pictured front row l-r are: Dakota Hunter, Spencer Cooper, Briah Ludlum, Ollie Urbanski, Hailea Hadsall, Shyanne Thomas, Rep. Norine Hammond, Keely Acheson, Kaleb Gentes, Kelli Edwards, Rebekah Deveraux and Kelly Hamm, McDonough Power Energy Services Manager. Second row: Tori Babcock, Spenser Seifert, Jessica Herndon, Beca Vera, Tori Hoyle, Kaiti Reid. Third row: Sarah Sparrow, Kacie Priebe, Senator John Sullivan, Jack Lucie, Sydney Bigger, Eli Irwin and Les Fowler of McDonough Telephone Cooperative. Fourth row: Ian Taylor, Brady Smith and Broderick Farwett.



Pictured l-r: Keely Acheson, Spencer Cooper, Shyanne Thomas, and Mike Smith, McDonough Power President and CEO.

More than 200 students from downstate Illinois traveled to Springfield on Wednesday, April 17, for the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day.

With rural areas losing population, fewer legislators are serving downstate. The need for citizens to take active roles in making sure their legislators are aware of rural issues is of critical importance.

“Elected officials enjoy the opportunity to meet with students and learn first-hand their concerns. Many issues debated in the General Assembly personally affect their lives,” said Duane Noland, President and CEO of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC).

Sen. John Sullivan and Rep. Norine Hammond met with students

representing McDonough Power and McDonough Telephone Cooperatives. The students had an opportunity to view state government in action and question their legislators on key issues. While in Springfield, the students also visited the Illinois Supreme Court, Lincoln’s Tomb, the War Memorials, the Old State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. **10135A3-416A**

The day was sponsored by the AIEC and is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 24 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.

Two finalists were chosen to represent McDonough Power on a weeklong all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. along with over 1,450 students from across the nation. Keely Acheson

of Rushville-Industry High School and Spencer Cooper of Bushnell-Prairie City High School will spend the week of June 14-21, 2013 visiting historically significant national sites, touring some of our most moving memorials, and browsing the campus of our nation’s capital. During their time in D.C., they will ride a riverboat down the Potomac, tour the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, and visit the Supreme Court. Shyanne Thomas of West Prairie High School will serve as an alternate should one of the finalists decide not to attend.

McDonough Power Cooperative is proud to offer this opportunity to local high school students. We appreciate being able to introduce the youth to electric and telephone cooperatives as well as the state and national government.



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Nominating Committee will meet June 4

Members of the 2013 nominating committee have been appointed by the McDonough Power Cooperative board of directors. The committee will meet on June 4 at The Red Ox in Macomb at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors at the 2013 annual meeting of members to be held August 22th at The Crossing in Macomb.

District 1 – (composed of the West half of Scotland Township and East half of Chalmers Township in McDonough County): John Emerick, 60 Stevens Court, Macomb and Bret Smith, 6025 E 1200th St, Macomb.

District 2 – (composed of all Lamoine, Bethel and Industry Townships in McDonough County and parts of Brooklyn, Littleton and Oakland Townships in Schuyler County): Stan Dixon, 5132 E 275th St, Colchester.

District 3 – (composed of all Hire, Tennessee, Colchester and the West half of Chalmers Townships in McDonough County and parts of Fountain Green and Hancock Townships in Hancock County): Aron Sowers, 3130 N 1250th Rd, Colchester and Charles Lewis, 1240 N 1200th Rd, Blandinsville.

District 4 – (composed of all Blandinsville, Sciota and Emmett Townships in McDonough County): Dan McMillan, 20570 E 1000th St, Sciota.

District 5 – (composed of the East half of Scotland and all of New Salem, Eldorado and Mound Townships in McDonough County and part of Harris, Farmers and Vermont Townships in Fulton County): Patricia Young, 17120 N 1100th Rd, Macomb. 527D3-950A

District 6 – (composed of all Macomb, Walnut Grove, Bushnell and Prairie City Townships in McDonough County and part of Lee in Fulton County): Larry Bradford, 13790 State Route 9, Good Hope.

District 7 – (composed of all Raritan and Media Townships in Henderson County and Point Pleasant, Swan Creek and Greenbush Townships in Warren County): James Grant, 497 20th Ave, Roseville and Randy Winbigler, 952 10th Ave, Roseville.

District 8 – (composed of all Biggsville in Henderson County and Tompkins, Ellison, Roseville, Lenox, Monmouth and Spring Grove Townships in Warren County): Tom Vary, 269 80th Ave, Roseville.

District 9 – (composed of Kelly, Coldbrook, Floyd and Berwick Townships in Warren County and parts of Galesburg, Cedar and Indian Point Townships in Knox County): Lauren Still, 1476 190th Ave, Cameron.

The bylaws of the cooperative provide that nominations to the Board of Directors may be made by (1) the Nominating Committee, (2) a petition signed by 15 or more active members, the petition must be received at the principal office of the cooperative at least 30 days before the annual meeting or (3) nominations can be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

The terms of directors from Districts 1, 3, and 7 expire this year. Directors presently serving on our Board of Directors are: District 1, Michael D. Cox; District 2, Jerry Riggins; District 3, Walter Lewis; District 4, Stan Prox; District 5, Steven L. Lynn; District 6, Jeffrey N. Moore; District 7, Steve Hall; District 8, Robert Dwyer; and District 9, Steven Youngquist.

It shall be the duty of the board to appoint, not less than 40 days nor more than one hundred twenty days before the date of a meeting of the members at which board members are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of two members from each district in which a director is to be elected and one member from each of the other districts served by the cooperative. No member of the board may serve on such committee.



The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office, at least thirty days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors, which shall include at least one or more candidates for each board position to be filled by the election.

The secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least seven days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of board members to be

elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations. 6212C2-108C

Any fifteen or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition and the secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Nominations made by petition, in order to be valid, must be received at the principal office

of the cooperative at least thirty days before the meeting.

Any nomination by petition which meets the requirements of the bylaws shall set forth in the annual meeting notice as nominations made by petition and any such nominations shall appear on the official ballot. Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations to be made from the floor at the meeting of members.



Save the Date

McDonough Power Cooperative 76th Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 22 at The Crossing in Macomb

Registration – 5 p.m.

Business Meeting – 7 p.m.



Tip of the Month

Your swimming pool doesn't have to be a drain on your electric bill. Simply covering it will go a long way to reducing evaporation, which will cut back on refilling and reheating. Also, consider investing in a high-efficiency or multi-speed pool pump when it's time for a replacement—they cost more but save a lot more energy than older models. Visit EnergySavers.gov for more info.

Source: NRECA's Cooperative Research Network



Our office will be closed for
Independence Day on July 4, 2013.





Around-the-Clock Appliances

By Magen Howard

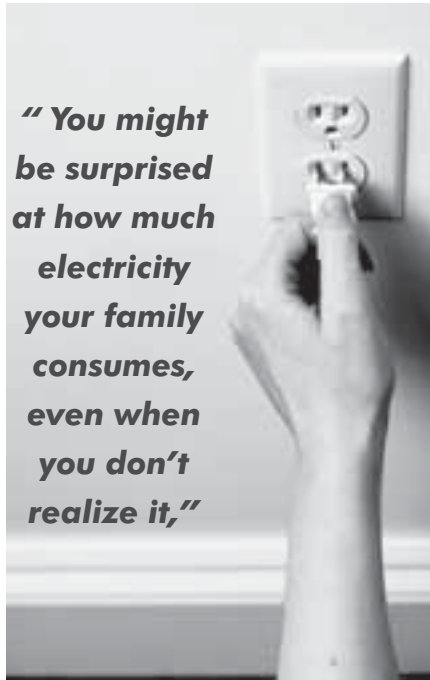
In 2013, new appliances don't just cook your food and keep it cold, wash your clothes and dishes, or offer a few hours of entertainment. These machines boast myriad functions that make our lives easier—but in doing so also consume more energy.

While appliances have become more energy efficient as technology has evolved and federal standards tightened, few ever truly shut down anymore. And as Americans add more and more electronic devices to their households—25 on average, according to the Consumer Electronics Association—much more energy is consumed.

Take a phone charger as an example. Leaving it plugged in without a phone attached doesn't mean it's not drawing power—in fact, it uses 0.26 watts of electricity even when a phone isn't connected, and 2.24 watts when the handset is charging.

Of course, that 0.26 watts by itself might not be a big issue. But if most of your electronic devices are doing that, it can add up to as much as 10 percent of your bill, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

"Take a look around your house—how many cords are plugged in? Of those, how many are actually attached to a device? You might be surprised at how much electricity your family consumes, even when you don't



realize it," says Kelly Hamm, Energy Services Manager. 9225A2A-812A

Cable boxes are a big culprit of 24/7 energy use. Leaving your cable box plugged in for a year and never turning it off adds, on average, \$17.83 to your electric bill. Toss in a DVR function and that total jumps to \$43.46, DOE reports.

And electronics aren't the only problem. Basic "white goods" appliances like clothes washers and dryers, refrigerators, and dishwashers consume loads

of energy too. Here again, the bigger you go with a new appliance, the more energy it will use.

Electric bills don't have to be held hostage by 24-hour-a-day energy use. For starters, use a power strip to turn several electronics on or off at once. For a bigger investment, look into "smart" power strips. They allow you to cut power to certain appliances—say, your TV—while letting power flow to your cable box because it takes time to reboot after being unplugged.

If you're in the market for a new appliance, look for an ENERGY STAR model. It generally consumes less power all around and uses less standby energy.

"But remember that you actually have to use those energy-efficient settings on your appliances to see savings on your electric bill," Hamm explains.

For more information on energy-efficient living, visit www.mcdonoughpower.com.

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, Consumer Electronics Association

Magen Howard writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service organization for the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.

Member Prizes

Every month we will have four map location numbers hidden throughout *The Wire*. If you find the map location number that corresponds to the one on your bill (found above the usage graph), call our office and identify your number and the page that it is on. If correct, you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.

Right of way crews will begin tree and brush spraying in July. Watch for more details in the next issue of *The Wire*.