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*Save the Date!*

*McDonough Power Cooperative*  
**Annual Meeting**

*Thursday, August 27, 2015  
at The Crossing in Macomb*

*Registration,  
Meal & Entertainment  
begins at 5 p.m.*

*Business Meeting begins at 7 p.m.  
followed by prizes*

***Our office  
will be closed for  
Independence Day  
on Friday,  
July 3.***





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## DIRECTORS

- Steve Lynn, Chairman
- Jerry Riggins, Vice Chairman
- Steve Youngquist, Secretary
- Jeffrey Moore, Treasurer
- Mike Cox
- Robert J. Dwyer
- Steve Hall
- Walter Lewis
- David Lueck
- John D. McMillan, Attorney

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## Nominating Committee will meet

Members of the 2015 nominating committee have been appointed by the McDonough Power Cooperative board of directors. The committee will meet on June 4th at The Red Ox in Macomb at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors at the 2015 annual meeting of members to be held August 27th at The Crossing in Macomb.

**District 1** – (composed of the West half of Scotland Township and East half of Chalmers Township in McDonough County): Keith Waller, 1418 Joseph St, Macomb. **8115B4-858C**

**District 2** – (composed of all Lamoine, Bethel and Industry Townships in McDonough County and parts of Brooklyn, Littleton and Oakland Townships in Schuyler County): Jane Nissen, 4170 E 1200th St, Macomb and Sarah Curtis, 2735 E 1200th St, Macomb.

**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): Ned Null, 1237 N 1600th Rd, Blandinsville.

**District 4** – (composed of all Blandinsville, Sciota and Emmett Townships in McDonough County): Matt Housewright, 301 Flint Rd, 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): Wanda Carson, 14085 E 2000th St, Macomb and Pat Young, 17120 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): Mary Jo DeCounter, 445 E Main, 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.

**District 8** – (composed of all Biggsville in Henderson County and Tompkins, Ellison, Roseville, Lenox, Monmouth and Spring Grove Townships in Warren County): Frank Kane, 706 26th St, Roseville and 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): Marc Hanson, 1347 200th Ave, Monmouth.

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 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 2, 5 and 8 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

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## Debbie Fowler to retire

After almost 18 years of service, Bookkeeper Debbie Fowler will retire in June. Debbie started at McDonough Power on November 17, 1997 as Records Clerk and moved to Bookkeeper in November 2006. Debbie's husband, Lester, worked at McDonough Telephone Cooperative for 30-1/2 years. Now that both will be retired; they plan to travel, spend more time with their children and grandchildren, and volunteer in the community. Debbie's dedication and service to the cooperative will be greatly missed. *The entire McDonough Power Cooperative family wishes Debbie the very best in her retirement.* 5112C2-1136B



*Congratulations!*

## Joe Wernsman leaves for Haiti

Joe Wernsman, McDonough Power Journeyman Lineman, left Saturday, April 25 to support NRECA International's efforts to establish a new community-owned electric cooperative in southwestern Haiti. For three weeks, Joe along with two linemen from another Illinois co-op, Corn Belt Energy, will build and upgrade electrical power lines with limited resources. Among other duties, they will set poles that eventually will provide electricity to members of this new cooperative. In this region of Haiti, the Cooperative Electrique de



l'Arrondissement des Coteaux plans to operate a solar-diesel hybrid generation system and will serve more than 1,600 member-consumers in three towns. The project is jointly funded by the United Nations Environmental Program, USAID, the Inter-American Development Bank and NRECA. The cost of the trip, room and meals are picked up by NRECA International.



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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.

# McDonough Power Cooperative Cares – Operation Round Up

*We have the POWER to make a difference!*

The McDonough Power Cooperative Board of Directors decided to launch a new program called Operation Round Up. Operation Round Up collects pennies, nickels and dimes from members of the co-op family to create a reliable source of funding for organizations that assist charitable, civic and educational programs in the communities we serve. That's right, we have the POWER to make a difference!

The launch of the program will be decided upon by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting in August. If the program moves forward, beginning with the bill you receive in November, it will be rounded up to the nearest dollar. For example, if you used \$73.68 of electricity, you will be charged \$74.00. Those extra 32 pennies will go into the Operation Round Up account for later distribution to organizations that are serving the health, safety, educational or recreational needs of citizens within our service territory.

Imagine giving the firefighters at your rural firehouse 32 cents every month. Even a cup of coffee costs more than that these days. Now imagine that you and 5,000 other McDonough Power members all gave 32 cents. Together, you'd be giving your fire station nearly \$1,600. Think about what that money could do to strengthen your firefighters' ability to protect families and save homes from the devastation of an accidental fire. It could help to purchase needed equipment or offer safety instruction to school children.

Now multiply those possibilities throughout the community. Suddenly, the power of 32 cents is pretty impressive!

Under the program, donations are placed in the McDonough Power Cooperative Cares trust fund -- Operation Round Up, which will be administered by members appointed by their respective McDonough Power director.



You might be asking, how do I know where the funds go? We will publish information about the awards and recipients in our newsletters, on our website and social media outlets, as well as the local newspapers. Funds will not be used to pay utility bills, nor will they be used for political purposes or added to the co-op operating budget.

Together, we have the POWER to make a difference. Stay tuned for further details regarding the program. Please vote YES for Operation Round Up at the annual meeting. **4119A3-1114C**

## **Nominating Committee will meet –** *(continued from 16b)*

number of board members to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations. **4127C3A-1156C**

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.



**Energy Efficiency**

*Tip of the Month*

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