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# The Wire

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## Operation Round-Up

### Donates \$4,350 to Local Organizations

**M**cDonough Power Cooperative Cares recently awarded \$4,350 to three local charities through its Operation Round-Up Program. The charitable organizations that received funding are:

**McDonough District Hospital Foundation**  
\$2,000 for a nursery bassinette in the Dolores Kator Switzer Women's Center

**Macomb Project H.O.P.E., Inc.**  
\$500 for their food pantry

**Bushnell Fire Protection District**  
Up to \$1,850 for the purchase of two handheld radios

Interested applicants are required to submit an application to the Operation Round-Up Trustees for



their consideration. Applications are reviewed by the trustees quarterly. In order to qualify for a grant, an organization must be located generally in the area served by McDonough Power Cooperative and provide services within the local communities. Teachers may also apply for grant funds. Applications and further details may be found

under the Community tab at [www.mcdonoughpower.com](http://www.mcdonoughpower.com) or picked up in the McDonough Power office in Macomb.

These life-changing charitable programs are made possible by the generous members of McDonough Power who voluntarily make the decision each month to "Round-Up" their electric bill up to the next highest dollar; and donating the "extra change" directly to the Operation Round-Up program. One hundred percent (100%) of these funds are then donated back into the community as charitable grants. The average donation a member makes annually is about \$6... mere pennies per month.

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For more information about the Operation Round Up program, please call Kelly Hamm at 309.833.2101 or email [khamm@mcdonoughpower.com](mailto:khamm@mcdonoughpower.com).





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## Cooperatives participate in Youth Day

Rep. Norine Hammond met with students representing McDonough Power Cooperative and McDonough Telephone Cooperative, Inc., during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 13 in Springfield. More than 225 students from around 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 lunch, Treasurer Michael Frerichs addressed students and chaperones and challenged them to take an interest in the political process and encouraged them to follow their dreams and do what interests them because life can take interesting turns and twists. Jyostna Bitra, the 2015-16 Illinois Youth Leadership Council Representative from Corn Belt Energy Corporation, spoke about her experience on the Youth to Washington tour and challenged attendees to maintain an interest in their cooperatives and the political process. While in Springfield, the students also visited the Supreme Court, Old State Capitol, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

At the end of the day the students were interviewed for the chance to participate in the Youth to Washington Tour from June 10 - 17, 2016. Those chosen to represent McDonough Power Cooperative in Washington D.C. include Grace Bartlett of Rushville-Industry High School and



*Samuel Blackledge, Grace Bartlett, Allison Jackson*

Allison Jackson of Macomb High School. Samuel Blackledge of West Prairie High School was selected to serve as an alternate if one of the participants is unable to attend. **9210B9-312C**

Shown (L-R) are: Front Row: Taylor Runquist, Courtney Butterfield, Samuel Blackledge, Rachel Adams, Grace Bartlett, Hallie Draughan, Rep. Norine Hammond, Sky Lafary, Sophie Ravenscraft, Isabella Sheldon, Sarah Cluff, Mariah Garzee, Taylor Larson and Kelly Hamm, McDonough Power Energy Services Manager. Back Row: Hannah Nelson, Allison DeVolder, Trevor Gordley, Allison Jackson, Joseph Gambrell, Marshall McDorman, Trevor Sandidge, Erbin Zejnoloski, Seth McBride, Colton Markey, Ryan Dawson, Sam Wolf and Les Fowler, McDonough Telephone Cooperative.

Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 24 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.

## Meet Doug Bear

**D**oug Bear was recently promoted to Line Superintendent. Doug previously served as the Line Crew Foreman and has been with McDonough Power Cooperative working out in the field for 26 years. Doug is married to Amy, who teaches kindergarten at Lincoln School in Macomb. They have three children; Dominick, Krysta and Alyssa.

As Line Superintendent, Doug is responsible for all Operations area



activities including staking engineering, scheduling, construction, maintenance, repair and service. Doug is the contact for members planning new facilities or modifying existing facilities. He will meet with members or their representatives to discuss electrical requirements and prepare cost estimates for a line extension or modification.

Doug is currently working through the required 12 courses of the Comprehensive Staking Technician

Certification Program. Staking is a complex technology that combines both science and art to produce a set of plans and specifications by which a construction crew can build an electrical distribution line that will be safe, reliable, and efficient. After completion, he will become a Certified Staking Technician.

Although he's no new face at McDonough Power Cooperative, please help us congratulate Doug on his promotion.

## We are prepared for summer storms

**S**ummer is here, school is out and families are gearing up for a few months of fun and relaxation. While summer brings much fun in the sun, it can also bring the occasional severe storm. In the event of a power outage, you can trust that McDonough Power Cooperative is ready to respond.

The major cause of most power outages comes from damage to power lines due to falling trees and branches. We work year round – through right-of-way

clearing – to ensure power lines in our service territory stand little risk of being damaged by trees, branches or other types of vegetation.

Despite our best efforts, during major storms, damage can occur to transmission stations, substations and power lines. When this happens, our first priority is to safely restore power to as many members as possible in the shortest amount of time.

We start by mobilizing our line crews

and other critical staff. Every phone line available is utilized to take your outage report calls. The big problems are handled first – like damage to transmission lines, which serve thousands of people. These problems must be corrected before we can focus on other areas where more localized damage may have occurred.

McDonough Power's line crews inspect substations to determine if the problem starts there, or if there could be an issue down the line. If the root of the problem is at the substation, power can be restored to hundreds of members.

Next, line crews check the service lines that deliver power into neighborhoods and communities. Line crews repair the damaged lines, restoring power to hundreds of people. **5323B9-260B** If you continue to experience an outage, there may be damage to a tap line outside of your home or business. Make sure you notify McDonough Power so crews can inspect these lines.

We will do our best to avoid power outages, but sometimes Mother Nature has other plans. Be sure to check [www.mcdonoughpower.com](http://www.mcdonoughpower.com) or Facebook – McDonough Power Cooperative on your smartphone for the latest updates during a power outage.





# Nominating Committee will meet

**M**embers of the 2016 nominating committee have been appointed by the McDonough Power Cooperative board of directors. The committee will meet on June 7th at Cerar's Barnstormer in Monmouth at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors at the 2016 annual meeting of members to be held August 16th at The Crossing in Macomb.

**District 1** – (composed of the West half of Scotland Township and East half of Chalmers Township in McDonough County): Terry Thompson, 8495 E 1000th St, Macomb and Nathan Haley, 12685 N 1050th Rd, 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): Scott Herndon, 8960 N 450th Rd, 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): Jan Irish, 1485 N 1200th Rd, Blandinsville and Linda Huston, 12405 E 0th St, Blandinsville.

**District 4** – (composed of all Blandinsville, Sciota and Emmett Townships in McDonough County): Jerry Brookhart, 155 Emmy 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): 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): Eric Riebling, 19005 E 1300th St, 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 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): 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 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, 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. **525HHS2-951A** 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.



## 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.