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**McDonough Power  
Cooperative**

## **78th Annual Meeting**

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

**Registration  
begins  
at 5 p.m.  
Business Meeting  
at 7 p.m.**

**Our office will be  
closed Monday,  
September 7 for  
Labor Day.**

# 2015

## **Annual Meeting**

*You are cordially invited to join us...*

On behalf of the board of directors of McDonough Power Cooperative, I extend a personal invitation to attend your cooperative's 78th annual meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2015, at The Crossing Church in Macomb. There will be a short business meeting to conduct the necessary business affairs of the cooperative. This year we will learn more about the Operation Round Up program; which will be used to support worthwhile social and civic endeavors in the McDonough Power service area. This is your opportunity to participate in the operation of your cooperative, as we will be voting on whether or not to launch the program.

Before the meeting; pork chop sandwiches, chips, and soda will be served starting at 5 p.m. – in addition to the popular kettle corn. Sally Weisenburg will perform on the stage from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Registration tables will be set up in the entryway from 5 to 7 p.m. – please register upon arrival to receive a FREE gift. All registered members will also receive a \$10 bill credit just for attending. Registered members who are present at the end of the

business meeting will also be eligible for the grand prize drawings.

Please remind your friends and neighbors about the meeting – kids are welcome too. Word of mouth is the best advertisement. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Steve Lynn*

Chairman of the Board





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

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## Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the members of the nominating committee met at the Red Ox Restaurant in Macomb, Illinois, on June 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candidates for election as directors at the McDonough Power Cooperative's next annual meeting of members to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

The following members were present:

- Marc Hanson
- Mary Jo DeCounter
- Matt Housewright
- Pat Young
- Keith Waller
- Jane Nissen
- Ned Null
- Sarah Curtis
- Frank Kane
- Wanda Carson
- Jim Grant

The committee selected the following nominees to be candidates for director to serve for a three-year term and to be elected at the annual meeting. **4320A5A-550A**

DISTRICT #2:	Jerry Riggins
DISTRICT #5:	Steve Lynn
DISTRICT #8:	Bob Dwyer

Any 15 or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition.

*Pat Young, Chairman*

## Youth To Washington Tour



*Pictured from l-r: Kathryn Hays, Hannah Morris, Zoey Gray, Congresswoman Bustos, Nicole Malinowski, Emily Phillips, and Joshua Cook.*

In June McDonough Power sent two students to Washington, D.C. for the 51st Annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Young people who experience Youth Tour have the opportunity to explore our nation's capital, make lasting friendships, learn a bit about how our government operates and see the impact electric cooperatives have on the legislative process.

Youth Tour is one of the programs for which electric cooperatives across the country are best known. You may have participated when you were a kid, or perhaps your child applied to be a part of the program. **10113A1A-408C**

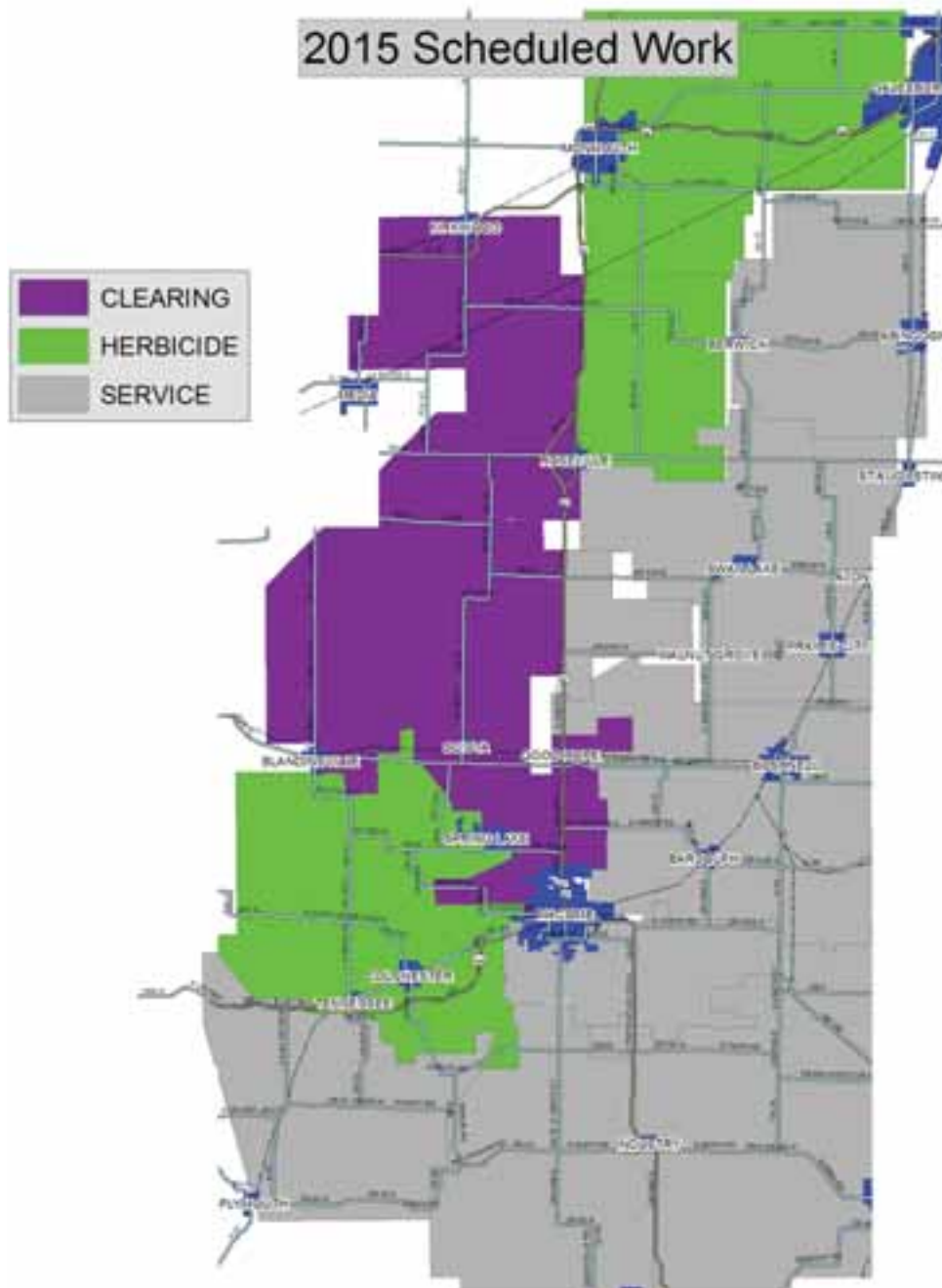
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# Right-of-Way Clearing Set to Begin in August

McDonough Power Cooperative has once again contracted with Spoon River Electric Cooperative (SREC) to perform vegetation management in the following areas beginning the latter part of August; continuing through the summer and fall. The affected areas in our service territory include Monmouth, Kirkwood,

Berwick, Roseville, Blandinsville, Sciota, Good Hope, Macomb, Colchester and Tennessee (see map). This work might include cutting, trimming, mowing and application of environmentally safe herbicides. Vegetation management work is necessary to protect the integrity of the electric system and to prevent potential safety hazards. SREC

personnel are licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and are experienced in all aspects of tree pruning and herbicide application. If you have any concerns regarding work to be done in your area, please contact our office at (309) 833-2101. **541C3C-270C**



# Operation Round Up® Program – Seeking Your Vote at the Annual Meeting

## People Helping People

Cooperatives were established on the basis of people helping people. McDonough Power Cooperative believes Operation Round Up® is a great extension of that idea, because it makes it easy for members like you to help good things happen in your community. Members have their electric bills “rounded up” to the next whole dollar, with the extra change dedicated to charitable causes. Donations are only a few cents a month and average about \$6 a year. It’s small change, but it delivers big benefits to local community and charitable organizations.

## How It Works

It’s simple. McDonough Power will “round up” your monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar. For example, a bill amount of \$65.48 would be rounded up by 52 cents for a total due of \$66. The additional 52 cents would be your Operation Round Up® donation for that month.

Pending a voice vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting on August 27; starting in November, your bill will be automatically rounded up. We realize that not everyone is willing or able to participate in the program and you are able to opt out of this voluntary program at any time by contacting McDonough Power.

## How Donations Are Collected

Because donations are automatically collected through your monthly electric bill, it’s easy to contribute on a regular basis. Should you want to contribute more than the “rounded up” amount during the year, you can make an additional contribution by writing a separate check made out to McDonough Power Cooperative Cares and mailing it to McDonough Power.

## Volunteer Board of Directors

The small change you contribute to Operation Round Up® is deposited

in the Cooperative Cares account. An independent, volunteer Board of Directors consisting of McDonough Power members will review applications and determine who receives funding.

## Distribution of Funds

Through the generosity of McDonough Power Cooperative members, Operation Round Up® will provide funding to school programs, philanthropic groups, non-profit organizations, rescue squads, volunteer fire departments and other deserving causes that benefit members within McDonough Power’s service territory.

Please let us know if you have any questions about Operation Round Up®. We will be asking members to vote on this program at the Annual Meeting.

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Hannah Morris and Emily Phillips represented McDonough Power Cooperative and Joshua Cook, Zoey Gray, Kathryn Hays and Nicole Malinowski represented McDonough Telephone Cooperative, Inc. in Washington, D.C., during the annual “Youth to Washington” Tour, June 12-19. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction for rural youth to our democratic form of government and the cooperative business model.

The students met with Congresswoman Cheri Bustos and were among 65 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,660 young leaders from across the country from 44 states. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, The U.S. Supreme Court, the

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

Sophomores and juniors in high schools that are within the service area of McDonough Power Cooperative and McDonough Telephone Cooperative, Inc. are eligible to participate in the annual program. **91E19HC1-464B**



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

**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.