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McDonough Power Cooperative Spreads Warmth to Children

More than 120 children will be warm this winter thanks to the Cooperative Cares Fund of McDonough Power Cooperative. The cooperative's employees, retirees and directors have donated to the fund, as well as sold salvaged scrap metal items to raise monies throughout the year. This year,

> more than 120 coats were purchased for area children who

proper clothing come cold weather.

"We couldn't be happier about the response we've received and the appreciation from the schools and children," says President/CEO Steve Epperson. The cooperative received information from teachers at all the schools in the co-op's service territory of children in need. "Our members kids attend these schools. It's the right thing to do and Epperson said. Last year was the first

year of the program and 48 coats were purchased.

"Sometimes we forget how blessed we are. It's really a privilege to share that blessing with others who genuinely need it," says Epperson. "It's been a humbling process. Although we've done our best to bless



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New Billing Calculations

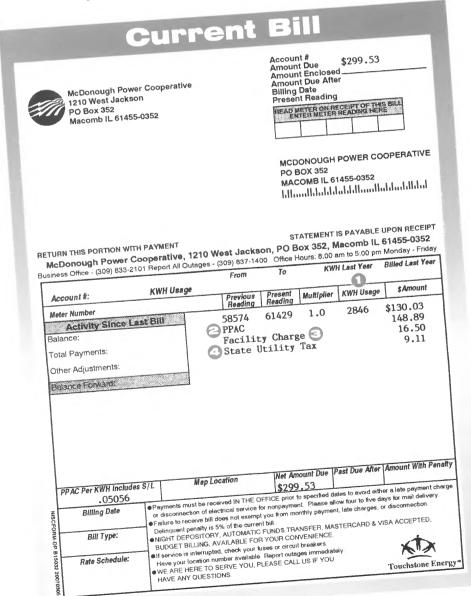
A new PPAC charge makes billing simpler to understand and more transparent

You've received a letter and bill stuffers informing you of an upcoming 2 percent rate increase and \$2 per month facility charge increase that will appear starting with your January bills. In addition, your bill will look slightly different in January. We are changing the way we calculate the PPAC, or Purchased Power Adjustment Charge, on your bill each month. This adjustment won't change the amount of your bill, just more accurately show how wholesale power cost increases

affect your bill each month.

If you look at the images provided, you'll see a current bill and a new bill image. The current bill shows rates and PPAC charges calculated as they are right now. The new bill shows the same usage with the rate and facility charge increase as well as the new PPAC charge calculation.

You'll notice the bill increased \$8.74. though the PPAC charge is drastically different from one bill to the next.



Below, we'll explain that, as well as cover the basic parts of your bill. Please remember that if you ever have any questions concerning your bill, you can call the office at 309-833-2101.

Your co-op's staff and board of directors develop a budget each year based on the co-op's operational costs and projected wholesale power costs. But because of a changing energy industry and volatile energy prices, the wholesale power cost can actually be more than the budgeted amount. The co-op must then pass this increase on directly to you, the member. Wholesale power is the energy that the co-op must purchase from its supplier on your behalf.

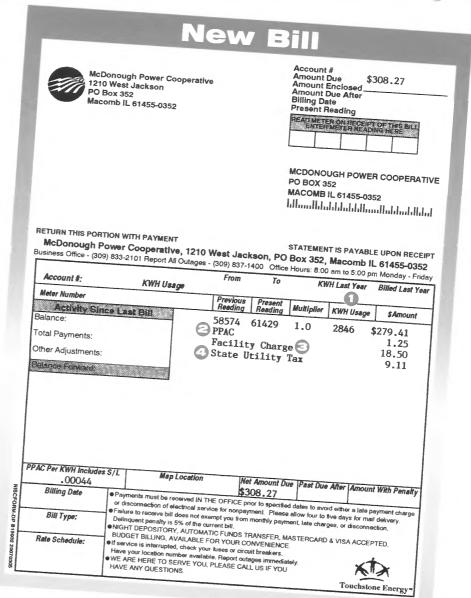
Think of it like the prices at the gas pumps that can rise and lower monthly, or even throughout a day! The gas stations are passing on to you directly the increase in prices they must pay to receive that fuel. Their basic costs of the pumps and building are the same and are included in a base fuel price, but any increases are due to changing fuel prices from their suppliers.

"In order for our bill to be simpler and more transparent, the only item the PPAC will represent going forward is the unanticipated, unbudgeted increase in wholesale power costs. All of the operational costs and budgeted wholesale power costs will be included in the basic energy charge," says President/CEO Steve Epperson. "If the power is the same as what we budgeted for, there will be no PPAC on the bill."

The Four Components of Your Energy Bill

1 KWH Reading.

This is the amount of kWhs you used in the given time period. In the sample bills at right, this member used 2,846 kWhs. That number is calculated against your base rate to get \$130.03 on the current bill. You'll notice on the new bill that charge is larger at \$279.41. That is due in part to the 2 percent increase in rates, and mostly due to a change in the way the bill is calculated. The total bill has increased for the member only \$8.74. The new kWh



charge incorporates all the operational and budgeted wholesale power expenses of providing that number of kWhs to you. In the current bill, some of these costs were distributed in the PPAC charge.

PPAC.

Your purchased power adjustment charge, as described above, is changing. On the current bill sample, this charge is shown at \$148.89. On the new bill, this charge has dramatically decreased, to just \$1.25. The PPAC now strictly reflects the unanticipated, unbugeted wholesale power cost increases that the co-op must directly

pass on to you, the member. This

amount will change each month based

on energy prices. See above for more information.

Facility Charge.

3 We must provide basic infrastructure to every member, whether or not they use any kWhs in a given month. Those basic materials: poles, wire, meter, etc., cost the co-op to maintain. This cost is what makes up your facility charge. The current bill shows a charge of \$16.50. The new bill shows the \$2 increase to be implemented in January.

State Utility Tax. This is simply a tax we must apply to your bill and pass along to the state.

A New Year's Resolution That Makes Safety Sense!

Eliminate electrical hazards in your home

Tens of thousands of fires are caused each year by electrical problems inside the home, but most can be easily prevented with a few simple steps. Taking a few minutes to check for and eliminate electrical hazards is a New Year's resolution that makes sense!

"Electrical accidents and fires kill more than a thousand people, and result in tens of thousands of injuries each year," says Molly Hall, Director of Safe Electricity. "Overloaded outlets, misused and faulty cords and electrical devices are leading causes of home electrical shocks and fires."

Safe Electricity suggests teaching your children how to be safe around electricity. Use this electrical safety checklist to help protect your home and loved ones:

- Electrical outlets Check for loose–fitting plugs, which can be a shock or fire hazard. Replace missing or broken wall plates so wiring and components are not exposed. If you have young children in the home, make sure unused outlets are covered.
- Plugs Never force them into outlets. Don't remove the grounding pin (third prong) to make a three-prong plug fit a two-conductor outlet. Avoid overloading outlets with adapters and too many appliance plugs.
- Cords Make sure they are not frayed or cracked, placed under carpets or rugs, or located in high traffic areas. Do not nail or staple them to walls, floors or other objects.
- Extension cords Use them on a temporary basis only. They are not intended as permanent household wiring. Make sure they have safety closures to protect young children from shock and mouth burn injuries.
- Light bulbs Check the wattage to make sure light bulbs match the fixture requirements and are screwed securely in place. Replace bulbs that have higher wattage ratings than recommended and consider replacing burned-out bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, which last 10 times as long and use one-fourth the energy of an incandescent bulb.
- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) Make sure GFCIs are installed in your kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, workshop, basement and garage as well as on outdoor outlets. Test them monthly to ensure they're working properly.
- Circuit breakers/Fuses Fuses should be properly rated for the circuit they are protecting. If you don't know the correct rating, have an electrician identify and label the correct size to be used. Always replace a fuse with the same size you are removing. Check that circuit breakers are working properly.



A qualified, licensed electrician can determine the appropriate service requirements for your home.

- * Appliances/Electronics If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker or has given you an electrical shock, immediately unplug it and have it repaired or replaced. Look for cracks or damage in wiring and connectors. Use surge protectors to protect expensive electronics.
- Electrical wiring Wiring defects are a major cause of residential blazes. Check periodically for loose wall receptacles, wires, or lighting fixtures. Listen for popping or sizzling sounds behind walls. Immediately shut off, then professionally replace light switches that are warm to the touch and lights that spark and flicker.
- ** Service capacity As you continue to upgrade your home with more lighting, appliances and electronics, your home's electrical service capacity may become overburdened. If fuses blow or breakers trip frequently, you may need to increase electrical service and add new branch circuits. A qualified, licensed electrician can determine the appropriate service requirements for your home.
- Portable generators Be sure your generator is properly grounded and is not plugged into a home outlet or connected directly to your home's wiring system. A transfer switch should always be installed to protect you, your neighbors, and repair crews from serious injury resulting from backfeed. Follow all manufacturer's installation instructions and if have questions call a licensed electrician for help. Also notify your local utility that a backup generator has been installed.

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Touchstone Energy's Classroom Empowerment Grant Competition



Steve Epperson President/CEO

New and exciting things will be happening at McDonough Power in 2008. Keep your eye out for updates in the Illinois Country Living and on our Web site at www. mcdonoughpower.com.





ouchstone Energy electric cooperatives from across the state distributed a total of \$20,000 in Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants to fund innovative classroom and education enhancement projects for the 2007-2008 school year. Each school was eligible to win up to \$1,000 per project submitted. 11225A3-1050B

McDonough Power received applications from three area schools and we are pleased to announce that all three applicants were awarded grant money.

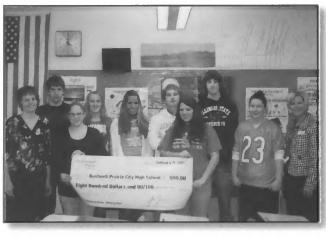
Grants were awarded to the following: Kacey Coursey, a 2nd grade teacher at Bushnell-Prairie City Elementary, received a \$1,000 grant for her Listen to Learn! project. Also awarded \$1,000 was Peggy Kulczewski, Title 1 Mathematics Teacher at Lincoln Intermediate School in Monmouth, for her project Learning the 4 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink. Carol Lock, math/ physics teacher at Bushnell-Prairie City High School, was awarded \$800 for her project Physics in Action - Water as Fuel.

As your local Touchstone Energy electric cooperative, our focus is on our community, and we are proud to be able to support local schools. We realize that school budgets are tight, and these grants will empower schools to pursue projects that would not otherwise have been funded.

For more information about Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants, please contact Kelly Hamm, Member Relations and Marketing Specialist at McDonough Power.











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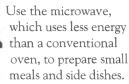
Bake for Fun, Efficiency

You may have tired vourself – and vour oven – out with holiday baking, but at least you had fun. Or did you?

If you were too hurried and stressed to enjoy the process, here's your second chance. February is Bake for Family Fun Month, and it's time to crowd into the kitchen with your kids and pass on generations of family traditions - or at least your favorite recipe.

As you stir, shake and bake, keep energy efficiency in mind. Here are a few tips for saving a bit of energy while cooking and baking:

• Lower the temperature by 25 degrees when you use glass or ceramic pans in the oven. Your dish will cook in the same amount of time.



• Experiment with crock pot recipes for soups and stews. The handy countertop appliance uses less energy than the stovetop.

• Skip the preheating. Except for breads and pastries, you do not need to preheat the oven.

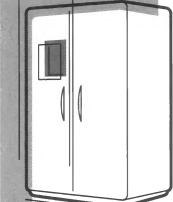
- Turn off your electric oven or burner a couple of minutes before the cooking is finished. It will still radiate heat.
- Avoid peering into the oven. Each time you open the door, substantial heat escapes. 6311B1-708A
- Double your recipes. Cooking or baking two dishes at once saves energy. Freeze the leftovers and reheat them in the microwave.

Ensure Your Refrigerator's Peak Performance with Simple Maintenance

You probably use vour refrigerator more than any other appliance, so take care of it!

Here are some tips to keep your fridge in good working order.

- Vacuum the condenser coils in the back or bottom of the refrigerator every three months. This will keep it working at peak efficiency.
- Door gaskets should be snug to keep cold air in. Check the door seal and replace it or adjust it if necessary.
- Do not store uncovered liquids in the refrigerator. They give off vapors that



make the unit work harder.

- Allow hot foods to cool before placing them in the refrigerator, but don't leave perishables un-refrigerated for more than two hours.
- When cooking, remove all of your refrigerated ingredients at once so you don't have to keep opening the refrigerator door. 9124A2A-464B
- Don't put a second refrigerator in the garage unless the unit is specifi-

cally built for that use. The temperature changes in an unheated space can damage the appliance or make it work too hard. Instead, store your extra unit in the basement.

Be Prepared for Ice Storms and Prolonged Power Outages

lasts of winter wind, moisture and fluctuating temperatures can result in severe freezing rain, sleet and ice storms, as we all remember from last year.

A heavy build-up of ice on power lines can cause wires to snap and utility poles to topple. Falling ice-laden trees or limbs can bring down power lines, cause outages and threaten life and property.

Safe Electricity and McDonough Power stress the importance of being prepared for these potentially dangerous storms and the power outages they may cause. Having the right supplies and knowing how to stay warm safely are keys to weathering a winter storm emergency.

"Severe damage to power lines and transmissions systems may take days to repair," said Molly Hall, Director of Safe Electricity. "In a winter storm emergency, restoring power and heat to consumers is the highest priority, and electric utility crews work around the clock to restore service."

Typically, there is ample warning of an approaching winter storm system and most know to stay off roads and seek shelter. But Hall stresses that everyone, particularly families with special needs, must be prepared to know what to do in case of a winter emergency and long-term power outages:

 Always keep a battery-powered radio or TV, flashlights and a supply of fresh batteries readily available.





- Know where to find extra blankets.
- Fill spare containers with water for washing, and keep a supply of bottled drinking water on hand.
- Keep a supply of foods that don't require cooking or refrigeration, along with a hand opener for canned food.
- Switch off lights and appliances to prevent overloading circuits and damaging appliances when power is restored. Leave one lamp or switch on to signal when power returns.
- To prevent water pipes from freezing, keep faucets turned on slightly so water drips from the tap.

"Never use a charcoal grill to cook or heat with inside the home," Hall emphasized. "It gives off deadly carbon monoxide gas. Grills should be used only outdoors."

It's a good idea to assemble a disaster supply kit ahead of time that includes needed items. Don't forget to include a first aid kit, prescription medication and special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.

Maintaining warmth is a priority during a winter emergency. Loss of body heat or hypothermia can be life threatening.

- Stay inside and dress warmly in layered clothing.
- Close off unneeded rooms.
- When using an alternate heat source, follow operating instructions, use fire safeguards and be sure to properly ventilate. 5311C3A-260A

If you use a standby generator, make sure it has a transfer safety switch or that your power is cut off at the breaker box before you operate it. This prevents electricity from traveling back through the power lines or what's known as "back feed." Back feed creates danger for anyone near lines, particularly crews working to restore power.

When outside, treat all downed and hanging lines as if they are energized electric lines. Stay away, warn others to stay away and immediately contact your utility. For more detailed information and electrical safety tips, visit the Safe Electricity Web site www.SafeElectricity.org.

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Planting Seeds of Caution

Tips to stay safe during planting season

The greatest hazard on today's farms is electrocution. Before you head back into the fields this spring, read this information on how to stay safe.

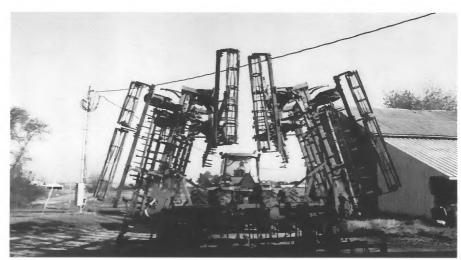
"Make sure everyone knows the location of overhead power lines and to keep farm equipment at least 10 feet away from them," says Molly Hall, Executive Director of Safe Electricity. "The minimum 10 foot distance is a 360-degree rule - below, to the side and above lines." 8325D1-633B

Simply coming too close to a power he while working is dangerous as electricity can arc or "jump" to conducting material or objects, such as a ladder, pole or truck.

"Many farm electrical accidents that involve power lines happen when loading or preparing to transport equipment to fields, or while working on farm machinery near power lines," notes Mike Smith of McDonough Power. "Sometimes a line is closer than it looks. When moving large equipment or high loads near a power line, always use a spotter to help ensure contact is not made with a line."

Be aware of increased height when loading and transporting tractors on trailer beds. Many tractors are now equipped with radios and communications systems that have very tall antennas extending from the cab that could make contact with power lines. Avoid raising the arms of planters, cultivators or truck beds near power lines.

"Never attempt to raise or move a ower line to clear a path," warns Hall. When performing other farm chores, as in any outdoor work, take care not to raise equipment such as ladders, poles or rods into power lines. Remember, non-



metallic materials such as lumber, tree limbs, tires, ropes and hay will conduct electricity depending on dampness, dust and dirt contamination. Do not try to clear storm-damage debris and limbs near or touching power lines or near fallen lines. 7322D1-610A

Overhead electric wires aren't the only electrical contact that can result in a serious incident. Pole guy wires are grounded to the neutral; but, when one of the guy wires is broken, it can cause an electric current disruption. This can make those neutral wires anything but harmless. If you hit a guy wire and break it, call the utility to fix it. Don't do it yourself. When dealing with electrical poles and wires, call the electric utility.

"Operators of farm machinery or moving equipment also should know what to do if the vehicle comes in contact with a power line," Hall says. "It's almost always best to stay in the cab and call for help. Warn others who may be nearby to stay away and wait until the electric utility arrives to make sure power to the line is cut off."

"If the power line is energized and you step outside, your body becomes the path to the ground and electrocution is the result," Mike Smith says. "Even if a line has landed on the ground, there is still potential for the area to be energized. Stay in the vehicle unless there's fire or imminent risk of fire."

In that case, the proper action is to jump - not step - with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Do not allow any part of your body to touch the equipment and the ground at the same time. Hop or shuffle to safety, keeping both feet together as you leave the area.

Once you get away from the equipment, never attempt to get back on or even touch the equipment. Many electrocutions occur when the operator dismounts and, realizing nothing has happened, tries to get back on the equipment.

For more electrical safety information, visit www.SafeElectricity.org.



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10 Family Outdoor Fun Tips

Play it safe this spring with this electrical safety information

Outdoor family fun really takes off in the spring. But before you get out the kites and start those outdoor games, Safe Electricity and McDonough Power recommend you review these safety rules:

- Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
- Fly kites and model airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power lines. Never fly a kite on a cloudy day when a thunderstorm may be brewing.
- If a kite gets stuck in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Electricity can travel down kite strings or wires and electrocute you. Contact your electric utility for assistance. 525HH19-951B
- Never climb a utility pole or tower. The electricity carried through this equipment is extremely high voltage and could kill you.
- Don't play on or around padmounted electrical equipment (those large green boxes sometimes located in yards). ■

- Never go into an electric substation for any reason. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you. Never rescue a pet or retrieve a ball or toy that goes inside. Call your electric utility instead.
- Be sure all pools and outdoor play areas are away from power lines and call JULIE before installing any new posts.
- Install and use GFCI outlets outside. Use portable GFCIs if outlets don't have them. Keep appliances 10 feet from pools, ponds and wet surfaces.
- Don't leave electrical appliances outside. They could become wet and cause an electrical shock when unplugged later. If the weather looks threatening, pack up and go inside.
- Spring showers bring more than just puddles to splash in. They can bring flooded areas that are never safe to play or wade in, and may be in contact with energized equipment or fallen power lines. 6326AA16-750C

Visit www.SafeElectricity.org for more information on electrical safety, and online games and activities that teach kids to safely use and play around electricity.



Our office will be closed in honor of Good Friday on Friday, March 21.



Spring Forward --

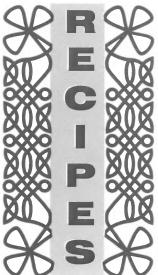
Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 9.

Don't forget to move your clocks one hour ahead.



First day of spring – Thursday, March 20.





Chicken & Broccoli Braid

Ingredients:

2 cups diced, cooked chicken meat

1 cup fresh broccoli, chopped

1/2 cup red bell pepper, chopped

1 clove crushed garlic

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 teaspoons dried dill weed

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 (8 ounce) packages refrigerated crescent rolls

1 egg white, beaten

2 tablespoons slivered almonds

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. In a large bowl, toss together chicken, broccoli, red bell pepper, garlic, cheddar cheese, mayonnaise, dill weed and salt.
- 3. Unroll crescent roll dough, and arrange flat on a medium baking sheet. Pinch together perforations to form a single sheet of dough. Using a knife or scissors, cut 1 inch wide strips in towards the center, starting on the long sides. There should be a solid strip about 3 inches wide down the center, with the cut strips forming a fringe down each side. Spread the chicken mixture along the center strip. Fold the side strips over chicken mixture, alternating strips from each side. Pinch or twist to seal.
- 4. Brush braided dough with the egg white. Top with slivered almonds. Bake in the preheated oven 25 to 28 minutes, or until golden brown.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day – March 17th – with this Recipe

Slow-Cooker Corned Beef & Cabbage

The slow cooker is the perfect way to go for this traditional dish, since it must bubble away untended for hours, in any event. Be sure to serve with crusty bread, and Dijon mustard and horseradish on the side.

Ingredients

4 cups hot water

2 tbsp. cider vinegar

2 tbsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper

1 large or 2 medium onions, cut into wedges

1 3-lb. corned beef round or brisket, packaged with spices

8 small white or yellow potatoes, scrubbed and cut into quarters

1 head of green cabbage (about 1 1/2 lbs.), cored and cut into 10 wedges

Directions

- 1. In a 6-quart electric slow cooker, combine the water, vinegar, sugar, pepper and onions, mixing well. Place the corned beef in the mixture. Scatter the potatoes over the top and along the sides. 527SG33-950A
- 2. Cover and cook on the High heat setting 4 hours. Remove the lid and scatter the cabbage wedges over the top. Cover and continue cooking on High 3 to 4 hours longer, or until the beef is tender. To serve, carve the beef into slices and serve with the cabbage and potatoes, with some of the cooking liquid spooned on top of the beef to keep it moist. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



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How the Cooperative **Difference Affects Your Rates**



Steve Epperson President/CEO

at McDonough Power Cooperative the people who receive electricity are not just customers, they are members of our cooperative. Members enjoy certain rights that customers don't have with other electric providers. For instance, as a member of McDonough Power, you can choose to run for a board seat. Because you can vote in the annual election for the board candidates of your choice, our board is composed of people who live and work in the very territory that McDonough Power serves.

Many people, however, don't understand the various ways their membership in a cooperative affects their rates. At McDonough Power, our rates are based on two main components – the actual cost of the wholesale power we buy from the company that generates electricity, and the cost for us to get that power to you.

Our power provider, Prairie Power Inc., which also is a cooperative, sets wholesale power costs. McDonough Power has a seat on Prairie Power's board of directors. As a cooperative, Prairie Power works hard to keep rates low, while guaranteeing a stable supply of electricity.

The second component – the cost for us to get power to you - is all other operational costs, including the cost for poles and lines, the cost and maintenance of trucks and buildings, actual employee costs like wages and benefits, and the costs associated with maintaining records, like the printing and mailing of bills.

One of the biggest advantages of being served by a cooperative is that we work only for you; we don't have stockholders expecting a big quarterly dividend. We are a not-for-profit enterprise, which means we're working only to provide you with economical, reliable service.

We do collect some money, which is figured into your rates, that is used for capital improvements. It helps us to build many of the expensive improvements we are required to provide. Any money collected in excess of those required funds is allocated to each customer account as patronage capital.

Patronage capital, or capital credits as they are often called, represents your investment in the cooperative and all its assets. 5219C9A-570A

While capital credits are not returned every year, the board of directors that you elect considers at least once a year whether or not we can return some of these investment dollars to our members.

So, when figuring our overall rates, customers need to consider patronage capital in the quotient. Returning capital credits to members is a practice unique to the cooperative form of business and represents one of the cooperative principles - members' economic participation. And perhaps best of all, the benefits of this economic participation accrues to our community.

Map Location Game

Every month we will have four map location numbers hidden throughout The Wire. If you find your map location number, 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.



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Conservation and Efficiency – **Kissing Cousins** "We Need Your Help"

rurn on the lights and TV, boot up the computer, and head to the kitchen to start dinner. Arriving home after a full day at work, most of us walk through a familiar routine.

We hardly take a step that does not involve the reliable flow of electricity. And every light switch or appliance we turn on sends the electric meter outside spinning a little faster and the monthly bill a little higher.

Meanwhile, it's hard to escape the media coverage surrounding climate change as evening news reporters drone on about global warming.

We watch with concern and ask, "Is there anything one person can do to make a difference?" The answer is an emphatic, "Yes." It starts with learning all we can about energy conservation and efficiency. While they are not the same thing, they are close relatives.

Conservation occurs when we reduce total consumption of electricity, often achieved by simply turning off anything that consumes electricity when not

Energy efficiency occurs when we replace or upgrade the essentials in our lives (e.g., appliances, lighting, insulation), allowing us to realize the same benefit with less electricity.

If you want to help, log on to www. touchstoneenergysavers.com to perform an online energy audit to assess how much energy your home consumes and evaluate what measures you can take to make your residence more energy efficient, 611A6-168A

Then, with audit results in hand, take action. The cumulative effect of such small steps in homes and businesses will have a direct impact on our nation's entire electric grid-reducing demand during peak periods, cutting emissions of greenhouse gases, and lowering overall costs to co-ops and consumer-members. Not to mention energy efficiency helps manage load growth and delays the need to build new electric generation facili-

America's electric co-ops are working with public officials at all levels to identify and adopt achievable and balanced solutions to climate change. One of quickest remedies involves embracing those "kissing cousins"-conservation and efficiency-and making them part of our daily routine. Although energy consumption will continue to increase, by using electricity more efficiently, we can slow the overall growth for more power.

ATTENTION

Please Help Us to Help You!

Furrent telephone numbers and 911 addresses are vital for our automated outage reporting system to work properly and for the efficient dispatching of our crews. To make sure our records are current, we are enclosing in the April bills a form for you to complete and return with your payment. You may also phone or e-mail your information to us. If you have more than one account, please include all information. Thank you. We appreciate your assistance.



Position Your Plantings Perfectly

Trees too close to power lines can cause outages, shock and fire hazards.

Before beginning yard landscaping projects this spring, McDonough Power and Safe Electricity want to remind you of the importance of planting tall-growing trees safely away from power lines, and to seek help in choosing and planting trees and bushes that won't grow to interfere with your electric supply.

"We want to encourage all of our members to call JULIE before planting any trees this spring," says Mike Smith of McDonough Power. "Members also need to consider how large the tree will grow and if it will affect power lines, as well as proper positioning for the best energy efficiency benefits."

Trees conduct electricity and can create a safety hazard if limbs grow too close to electric lines. Power outages or momentary interruptions can occur when trees and branches come into contact with overhead lines. Electrical arcing and sparking from a wire to a nearby branch can cause fires. But a greater concern is the safety risk when children

climb trees near power lines. Accidental contact of electric wires with a tree limb or person playing or trimming around the tree could be fatal.

Trees growing near power lines must be pruned to maintain a safe distance from the wires. If you have trees that appear to be growing into power lines, contact your electric provider. Never try to prune them yourself. Utilities have skilled professionals trained to safely prune and trim trees for electric line clearances. 8120SL129-832A

To avoid future electrical hazards, safe planting tips to remember include:

- Consider mature height of trees. Do not plant near overhead power lines any tree that can grow to 25 feet tall. A mature height of less than 15 feet is recommended.
- Do not plant near underground utility services. Tree roots can grow and interfere with underground pipes, cables and wires. Future repairs to these facilities also could damage the health and beauty of nearby plants and trees.

- Keep areas around electric meters, transformers or other electrical equipment free of any vegetation that could limit utility service access.
- Before digging, call the local underground utility locator service to mark location of underground utilities so that accidental contact, damage and injuries can be avoided.

Before beginning any outdoor excavating or landscaping project, call your electric provider and underground utility locator service to identify and locate all possible utility hazards. Your utility also can provide helpful planting information, or refer you to nursery and landscaping experts for assistance in designing a beautiful, shade-filled yard with trees appropriate to plant near power lines.

"There are many beautiful varieties of low-growing trees and shrubs that provide color, screening and shade," says Mike Smith. "These types of trees co-exist well with power lines and avoid the need for trimming for line clearance."

RECIPES

Zippy Cranberry Appetizer

Ingredients:

½ c. sugar

½ c. packed brown sugar

1 c. water

1 pkg. (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries

3 T. prepared horseradish

1 T. Dijon mustard

1 pkg. (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

Directions:

In a large saucepan, bring sugars and water to a boil over medium heat. Stir in cranberries; return to a boil. Cook for 10 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Cool. Stir in horseradish and mustard. Transfer to a bowl; refrigerate until chilled. Spread cream cheese on a platter and top with cranberry mixture. Serve with crackers. 12236A7-1058B

Fresh Asparagus with Balsamic Butter Sauce

Ingredients:

1 bunch asparagus (tough ends removed)

2 T. butter

Cooking Spray

1 T. Soy Sauce

Salt & Pepper to Taste

1 tsp. Balsamic Vinegar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange the asparagus on a baking sheet. Coat with cooking spray and season with salt and pepper. Bake asparagus 12 minutes in the preheated oven, or until tender. Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Remove from heat, and stir in soy sauce and balsamic vinegar. Pour over the baked asparagus to serve.

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APPLICATION AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

If you would like to sign-up for the automatic payment plan, please fill out the following form. Send form and a VOIDED CHECK to McDonough Power Cooperative, PO Box 352, Macomb IL 61455.

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10 Ways to Keep Kids Safe This Summer



The countdown is on! It's time to get prepared for summer fun and making memories that will last a lifetime. As your family gets ready for swimming, camping, ballgames, trips to the park and generally more time spent outdoors, keep safety in your plans.

- Stay away from electrical equipment on the ground and overhead. Never climb a utility pole or tower. Don't play on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment.
- Never climb trees near power lines.
 Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch. 11129B3-1002C
- Fly kites and model airplanes safely away from trees and overhead power lines. If a kite gets tangled in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Contact your electric utility for assistance.
- Never go into an electric substation. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you. Don't retrieve a toy or rescue a pet that goes inside. Call your electric utility instead.
- Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools like ladders and pool skimmers.
- Water and electricity never mix!
 Keep electronics like radios away
 from pools and hot tubs, and watch
 for overhead power lines when

- cleaning pools, sailing or fishing. Never install pools underneath or near power lines.
- Use outdoor outlets with weatherproof covers and ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) to prevent shocks and injuries. Use portable GFCIs for outdoor outlets that don't have them.
- Keep electrical appliances and tools at least 10 feet away from pools, ponds and wet surfaces. "Electricity and water are a dangerous combination," warns Mike Smith of McDonough Power. "Caution children and family members about the danger of using electrical appliances in wet areas even wet grass can create a hazard."
- Check extension cords carefully for exposed wires; make sure they are in good shape, and not frayed or cracked. Use only extension cords that are rated and marked for outdoor use, and are large enough to handle the current needed for the device you are using.
- Check that the prongs on an extension cord plugs are clean, not broken or bent. Make sure the ground prong is intact in a three-prong plug, and avoid use of adapters.

"Remember, accidents and injuries are unexpected," adds Mike Smith. "Be prepared and proactive to make sure your family has great memories of summer 2008."

For more information on electrical safety, visit www.SafeElectricity.org.



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Map Location Game

every month we will have four map location numbers hidden through-Sout The Wire. If you find your map location number, 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.

WINNER - WINNER - WINNER

ongratulations to James Jones of Avon! He found his map location num-• ber in the April issue of *The Wire*. He receives a \$10 credit on his next electric bill. Thanks James for staying informed with your cooperative by reading our monthly newsletter.

System-Wide Meter Change outs

s we stated at the beginning of the Ayear – new and exciting changes will be taking place this year at McDonough Power. In preparation for our new Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system we will be changing out all meters on our system beginning with the residential meters. We have contracted HD Supply to perform all of our meter change outs – they will begin in May. If you see an unfamiliar vehicle at your location near the meter it may be the folks with HD Supply there to change out your meter. They should have a McDonough Power magnetic sign on the side of their vehicle. You will experience a minor disruption in your electric service as your meter is being changed out. Prior to changing out the meter the contractors will knock on your door as an attempt to notify you of the service interruption. Stay tuned because each month we will try to give you an update on the progress being made. 6326WW26-750B

COMING SOON



- We are in the process of revamping our Web site same Web address, new look, enhanced information and better energy efficiency tools. www.mcdonoughpower.com
- We are in the process of upgrading our very outdated computer system. The implementation process has already begun and will continue through June of this year. This change will allow us to better serve you, our members. Keep informed with the changes by continuing to read our monthly newsletter.

RECIPES

German Chocolate Bars

Ingredients:

2/3 cup butter, softened

1 box German chocolate cake mix

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1 container coconut pecan frosting

1/4 cup milk

Directions:

Heat oven to 350°. Lightly grease or spray bottom and sides of 13x9-inch pan. 10126D1-416A

In medium bowl, cut butter into cake mix using pastry blender or fork, until mixture looks like fine crumbs. Press half of the mixture (2 ½ cups) in bottom of pan.

Bake 10 minutes. Sprinkle chocolate chips over baked layer. Drop frosting by tablespoons over chocolate chips. Stir milk into remaining cake mixture. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto frosting layer.

Bake 24 to 28 minutes or until cake portion is slightly dry to touch; cool complete. Refrigerate until firm.

Makes 48 bars

Cheesy Potato Salad

Ingredients:

2 1/2 pounds red potatoes, cubed

1 cup sour cream

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup white sugar

1/2 bunch green onions, chopped

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1 tablespoon real bacon bits

Directions:

- 1. Place the potatoes into a pot, and fill with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook for about 10 minutes, or until easily pierced with a fork. Drain, and set aside to cool.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix together the sour cream, mayonnaise, sugar, half of the onions, and half of the cheese. Gently stir in the cooled potatoes. Top with remaining cheese and onions, and sprinkle bacon bits over the top.

For Sale

t is spring and we're cleaning house. The cooperative has a few items for sale that we're offering to MEM-BERS ONLY. These items will be on display in front of the co-op office beginning May 1st. We will take sealed bids on the items until 3 p.m. on May 15, 2008. That day the sealed bids will be opened, and the items will go to the highest bidders. Below are some details and pictures of the items. To check them out in person and to submit your bid stop by the co-op office any time between now and 3 p.m. on May 15th. Since this is open to members only we will verify your membership at the time that you place your bid. 532RM55-900A

1999 Ford F150 Extended Cab



Color - Red • 93,100 miles • V8 4.6 Liter • 4WD Great Shape • Minimum bid \$5,500

2002 Ford Explorer XLT



Color – Dark Red • 92,735 miles • V6 4.0 Liter • 4WD Great Shape • **Minimum bid \$4,000**

Dynaweld Flatbed Trailer



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Nominating Committee will meet



Steve Epperson President/CEO

- embers of the 2008 nominating committee have been appointed by the McDonough Power Cooperative board of directors. The committee will meet on June 18 at the Cerar's Barnstormer in Monmouth at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors at the 2008 annual meeting of members to be held August 28 at The Crossing in Macomb.
- District 1 (composed of the West half of Scotland Township and East half of Chalmers Township in McDonough County): Brian Waller, 11238 E 1000th 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): Steve Hood, 14420 N Oth Rd, Littleton.
- District 3 (composed of all Hire, Tennessee, Colchester and the West half of Chalmers Townships in Mc-Donough County and parts of Fountain Green and Hancock Townships in Hancock County): Sheridan Miller, 5210 N 900th Rd, Colchester and William Pollock, 3095 E County Rd 1750, Colchester.
- District 4 (composed of all Blandinsville, Sciota and Emmett Townships in McDonough County): Keela Woolam, 6327 N 1700th Rd, Macomb and George Sperry, 7559 N 1600th 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): Stephen Ashwood, 1750 E 2200th 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): Kent Poulter, 21255 E 1400th St, Good Hope and Marlin Pendell, 15815 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): Harold Anderson, 112 US Highway 67, 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, 760 26th St, 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 Tom Curtis, 1283 Warren School Rd, Monmouth. 5219C9A-570A

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 4, 6, and 9 expire this year. The Director from District 3 has resigned. This vacancy will also be filled at the annual meeting. Directors presently serving on

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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. 611A6-168A

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. Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations to be made from the floor at the meeting of members.

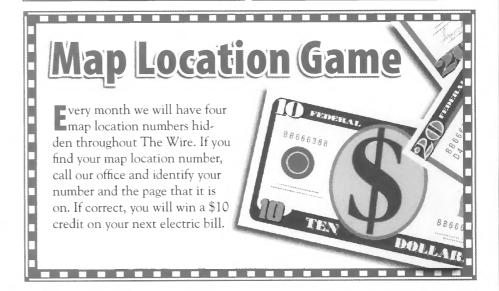
Change in Office Hours Beginning June 2nd, 2008 our office hours will be

7:00 am

to 4:00 pm.

New Bills

Your billing statement will have a new look this month. There has been no change in the way your bill is figured - just a new look. You may find that your new bill will provide more information. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call.





RECIPES

Coffee Cake

Ingredients:

- 2 boxes Jiffy yellow cake mix
- 2 small packages (4 serving) instant vanilla pudding
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup water
- 2/3 cup oil
- 1 tsp vanilla

Directions:

Mix and pour into a greased (Pam) 9 x 13 pan.

Mix together in a separate bowl:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp cocoa

Sprinkle on top of batter and swirl through with a knife.

Bake at 350 for 35-45 minutes.

Corn Dip

Ingredients:

- 2 cans mexican corn (11.5 oz)
- 2 cans chopped green chilies
- 1 bunch chopped green onions
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 C sour cream
- 1 C mayo (not miracle whip)
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 C cheddar cheese
- 1-2 jalapenos, chopped and seeded

Directions:

Mix all together and serve cold with scoop tortilla chips. Enjoy. 12236A7-1058B

Mark Your (alendar!

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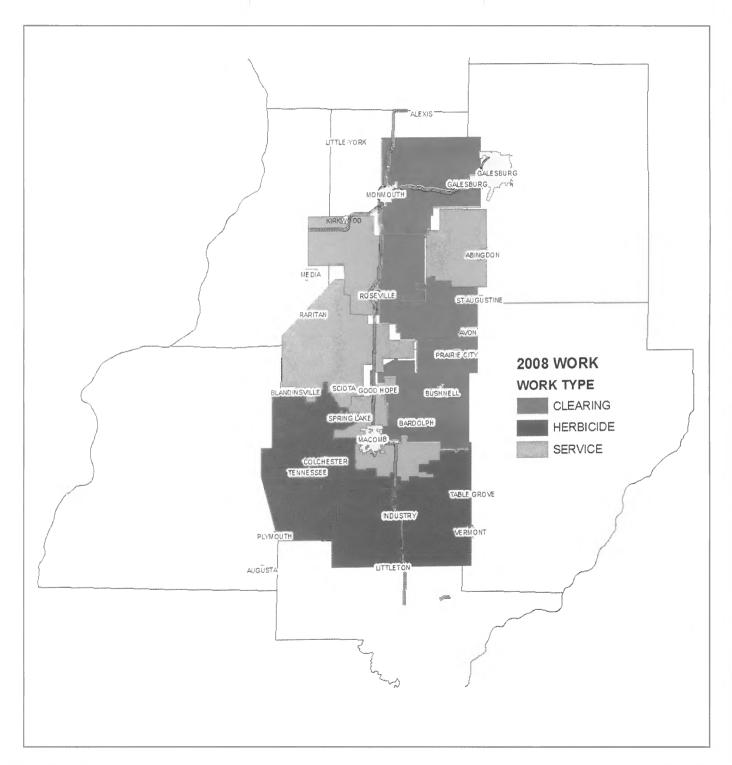
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Vegetation Management - Schedule

McDonough Power Cooperative and Spoon River Electric Cooperative are once again teaming up to manage McDonough Power's electrical system. The stability and reliability of electric distribution systems are heav-

ily dependent on a strong vegetation program. Vegetation management is critical to prevent outages due to high winds, storms, ice and to keep crews and members safe during those outages. Beginning in June crews will be clearing trees and brush in the area indicated in purple, spraying herbicide in the area indicated in dark grey and performing service as needed in the area indicated in light grey. 8120SL129-832A



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Steve Epperson President/CEO

ressure is mounting in Congress to do something about climate change. And while political debates in Washington, D.C., may seem far away, the outcome will have a direct impact on our cooperative – and on you, the cooperative member and other electric consumers.

Climate change is but one aspect of a looming energy crisis created by increasing demand and decreasing capacity to meet that demand. Experts now say some areas of the country will be short of power within one or two years. 6315SV40-708A

And yet energy supply isn't an issue our elected representatives are spending a lot of time on. These forces, the desire by government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions quickly and the growing demand for power by consumers, are about to collide.

Some people say we can meet demand through efficiency and renewable energy. The reality is we need all the efficiency and renewable energy we can get, but that will not be enough.

To avert an energy crisis, the federal government must exercise true leadership, the same leadership that got Americans to the moon in the 1960s. Without that leadership – without a sound, responsible plan – government risks not only the reliability of our electric system, but literally the ability of many Americans to be able to afford to pay their electric bill.

We, as electric co-op members and

constituents, must call on elected officials to provide this leadership. That's why I want to encourage you to contact your elected officials.

Now.

You don't need to be an energy expert to ask questions. Asking questions helps find the answers to solve the problem of balancing climate change goals with keeping your lights on and your electric bills affordable.

Right now, members of Congress as well as state elected officials are hearing from lots of different interest groups who have ideas about how to address climate change. No one is talking to consumers, however. We need a plan people can live with today while we deal with the climate change problem of tomorrow.

To make things easy, we have a website that will send an email for you. Go to www.ourenergy.coop and plug in your address. There you'll be able to ask a series of questions to your representatives in Washington. We're kicking this effort off with a basic but critical question: What are they doing to make sure we'll have the power we need in the future?

Far too often questions don't get asked by policy makers until plans go wrong. We believe it makes sense to know the answers before the laws are passed. You can help your elected officials and yourself by having this conversation. The electric bill you save will be your own.

Mark calendars McDonough Power 2008 Annual Meeting – Thursday, August 28th at The Crossing in Macomb. Registration begins at 6 pm with the business meeting at 7 pm. Please note that we have moved our meeting to The Crossing (located in the former Thompson Food Basket building on West Jackson St.) We will be serving chips, hot dogs & soda. Bring your children or grandchildren - the Macomb Masonic Lodge #17 will hold a child identification event. 11234C8-1050C



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Your New Meter - Out with the Old, In with the New

In preparation for the launch of our automated meter reading system our crews began changing out meters the first of June. The cooperative is replacing outdated mechanical meters with new digital meters that will eventually have the capability of being read from our office. The new technology will allow the co-op to better assess the extent of an outage, obtain valuable energy usage information available to members, as well as eliminate the chance for human error. As the meter changing process takes place the current reading from the old meter will be entered into our system as well the information from the new meter. If you have been estimating your meter readings or have failed to submit accurate readings each month please be prepared as the month following your meter change-out you will be billed for the power usage that was actually registered on the meter. In some cases there might be a credit balance if you have estimated higher than the actual usage. Keep in mind that we only supply your power and utilize the meter to register the amount of that you consume - you are in control of the power that you use. Once we have the system fully implemented and tested we will then notify you – until then it is important that you CONTINUE TO READ YOUR METER AROUND THE 5TH OF EACH MONTH and provide those readings along with your payment. If you have any questions or need to work out a payment arrangement please contact the office. 525HH41-951B

Alyssa Morrison – **IEC Scholarship Winner**

Alyssa Morrison of Macomb is one of seven winners of this year's Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Bobbi Morrison.

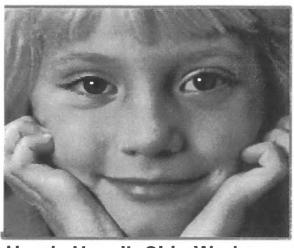
Morrison competed for the scholarship with a record number of 292 other students from across the state. The \$1,250 awards are given each year to six sons or daughters of electric co-op members, and one to the son or daughter of a co-op employee or director.

Candidates were judged on gradepoint average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities and a short essay demonstrating their knowledge of energy cooperatives.

Steve Epperson, McDonough Power Cooperative Manager, said, "The employees and board members of McDonough Power Cooperative have always been involved in our local schools and communities. We live here too and, like our members, have a vested interest in the future of our children. This scholarship is just one small way we can help make a difference for a student like Alyssa."



Our office will be closed Friday. July 4th for Independence Day.





Time is critical. Every year in the U.S., thousands of children become lost. A few are victims of abduction.

Here's How IL Chip Works...

The Masons of Illinois hold and fund the entire cost of identification workshops for families all around the State. They are called IL CHIP events. They're sponsored by local Masonic Lodges and held at neighborhood functions or at community schools. They put together everything parents need to help the authorities find their lost child. It's the most comprehensive program of its kind ... and is FREE OF CHARGE TO PARENTS.

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Date:

Thursday, August 28, 2008

Time:

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location:

The Crossing - Macomb McDonough Power Annual Meeting

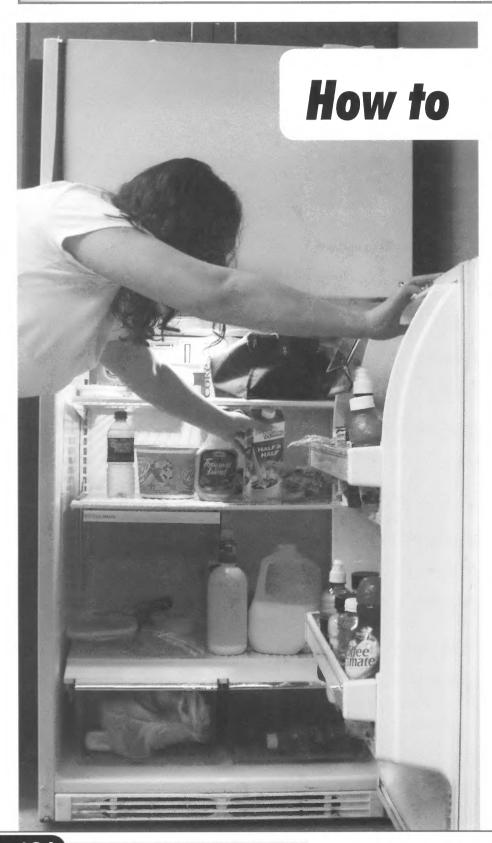
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Keep your refrigerator from using more power than necessary

Your refrigerator runs often, which means it's the biggest energy user in your kitchen. If you have a really old unit, it will use even more energy. Check out these steps to keep your refrigerator running at its best.

- 1. Check the temperature. Your freezer should be between 0-5°. Your fridge should be 35-38°. Use an appliance or outdoor thermometer to check the temp.
- 2. Keep it full. A fridge or freezer with empty spaces loses the temperature quicker, making the compressor run more often.
- 3. Clean it once a year. Not the inside, the outside. The condenser coils on the back of or underneath your fridge can get pretty dirty. Unplug the unit and then vacuum them. 8119SL340-864C
- **4. Don't smother it.** Find another place for storage, leave the top and sides free for ventilation.
- 5. Close the door. Keep the door closed and make sure it's tightly sealed. Just give it a little extra nudge each time to be sure.
- **6. Keep foods sealed.** Put cooled foods in labeled plastic containers with lids. Evaporating moisture or hot foods make the compressor run more.

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2008 Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 28, 2008
The Crossing – Macomb
1600 W. Jackson St., Macomb, Illinois
(Former Thompson Food Basket building)

6 p.m. – Registration begins 7 p.m. – Business Meeting

- We will be serving hot dogs, chips and soda.
- Macomb Masonic Lodge #17 will have a child ID booth – bring your children/grandchildren.
- There will be drawings for PRIZES throughout the evening.

Grand Prizes

3 - \$200 energy credits

~Each member who attends the meeting will receive a \$5 credit on their October energy bill.~

SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 28





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Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the members of the nominating committee met at 7 p.m. June 18, 2008 at Cerar's Barnstormer Restaurant in Monmouth, Ill., to nominate candidates for election as directors at the McDonough Power Cooperative's next annual meeting of members at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 28, 2008. 625D1A-102C

The following members were present:

Brian Waller Tom Curtis Harold Anderson Sheridan Miller Marlin Pendell Brian Waller Stephen Ashwood Kent Poulter George Sperry Thomas Vary Keela Woolam

The committee selected the following nominees to be candidates for director to serve for a 3-year term and to be elected at the annual meeting:

> DISTRICT #4: Stan Prox DISTRICT #6: Jeffrey N. Moore DISTRICT #9 Steve Youngquist

The committee also selected the following nominee(s) to be a candidate to fill the remaining two years of the three-year term that became vacant upon the resignation of Director Bill Pollock:

DISTRICT #3: Walter Lewis

Any 15 or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition. Additional nominations for directors may be made from the floor at the meeting.

> Harold Anderson **CHAIRMAN**

>Attention! <

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Directors Up for Re-Election





Director Profile - Stan Prox, District 4

Stan Prox has been nominated to serve a 3-year term in District 4 – composed of all Blandinsville, Sciota and Emmett townships in McDonough County. He lives at 16339 E 725th St. in Macomb with his wife Linda. In 1966, Stan began Shilo Farms with his father-in-law, raising and showing Angus cattle and farming. Stan and his family also operate a beef food stand at local and state fairs and festivals. Stan and Linda have two daughters and three granddaughters – Carrie and Jeff Keeney and their daughter, Kayla live in Good Hope, and Collette and Matt Culbertson and their daughters, Emma and Anna live in North Carolina. Stan has held various offices while on the McDonough Power Board and is currently Director; he is also Director on the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative Board. He has also completed the NRECA requirements to become a credentialed director.



Director Profile – Jeff Moore, District 6

Jeff Moore of 13755 IL Highway 9, Good Hope, has served as McDonough Power Director in District 6 since May 1999 and has been nominated to serve a 3-year term. District 6 is composed of all Macomb, Walnut Grove, Bushnell and Prairie City townships in McDonough County and part of Lee in Fulton County. He married Susan Stone in June 2003 and they have three children – Philippe, Cecile and Sarah. After graduating from Knox College, Jeff spent four years in France. When he returned to Good Hope, he began a residential construction business. He returned to school in 2001 and received a Masters of Arts in teaching from Western Illinois University in 2003. He has been teaching French and coaching soccer at Macomb High School since then. Jeff is currently Director of McDonough Power Cooperative Board. 525HH101-951B



Director Profile - Steve Youngquist, District 9

Steve has been nominated to represent District 9 for a 3-year term. District 9 is composed of Kelly, Coldbrook, Floyd and Berwick townships in Warren County and parts of Galesburg, Cedar and Indian Point in Knox County. In Apr il of 1985 he married Christine Fritz, a teacher in the Monmouth/Roseville School District. They have three children – Zack, Hannah and Carissa. They currently live at 1930 140th St., Cameron. Steve attended the University of Northern Colorado, where he received a B.S. degree in accounting. He worked two years for an accounting firm, farmed and is currently a Sales Representative for Pioneer Hi-Bred. Besides serving as a Director on the McDonough Power Cooperative board, he is also Chairman of the Board for the Cameron Christian Church and the President of the UHS Booster Club. Steve feels that it is an excellent learning tool to be on the Board to understand so many difficult decision-making powers that make this business work – for both the employees and the co-op members.



Director Profile – Walter Lewis, District 3

Walt has been nominated to represent District 3 which is composed of all Hire, Tennessee and Colchester and the West half of Chalmer townships in McDonough County and parts of Fountain Green and Hancock townships in Hancock County. He married his wife, Gayla, in 1985 and has two sons, Clayton (Ross) and Philip. They reside at 13005 E. 150th St., Blandinsville. Walt attended Western Illinois University for two years then began farming between Tennessee and Blandinsville in 1979 with his brother, Charles. He has been a co-leader of the Blandinsville Blue Ribbons for seven years. He currently serves as a trustee on the Hire Township Board. Walt is also treasurer and caretaker of the Friendship Cemetery. 11214A5-1052A



How To Replace a Light Switch

ou can save energy by installing dimmer or motion sensor light switches. Here's how to change your light switch, whether for energy savings, or even just to change your décor color or style. Turn off the circuit breaker to cut power to the switch you are going to change. Put a note on the circuit breaker to prevent someone from resetting it before you're ready. Double check that power has been cut to the switch. If the light switch shares an electrical box with an outlet, make sure the power to the outlet is disconnected too before beginning. Remove the switch cover plate. Remove the screws holding the switch in place

and pull it out of the wall. Make note of where the wires are attached to the switch by drawing a template or marking the wires with tape. Remove the wires by unscrewing the screws holding them in place. Unless your home is very old, all of your switches will have a green screw on one end that is the grounding screw. You will need to reconnect the wire hooked to this screw to the new switch's grounding screw. Attach the other wires to the new switch in the same positions as the old one. If you're installing a dimmer switch, it will have wires already coming out the back of the switch. Twist these wires to the old wires with the wire nuts that should come with the dimmer switch. You may want to wrap electrical tape around the wires and wire nuts to be sure they stay secure. Push the wires and the switch back into the wall and attach with screws. Put the switch plate back on. Turn back on the power to that circuit. Remember to always look away from the breaker box and use one hand to flip the circuit just in case the circuit blows. Now, consider changing that light bulb you just lit up to a compact fluorescent (CFL) for more energy savings. Make sure to look for CFLs that specify use with dimmers or three-way fixtures. 525HH107-951B

Students Tour Washington, D.C.

rin Wilson of Rushville and Amy Connelly of Macomb represented McDonough Power Cooperative and were among more than 66 high school students from across the country who participated in the Rural Electric Youth Tour held June 13 - 20, 2008 in Washington, D.C.

Each year in June, an activity-filled week affords these high school youths opportunities to learn first-hand what it is like to be involved in politics, community development and today's social issues. The theme of the 2008 Youth Tour was "Commitment to Community." Highlights included meeting with their elected representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to discuss the process of government and issues of the day, and increasing their knowledge of cooperative electric utilities and American history.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is a joint effort of local electric co-ops, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives and other statewide co-op associations and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Va.

In addition to taking in the sites and sounds of the nation's Capitol, all the state groups convene for Rural Electric Youth Day to learn from public figures and other inspirational speakers. This year's Youth Day agenda included messages from Youth Leadership Council representative Kristian Bell of Iowa; David Landis, former Nebraska State Senator and Mike Schlappi, four-time paralympic medalist.

Thanks to the electric cooperatives and support from local schools, Illinois sent the first bus load of students to Washington, D.C. in 1959. Today approximately 1,600 students from 46 states gather at our nation's Capitol each summer.



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Our office is open 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays.

What are the benefits of the new Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system that McDonough Power is installing?

- Eliminates the need for you or utility personnel to visit your location monthly to read your meter.
- Reduces the potential for human error in reading, recording and entering your meter reading into the utilities billing system. Thus, the potential for inaccurate meter reads is greatly reduced which ensures that your bill will be accurate each month.
- Eliminates the need for estimating

- your bill during months that we didn't receive a meter reading from
- Provides McDonough Power with indication of a power outage at your home. In addition, once power is restored, the utility receives verification without the need to call you ... in the middle of the night.
- Enables McDonough Power to monitor the maximum demand at your location to ensure that the

- transformer feeding your property is adequately sized to accommodate your energy usage.
- Enables McDonough Power to provide you with indication of daily usage at your location to help you understand how variables such as temperature and the number of people in your home affect your cost of energy each day. This also gives you the opportunity to manage energy consumption.

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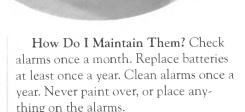
Install and maintain a smoke detector

properly installed and maintained smoke detectors can reduce your likelihood of dying in a home fire by 51 percent. Follow these tips to keep your family safe.

What Kind? New homes are required to have an alarm in each sleeping room and all alarms must be interconnected. These hard-wired alarms operate on your electrical current, with battery backup, so when one alarm registers a fire, they all sound. Battery-operated alarms can be easily installed yourself. Choose what works best for your family. 525HH68-951B

How Many? At least one on every level, including the basement. You also need one outside sleeping areas, or, if bedroom doors are kept closed at night, one in each bedroom. You may also consider placing one in your garage or in large open spaces or long hallways.

Where? Place away from drafts (windows, doors, ductwork). If mounting on the ceiling, keep 4-inches from the nearest wall. If mounting on the wall, keep 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling. Remember smoke rises, so mount them as high as possible. If the ceiling is pitched, mount at its highest point.



Note: When buying new alarms, consider purchasing a combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarm if you do not currently have a carbon monoxide alarm. Since January 2007, all homes that use any fossil fuel appliances or heating unit are required to have a working carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. All-electric homes without fireplaces are the exceptions and do not need the alarms. For more information on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms contact your local fire department.

INNERS – WINNERS – WINNERS



ongratulations to Rob & Amy Westen of Macomb and Rich & Nancy Metzner of Macomb! They found their map location numbers in the July issue of The Wire. They receive a \$10 credit on their

next electric bill. Thanks Rob & Amy and Rich & Nancy for staying informed with your cooperative by reading our monthly newsletter.



Yield Fewer Accidents This Harvest

arvest season can yield higher numbers of electrocution, shock and burn injuries on the farm. Nationwide, an average of 64 agricultural workers are electrocuted and hundreds more injured in electrical accidents each year. Safe Electricity and McDonough Power urge farm workers to avoid tragic accidents by taking note of farm activities that take place around power lines.

"Equipment contacting overhead power lines is the leading cause of farm electrocution accidents in the Midwest," says Mike Smith of McDonough Power. "Many of these accidents occur near grain bins, when augers make contact with power lines."

"Everyone who works on the farm should know the location of power lines and keep farm equipment at least 10 feet away from them – below, to the side and above power lines," says Molly Hall, Director of Safe Electricity. "Ensuring proper clearance can save lives."

Here are some safety considerations for farm workers:

- Always lower portable augers or elevators to their lowest possible level - under 14 feet - before moving or transporting; use care when raising them.
- Be aware of increased height when loading and transporting larger modern tractors with higher antennas.
- Always use a spotter or someone to help make certain that contact is not made with a line when moving large equipment or high loads.
- Do not use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins.
- As in any outdoor work, be careful not to raise any equipment such as ladders, poles or rods into power lines. Remember, non-metallic materials such as lumber, tree limbs,



tires, ropes and hay may also conduct electricity under certain conditions.

- Use qualified electricians for work on drying equipment and other farm electrical systems.
- Apply decals to all equipment that may pose electrical hazards and explain decals to workers who use the equipment. 11221C6B-1062B
- Inspect farm equipment for transport height and determine clearance with any power lines under which the equipment must pass.
- Review the possibility of underground utility supplies for new or replacement power lines.
- If you have a standby power system, review its location, operation and importance with all workers.
- Train seasonal employees to be aware of risks for potential electrical shock on the farm even if they only work temporarily.
- Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path.

If you come into contact with a power line:

"It's almost always best to stay in the cab and call for help. Warn others who

may be nearby to stay away and wait until the electric utility arrives to make sure power to the line is cut off," says Hall.

"If the power line is energized and you step outside, your body becomes the path and electrocution is the result," Smith says. "Even if a power line has landed on the ground, the potential for the area nearby to be energized still exists. Stay inside the vehicle unless there's fire or imminent risk of fire."

In that case, the proper action is to jump – not step – with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Do not allow any part of your body to touch the equipment and the ground at the same time. Continue to hop or shuffle to safety, keeping both feet together as you leave the area.

Once you get away from the equipment, never attempt to get back on or even touch the equipment. Many electrocutions happen when the operator dismounts and, realizing nothing has happened, tries to get back on the equipment.

For more information on farm and other electrical safety, visit www.SafeElectricity.org.



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Steve Epperson President/CEO

Automatic Meter Reading is Here!!!

The Cooperative recently installed electric meter(s) at your premise that can be read from the Cooperative office. We are excited about offering you this new service. McDonough Power will begin reading your electric meter(s) at the end of this month – and on approximately the 25th of each month thereafter. Please note that this may result in more days of usage on your next billing statement. If you need to make pay-

ment arrangements due to this please contact our office. We hope you are as excited as we are about this system improvement and as always. we appreciate your cooperation. 8215D3-852A



McDonough Annual Meeting

embers of McDonough Power Cooperative learned about rising power costs and re-elected four area men to three-year terms on the co-op's board of directors at the organization's annual meeting Thursday, Aug. 28, in Macomb. Walter Lewis of Blandinsville, Stan Prox of Macomb, Jeff Moore of Good Hope and Steve Youngquist of Cameron were re-elected.

President and CEO Steve Epperson reported on the challenges facing the cooperative in regards to wholesale power cost. 5313B9-956A

"The electric industry is at a point that it must build more generation to supply the demand for electricity. For this reason, the price for electricity is going up rapidly," Epperson said. He went on to say McDonough Power's wholesale power cost – the co-op's power bill, not the members' – is going up 66 percent Jan. 1, 2009.



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"This is not acceptable, but it will continue and get much worse if something is not done quickly," he said.

"Over the last couple of years the board made several big decisions in an effort to deal with this disturbing trend and the impact it would have on our members. These actions include an aggressive line maintenance program; consolidation of duties to eliminate a full-time job; the selling of our propane business, just ahead of dramatic increases in fuel costs and a sharp decrease in demand for that fuel; investing in automated meter reading and deferring revenue during the last two years in preparation for this tough time so that it could lessen the impact on members as much as possible," Epperson said.

As a result of these decisions, Epperson said the cooperative would not need to increase members' rates the same 66 percent the co-op will face. "The 2009 rate increase for residential meters will be 7.4 percent and facility charges will increase \$3. Our average

member's bill will go from \$125.29 to \$135," Epperson said.

Duane Noland, President/CEO of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in Springfield spoke to members and encouraged them to talk to Congress through a grassroots campaign called "Our Energy, Our Future." The campaign, launched by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, encourages open discussion between electric co-op members and their elected officials about the challenge of keeping the lights on.

Members were encouraged to complete postcards that were provided to them for sending to Congress, or to visit the Web site www.ourenergy. coop to e-mail members of Congress. Board Chairman Michael Cox told members that the cooperative is being proactive in executing a plan to address the unfortunate circumstances created by a worldwide energy crisis. "The board of directors would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in us to carry out cooperative business on your behalf. Please know that we take this responsibility very seriously and will remain dedicated to protecting your interests and serving your needs through the challenging times ahead,"

Cox said. 6320C1-203C McDonough Power Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy® — an alliance of more than 660 local, consumer-owned electric utilities across the country, committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. McDonough Power Cooperative serves some 5,021 members over 1,395 miles of line in all or parts of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Schuyler and Warren counties. For more information go to www.mcdonoughpower.com.

IT'S TIME TO COME TOGETHER AND CHARGE OUR FUTURE

We have an energy challenge, America.

When it comes to finding solutions, we must meet climate change goals while keeping costs down and electricity available. America needs a plan. Immediately. Because we all know that our energy needs keep on growing—every day.

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Energy Efficiency – Proper Insulation

ne of simplest ways to reduce your Thome's heating and cooling costs – and improve comfort - involves installing proper insulation. Doing so provides resistance to heat flow. The more heat flow resistance your insulation provides, the lower your heating and cooling

Heat flows naturally from a warmer to a cooler space. In winter, heat moves rectly from heated living spaces to djacent unheated attics, garages, basements, and even outdoors. It can also travel indirectly through interior ceilings, walls, and floors —wherever there is a difference in temperature.

During the summer cooling season, the reverse takes place. Heat flows from the outdoors to the interior of a house.

To maintain comfort, heat lost in the winter must be replaced by your heating system. In summer, heat gained must be removed by your cooling system. Proper insulation, though, decreases heat flow.

Heat flow resistance is measured or rated in terms of its R-value. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulation's effectiveness. 5219C9-570A

When calculating the R-value of a multilayered installation, add R-values of individual layers. Installing more insulation in your home increases the R-value.

Insulation effectiveness also depends on how and where it's installed. For example, insulation that gets compressed will not provide its full rated R-value. The overall R-value of a wall or ceiling will be somewhat different from the R-value of the insulation because some heat flows around the insulation through studs and joists. Therefore, it's important to properly install your insulation to achieve the maximum R-value.

For more information, visit http:// www.eere.energy.gov

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http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your home/insulation airsealing/ index.cfm/mytopic=11220



Teacher Zone

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earning about energy is fun with ■CFL Charlie [™]. The Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives "Super Energy Saver" program is a fully integrated energy education campaign that includes web-based lessons, web activities and games, and printed materials. The program teaches children about energy, electrical safety, energy efficiency and renewable energy. The lessons and activities are designed to meet national learning standards and are recommended for grades K-5.

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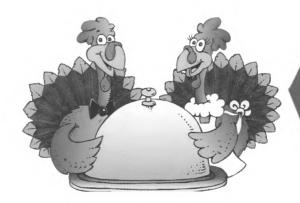


NOTICE - No Reconnects After 8 P.M.

McDonough Power Cooperative will no longer reconnect after 8 p.m. those meters that have been disconnected for non-payment.

You should receive your bill around the 5th of each month. If you do not receive it or feel that you may have misplaced it please call our office to get the amount due. Payments are due in our office no later than the 17th of each month. 11128B3-1004B If you can't pay your bill on time please stop by the cooperative office to make proper arrangements to avoid disconnection. We make every attempt to help you out but if your account becomes disconnected

for non-payment it is too late to make arrangements. By the time your account is disconnected you will have received your bill (around the 5th of the month). a delinquent notice (around the 19th of the month), and a courtesy phone call reminder if we have a valid phone number on file. The cooperative still has to pay for the power that was distributed to you so we adhere to our disconnect guidelines.



Our office will be closed Nov. 27 and Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving.

Daylight savings time ends Sunday. November 2nd.

Don't forget to move your clock back one hour.



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Seven 2009 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

cDonough Power Cooperative Manager Steve Epperson has announced that for the fourteenth consecutive year the Illinois electric cooperatives will award academic scholarships to high school seniors.

Seven scholarships of \$1,250 each will be awarded in 2009 to eligible high school seniors through the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships will be awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A fifth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee. The sixth and seventh scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

"We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with this scholarship," says Epperson. "McDonough Power and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the

best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one."

Candidates are judged on the basis of grade point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay that demonstrates their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

For more information contact Kelly Hamm at McDonough Power at (309) 833-2101 or ask your high school guidance counselor.

Gobble Your Turkey Safely This Season

on't let poor handling and preparation ruin your turkey dinner. By following a few, simple tips, your family will be healthy and stuffed this Thanksgiving season.

Fresh Turkeys

- Allow 1 pound of turkey per person. 7419D1A-606A
- Buy turkey only 1 to 2 days before cooking it.
- Keep turkey stored in the refrigerator until ready to cook. Place on a tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak.
- Do not buy fresh, pre-stuffed turkeys. If not handled properly, any harmful bacteria that may be in the stuffing can multiply quickly.

Frozen Turkeys

- Allow 1 pound of turkey per person.
- Keep frozen until ready to thaw and cook.
- Turkeys can be frozen indefinitely but for best quality, cook within 1 year.



Frozen Pre-Stuffed Turkeys

If you want a pre-stuffed turkey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends buying only frozen, pre-stuffed turkeys that display the USDA or State mark of inspection on the packaging. These turkeys are safe because they have been processed under controlled conditions. DO NOT THAW before cooking. Cook from the frozen state. Follow package directions for proper handling and cooking.

Reminders

- Be sure to remove giblets from turkey cavity after thawing and cook them separately.
- Always wash hands, utensils, the sink, and anything else that comes in contact with raw turkey and its juices with soap and water.

For information on other methods for cooking a turkey, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or TTY at 1-800-256-7072. You can also visit the Web site at www.fsis. usda.gov

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

A rate increased was announced at the 2008 McDonough Power Annual Meeting. Below are some answers to questions that you may have about the upcoming increase. As always, you are invited to contact the office with further questions.

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About the 2009 Rate Increase

How much does the co-op plan to increase its rates in 2009?

Effective January 1, 2009 the residential facility charge will increase \$3 and rates will increase 7.4 percent.

Why does the co-op need to increase rates?

We are preparing for a 66 percent increase in our wholesale power cost — that's the co-op's power bill. Unfortunately, we have no control over the market price of fuels needed to generate electricity. **525HHS8-951A** The cost of fuels, such as natural gas and coal, are increasing steadily. A tre-

mendous increase in world energy demand, rising coal shipping costs, the uncertainty in the Middle East, unprecedented storms in the U.S. and global warming issues have significantly contributed to the increasing cost of energy.

What can I do to reduce my bill?

The co-op offers programs such as online energy audits and brochures to identify opportunities for homeowners to cut power usage, and increase efficiency and comfort. In addition, we offer

a budget-billing program that averages monthly costs in order to soften the cost impact to members during highusage months.

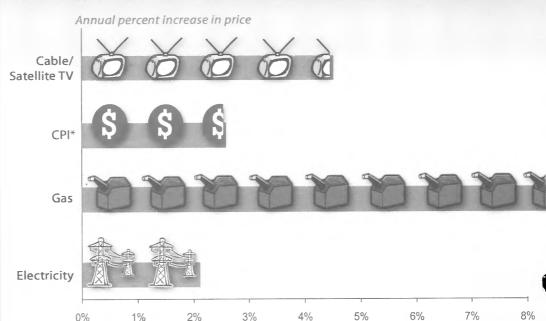
Will this rate increase affect the coop's profits?

We are a non-profit, member-owned cooperative. We exist to serve our members with reliable, affordable power. All revenues collected above expenses are allocated back to our members. We are in business for the public good rather than for the financial benefit of an individual owner or stockholders.

It is our intent to be proactive and good stewards of your resources — we will attempt to adjust rates in small amounts incrementally over time. This will allow all of us to prepare and plan for the inevitable increases we will face together.

Electricity Remains a Good Value

Compared to other consumer products and services, electricity is a bargain. As the demand for energy rises and fuel prices increase, your electric cooperative is committed to providing safe electricity at the lowest possible cost.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1997-2007

* CPI = Overall Consumer Price Index for U.S. urban areas



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A Time for Action

Our Energy, Our Future: A Dialogue With America



Steve Epperson President/CEO



Your friends and neighbors at the office of McDonough Power wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

In observance of the holidays our office will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 as well as Jan. 1.

merica has an emerging che.s, that is too big to ignore. As electricnew generation climbs, as do pressures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. What does all of this mean for most Americans? Higher electric bills, for one. 8321C8-650C

We do have the power to make a difference, however, and to let policymakers know just how much of an impact their decisions have on those of us footing the bill. By asking tough questions, we can focus attention on what matters and get some real answers about what our officials and newly elected representatives are doing to help us meet the growing demand for electricity while addressing climate change goals.

You can make a difference by continuing a conversation with your elected officials about reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible electric power. Electric cooperatives across the country are currently engaged in a grassroots campaign called "Our Energy, Our Future: A Dialogue With America" to do just this.

The major questions we need to ask elected officials are:

Experts say that our nation's growing electricity needs will soon go well beyond what renewables, conservation, and efficiency can provide. What is your plan to make sure we have the electricity we'll need in the future?

Our country faces a crisis as electricity use increases faster than available supply. I believe that by unleashing American ingenuity we can solve this problem. What are you doing to speed the development of new technology that will allow me to have the electric power I need while meeting national climate policy goals?



Our Energy, Our Future A Dialogue With America



Balancing electricity needs and environmental goals will be difficult. How much is all this going to increase my electric bill and what will you do to make it affordable?

For those of you who have already joined in, thank you. Please visit www. ourenergy.coop today and keep this conversation going. The stakes for doing nothing are just too great.



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McDonough Power to Increase Rates

le are committed to providing you reliable and affordable electric service.

Fuels used to generate electricity are getting more expensive. That's driving prices up. Your electric cooperative is working hard to make a difference. By investing in new technology to improve efficiency and reliability, McDonough

Power is looking out for you.

Effective January 1, 2009 residential facility charges will increase by \$3 and rates will increase 7.4%.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the implementation of this rate adjustment, we encourage you to call our office at (309) 833-2101.

Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency

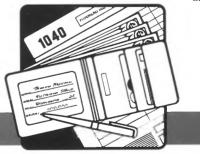
n Oct. 3, 2008, President Bush signed into law the "Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008." This bill extended tax credits for energy efficient home improvements (windows, doors, roofs, insulation, HVAC, and non-solar water heaters). Tax credits for these residential products, which had expired at the end of 2007, will now be available for improvements made during 2009. However, improvements made during 2008 are not eligible for a tax credit. 527A1-950C

The bill also extended tax credits for solar energy systems and fuel cells to 2016. New tax credits were established

for small wind energy systems and plug in hybrid electric vehicles. Tax credits for builders of new energy efficient homes and tax deductions for owners and designers of energy efficient commercial buildings were also extended.

For more information visit: http://www. energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products. pr_tax_credits#chart

Source: Energy Star



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Help us Find Owners of Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks

n August 2008 we sent \$245,000 in checks to current and previous members for capital credit refunds. To date, we still have several checks that remain unclaimed as they have been returned by the postal service. 8119A8-832A

The checks represent the capital

credits accumulated while members were living on the cooperative's lines during the years 1977 and 1978.

We need your assistance in locating people who once lived within our service territory. If you are in contact with someone on the list and can provide

Dabrowski, Anna M. Edwards, Charles

the co-op with a current address, please contact us at (309) 833-2101. If you know the person is deceased and know who the executor is, please have the executor contact our office direct.

Thank you for your help in locating these individuals.

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Landowners Wind Farm Forum, Dec. 16

ave you heard there is a wind developer in your area? Been approached by someone wanting to talk to you about wind lease? Not sure what this means? What questions should you be asking? How quickly will something happen? 6115A7-168A

Dealing effectively with wind energy from a landowners' perspective will be the theme of a Dec. 16 meeting coordinated by the Illinois Wind Working Group, University of Illinois Extension, and Western Illinois Economic Development Partnership (WIEDP). The program will be held at the Monsanto Agronomy Center from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. located at 1677 80th Street, Monmouth.

"As we've experienced increased interest from wind developers in the Warren County region, we have also recognized the need to provide educational opportunities for landowners and government officials as they deal with this new industry," said Jolene Willis, Executive Director, WIEDP. "I'm

pleased that the Illinois Wind Working Group selected our area as the pilot location for this valuable program."

Whether you have been approached by a developer, have heard there is interest in your area, or think there could be interest in the future, this program will provide you the base knowledge needed to start asking the right questions. University educators and industry professionals will present: Wind Energy 101 Dispelling Myths, Wind project development start to finish, and landowner contracts and issues.

Pre-registration is requested by Dec. 10. Seating is limited so registration will be taken on a first-come basis. A \$15 per person fee will be charged to cover refreshments, handouts and resource materials. To register for the program or more information, please contact the WIEDP office at 309-734-4253 or email to info@wiedp.org . No cancellations or refunds after Dec. 10. Directions to the meeting location will be provided upon registration.

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Stahl, Cheryl	Thorson, Randal	Watson, Leonard
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Starshak, James	Tinker, Darwin	Weaver, Glen
Stegall, Richard	Tomlinson, Scott	Weaver, Marion
Stein, John F.	Town Country Builders	Weaver, Stephen
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Stewart, Allan R.	Trimble, Robert	Welch, Kenneth
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Stinemates, Jean	Turner, John F	Wells, Dennis L.
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Stoneburner, Larry	Twilley, Leroy	Westerhold, Cindy
	Ulry, Orval	Western Stoneware
Wetzel, Ronald E.	Woodside, Norma	-
Wheeler, Charles	Woodworth, David	
Wheeler, Vivian F	Worthington, Susan	
Wheeler, Wayne	Wright, Cecil E.	
Whewell, Bonita	Wynn, Edward	
Whitaker, Dennis	Yelton, Russell	
Whitaker, Victor M.	Yeomans, Jeffrey	
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Whiting, Sharon	Ziegler, Ronald L	
Wickland, Mark	Zimmer, Russell	
Wiest, Patrick	Zuckerman, Michael	

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Willey, Leslie L.		
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Wilson, Mark W.		
Wilson, Marsha K.		
Wilson, Mary		
Wilson, Mildred		
Wilson, Paul E.		
Wilson, Ralph E.		
Wilson, Randall		
Wilson, Rick		
Wilson, Steven P.		
Wingo, Deloris		
Wise, Allie		
Wolf, Cathy A.		
Wolf, Donald J.		
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Wood, Waneta		
Woodford, Kent		
Woodhill Associates		