

Youth Day

Sen. John Sullivan and Rep. Norine Hammond met with students representing McDonough Power Cooperative and McDonough Telephone Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 2 in Springfield. More than 200 students from downstate Illinois had an opportunity to visit the State Capitol, view state government in action and question their legislators on key issues. They also were invited into the office of Secretary of State Jesse White.

During breakfast, Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon addressed students and chaperones and challenged them to take an interest in the political process and encouraged them to talk to their state senators and representatives about issues that interest them. While in Springfield, the students also visited the Illinois State Museum, Old State Capitol and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. **8132D7-862B**

Pictured front row l-r are: Kelly Hamm, Angie Cluff, Nolan Groenewold, Joseph Ward, Amy Thompson, Thin Thin Thluai, Rep. Norine Hammond, Lauren Knicl, Emily Howard, Rebekah Eden, Trisha Haskins and Les Fowler. Middle row: Cindy Brand, Cole Ornduff, Tre' Gordon Blankenship, Kaitlyn Cook, Grace Shryack, Zoey Gray and Maren Anderson. Back row: Braeden Wollbrink, Hayden Walter, Logan Torrance, Sen. John Sullivan, Gabrielle Torrance, Patrick McGrath and Regan Bowman.

The day was sponsored by the AIEC and is designed to introduce young rural



Pictured l-r are: Cole Ornduff, Gabrielle Torrance, and Lauren Knicl. ▶

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. Gabrielle Torrance of Macomb High School and Cole Ornduff of United High School will spend the week of June 13-20, 2014 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. Lauren Knicl of Macomb 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 2014 nominating committee have been appointed by the McDonough Power Cooperative board of directors. The committee will meet on June 4 at Cerar's Barnstormer in Monmouth at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors at the 2014 annual meeting of members to be held August 21 at The Crossing in Macomb.

District 1 – (composed of the West half of Scotland Township and East half of Chalmers Township in McDonough County): Todd Lester, 7226 E 1100th 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): Ryan Richards, 1240 Bermuda Rd, Plymouth.

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): Millie Shields, 1290 Texas Rd, Colchester.

District 4 – (composed of all Blandinsville, Sciota and Emmett Townships in McDonough County): Daniel Wise, 19 Hickory Bow, Macomb and Harbert (Bill) Davenport, 18 Hickory Bow, Macomb.

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): Ed Coker, 16380 N 1100th Rd, Macomb.

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 and Janice King, 195 Warren Rd, 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): Leroy Tappe, 212 30th St, 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 and Mark Hanson, 1347 200th Ave, Monmouth. **6323D7-700B**

The bylaws of the cooperative provide that nominations to the Board of Directors may be made by (1) the Nominating Committee or, (2) a petition

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Our office will be closed for Independence Day on July 4, 2014.



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.

The terms of directors from Districts 4, 6 and 9 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, David Lueck; 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.

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.



Save the Date

**McDonough Power Cooperative
77th Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, August 21 at The Crossing in Macomb
Registration – 5 p.m.
Business Meeting – 7 p.m.**



Tip of the Month

When replacing incandescent bulbs from recessed light fixtures, use energy-efficient bulbs that are rated for that purpose. For example, the heat buildup in downlights will significantly shorten the life of spiral CFLs.

Source: Department of Energy



Co-op Membership: What's In It for Me?

Exploring the unique benefits of cooperative membership.

You set up your electric service account with McDonough Power Cooperative and you think to yourself, "That's done. Now I just have to pay my monthly bill." But the truth is we're more than just a utility provider that you pay each month for electricity. We have more to offer – and we want you, our members, to know about these benefits.

There are more than 900 electric cooperatives in the U.S. that serve 42 million members. McDonough Power, your local electric cooperative, serves 5,200 meters with lines stretching across 1,400 miles. So what makes being a member of an electric cooperative unique?

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We're all in this together. You are a member of McDonough Power Cooperative – not a customer. And that means you have a voice when it comes to the way we do business. Each August, you have the option to vote for your board of directors. These directors play a key role in making important decisions for our co-op, which is why members'

voices must be heard.

We're local. It's likely that you know an employee of McDonough Power. Our employees – your friends and neighbors – share the same concerns for our community that you do. Each year, McDonough Power participates in Youth Tour, provides opportunities for scholarships, organizes a Coat's for Kids program, conducts educational programs in schools and with various organizations, and supports a variety of local programs. To learn more about our mission to strengthen our community, visit www.mcdonoughpower.com.

We're not-for-profit. McDonough Power doesn't offer profits to investors—we return money over and above operating costs to you, our members, based on electricity consumption. Annually, electric co-ops nationwide return millions of dollars to members through this capital



credits process. Last year, McDonough Power members received \$300,000 in the form of capital credits.

We're here for you. At McDonough Power, our mission is to provide you with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. We care about our members' quality of life, which is why our employees are

continuously finding innovative ways to improve our service. From paying your bill electronically to viewing your hourly consumption, we offer a variety of services at your fingertips through our member service portal at www.mcdonoughpower.com. You can also find us on Facebook. Keep up on the latest and greatest co-op details through social media.

These are just a few facts about electric cooperatives that make us unique. For more information about McDonough Power and the services we offer, visit www.mcdonoughpower.com.

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

Welcome, David Lueck

We are pleased to welcome David Lueck of Macomb to our board of directors. David has been selected by the board to fill the remaining term of the late Stan Prox in District 4.



David and his wife Cindy reside in the Northwest part of Macomb with their sons Matthew and Andrew. Their daughter, Erin, teaches physics and astronomy in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and son, Tyler, is an actuary in Bloomington, Illinois. Cindy is the Director of the Immanuel Lutheran Preschool in Macomb.

David grew up in Macomb and graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in Information Science and a MBA in Finance. He is a Manager in Administrative Information Management Systems at WIU. David has worked in St. Louis and Saudi Arabia with McDonnell Douglas, Boeing, Hughes Aircraft, and Raytheon. **527D3-950A**

In the past, David served as treasurer of the Habitat for Humanity of McDonough County and served many years on the church council at Trinity Lutheran Church in Macomb.

In his free time, David serves as Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 315 and has coached Little League baseball as well as youth soccer and basketball for 14 years.

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.

