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Scholarships awarded to area students

Generally, in April at McDonough Power we're filling a charter bus with area sophomore and junior high school students selected to attend a full day in Springfield for Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day. As you might imagine, because of the pandemic and the overarching commitment to keep delegates, staff and communities safe, the events were canceled. Not only was the 2020 event canceled, 2021 took a hit as well.

In addition to the day in Springfield, two students are selected from those who attend Youth Day to go on and represent the cooperative on an all-expense paid "trip of a lifetime" in Washington, D.C. – Youth Tour. Over the years, these delegates have toured some of the finest museums in the world and visited America's most historic monuments. They have met with their elected officials and explored Capitol Hill. They have learned about the impact electric cooperatives have on their communities as well as how cooperative programs are impacting lives around the world. And each year, roughly 2,000 delegates and staff make an impact on Washington, D.C.

This is always a rewarding experience and is our way of giving area youth an introduction to government and the political

process as well as cooperatives. In lieu of the missed opportunities, the McDonough Power Cooperative Board of Directors have awarded \$1,000 education scholarships to those who plan to further their education after high school. **531SH7-900C**

Those receiving scholarships include:

- William Hensley, Bushnell-Prairie City High School
- Jenna Spangler, Bushnell-Prairie City High School
- Adam Farr, Macomb High School
- Gracie Jones, Macomb High School
- Henry Jones, Macomb High School
- Allie Lewis, Monmouth-Roseville High School
- Whitley Cooper, Rushville-Industry High School
- Alec Wenger, Rushville-Industry High School
- Drew Brown, United High School
- Catherine Fuller, United High School
- Addi DeSpain, West Prairie High School
- Briar Friday, West Prairie High School



\$12,970 in Operation Round-Up grants awarded

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Six Operation Round-Up grants were awarded for the first quarter of 2021. Operation Round-Up trustees awarded \$12,970 to the following organizations:

- **\$370** - Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank; pallet jack and carpet tiles for their new warehouse – combined with a grant from our sister cooperative, Spoon River Electric Cooperative
- **\$3,500** – Macomb High School – Bomber Boys Golf Team; updated team gear **514C2-152B**
- **\$2,400** – Western Illinois University Foundation; students feeding students food pantry
- **\$3,100** – MacArthur Early Childhood Center; MacArthur Planetarium project
- **\$500** – Abingdon United Methodist Church; The Cup & The Cupboard project – food and clothing to those in need in the Abingdon and Avon area
- **\$3,100** – Big Brother Big Sisters on behalf of Macomb FOP Lodge #189; Shop with a Cop program

To date the Operation Round-Up program has funded \$134,121 to organizations within the communities served by the Cooperative. The next application deadline is Tuesday, July 6. Full details and applications can be found at mcdonoughpower.com.



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Nominating Committee will meet

Members of the 2021 nominating committee have been appointed by the McDonough Power Cooperative board of directors. The committee will meet on June 16 at 6 p.m. to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors at the 2021 annual meeting of members to be held Aug. 25 at The Crossing in Macomb.

- **District 1** – (composed of the West half of Scotland Township and East half of Chalmers Township in McDonough County): Chris Trennepohl, 11346 E 1000th St, Macomb. **101E7C2B-408C**
- **District 2** – (composed of all Lamoine, Bethel and Industry Townships in McDonough County and parts of Brooklyn, Littleton and Oakland Townships in Schuyler County): Dave Nissen, 4340 E 1050th St, Macomb; and Roger Oliver, 10111 N 550th Rd, Macomb.
- **District 3** – (composed of all Hire, Tennessee, Colchester and the West half of Chalmers Townships in McDonough County and parts of Fountain Green and Hancock Townships in Hancock County): Kevin Kleinkopf, 5176 N 1300th Rd, Colchester.
- **District 4** – (composed of all Blandinsville, Sciota and Emmett Townships in McDonough County): Jay Cremer, 1 Indian Trail Rd, Macomb; and Matt Housewright, 301 Flint Rd, Macomb.
- **District 5** – (composed of the East half of Scotland and all of New Salem, Eldorado and Mound Townships in McDonough County and part of Harris, Farmers and Vermont Townships in Fulton County): Wanda Carson, 14085 E 2000th St, Macomb; and Leon Solomon, 9885 E 1600th St, Macomb.
- **District 6** – (composed of all Macomb, Walnut Grove, Bushnell and Prairie City Townships in McDonough County and part of Lee in Fulton County): Brent Payne, 14325 N 2200th Rd, Good Hope; and Brian

Davenport, 16120 E 1700th St, Macomb.

- **District 7** – (composed of all Raritan and Media Townships in Henderson County and Point Pleasant, Swan Creek and Greenbush Townships in Warren County): Leroy Tappe, 213 30th St, Roseville.
- **District 8** – (composed of all Biggsville in Henderson County and Tompkins, Ellison, Roseville, Lenox, Monmouth and Spring Grove Townships in Warren County): Frank Kane, 706 26th St, Roseville, and Tom Vary, 269 80th Ave, Roseville.
- **District 9** – (composed of Kelly, Coldbrook, Floyd and Berwick Townships in Warren County and parts of Galesburg, Cedar and Indian Point Townships in Knox County)

The bylaws of the cooperative provide that nominations to the Board of Directors may be made by (1) the Nominating Committee or, (2) a petition signed by 15 or more active members, the petition must be received at the principal office of the cooperative at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

The terms of directors from Districts 4, 6 and 9 expire in 2021; terms for Districts 2, 5 and 8 expired in 2020. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Meeting, six districts are up for election. Directors presently serving on our Board of Directors are: District 1, Michael D. Cox; District 2, Jerry Riggins; District 3, Walter Lewis; District 4, David Lueck; District 5, Steven L. Lynn; District 6, Jeffrey N. Moore; District 7, Steve Hall; District 8, Robert Dwyer; and District 9, Vacant.

It shall be the duty of the board to appoint, not less than 40 days nor more than 120 days before the date of a meeting of the members at which board members are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of two members from each district in which a director is to be elected and one member from each of the other districts served by the cooperative. No member of the board may serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at

the principal office, at least thirty days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors, which shall include at least one or more candidates for each board position to be filled by the election.

The secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least seven days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of board members to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations.

Any 15 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 30 days before the meeting.

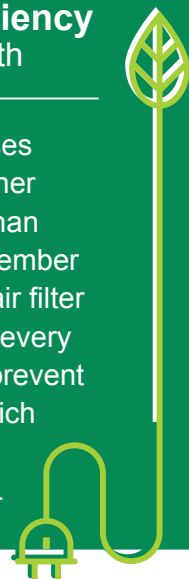
Any nomination by petition which meets the requirements of the bylaws shall set forth in the annual meeting notice as nominations made by petition and any such nominations shall appear on the official ballot.

Visit mcdonoughpower.com/home/board-of-directors/ for details on running for the board of directors.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every two months) to prevent dust buildup, which can lead to even bigger problems.

Source: www.energy.gov



Take cover when a storm is brewing

Sometimes a storm pops up or changes direction without any warning, while other times it is forecast days in advance and follows its predicted course. In either case, knowing what to do right before, during and after a storm can help to keep you safe.

When a storm hits

When stormy winds blow, follow these weather-related reminders from FEMA and the Red Cross:

- Never seek shelter under an isolated tree, tower or utility pole, since lightning tends to strike tall objects.
- Immediately vacate elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges and peaks.
- Get away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity, including wires and fences.
- Never lie flat on the ground.
- Pick a safe place in your home, away from windows and doors, for family members to gather during a thunderstorm. **7322C9-600C**
- Know the difference between a watch and a warning for extreme weather such as a tornado or severe thunderstorm. A watch means that the weather is possible in and near the area. A warning means that severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. A warning is more serious than a watch and means there is imminent danger to life and property.

After the storm

Once the storm is over, follow these safety tips from Safe Electricity:

- Never step into a flooded basement or other standing water. The water could be covering electrical outlets, appliances or cords. Never touch (or use) electrical appliances, cords, wires or switches while you are wet or standing in water.
 - After a storm, a downed power line could be covered by standing water
- or debris. Never go near a downed line and warn others to stay away. If you see a downed line, call 9-1-1, and a crew will be dispatched to de-energize the power and address the problem safely.
 - The same safety know-how applies to a downed power line you might encounter while driving or after an auto accident. In either case, do not get out. Instead, call 9-1-1 to report the downed line (pull over first if you are driving). If you must exit your vehicle after an accident because of a fire or smoke, make a solid, clean jump out, landing with both feet together. Then make solid hops with your feet together, hopping as far away as you can.
 - If your home has been damaged by a flood, turn off the power to your house if it is safe to do so. Do not turn power off at the breaker box while standing in water or in damp conditions.
 - If the wiring, electrical system or appliances have been damaged by



water, have your home inspected by an electrician; also, have appliances serviced by a qualified technician before using them.

- For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.



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