



Mike Smith
President and CEO

Operation Round-Up supports local community needs

Thanks to the generosity of Operation Round-Up participants, funding was recently awarded to four organizations making a meaningful impact in McDonough County.



The **West Prairie School District** received **\$2,000** in support of its South Elementary Playground. These funds will go toward installing a new inclusive playground which will benefit all youth.



Loaves and Fishes, Etc. received **\$2,000** to help provide food assistance to families in McDonough County. In 2025 they provided food vouchers to an average of 400 families each month.



The **Bushnell Fire Protection District** received **\$1,500** to purchase new rescue equipment. They will be purchasing a Masimo Rad-57 pulse/carbon monoxide oximeter, which will allow the first responders to assess both pulse oximeter and a carbon monoxide reading in patients at emergency scenes. **7125A6-114A**



Argyle Bible Church received **\$2,000** to help install a new fenced in playground at the church. This playground will include swings, climbing equipment and slides.

These projects reflect the heart of Operation Round-Up — neighbors helping neighbors and investing locally to strengthen the communities we serve.



Organizations interested in applying for Operation Round-Up funding can find more details at mcdonoughpower.com. The next application deadline is Wednesday, July 1.



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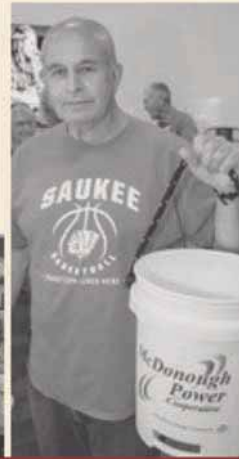
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2026 ANNUAL MEETING ⚡ MEMBER POWERED

Wednesday, September 2
The Crossing | Macomb, IL

OFFICE CLOSED

4th of July

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the members of the nominating committee met at The Park Place in Macomb, Illinois, on June 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., to nominate candidates for election as Directors at McDonough Power Cooperative's next Annual Meeting of Members, to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

The following members were present:

John Johnson	Chester Stephens
Tim Piper	Matt Housewright
Kris Stufflebeam	

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

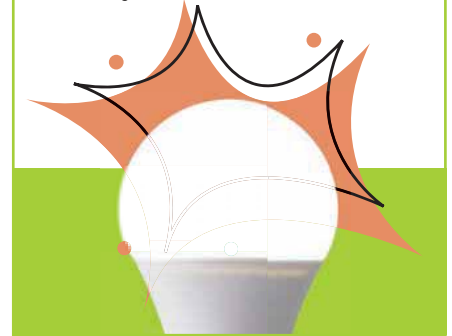
DISTRICT #4	David Lueck
DISTRICT #6	Nancy Erlandson
DISTRICT #9	Courtney Chandler

Any 15 or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition. **3126A1-536C**

Tim Piper
Chairman, Nominating Committee

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Running multiple major appliances at the same time—like your dishwasher, laundry machines and oven—can spike energy demand and strain the electric grid, especially during peak hours (typically late afternoon to early evening). Instead of stacking appliance use, spread it out throughout the day or shift chores to off-peak hours when energy demand is lower. This not only helps improve overall efficiency but can also reduce your energy costs. A simple habit change, like doing laundry in the morning and running the dishwasher overnight, can make a meaningful difference for both your wallet and energy reliability.



TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Scammers are increasingly using “smishing” — fake text messages designed to look like they’re from legitimate businesses, including your electric utility. These texts may claim your bill is overdue, your service will be disconnected or you’re owed a refund. They often include a link that directs you to a fake payment site or asks for personal information. Never click suspicious links or respond to unexpected texts, even if the message appears urgent. Instead, log in to your utility account through the official website or mobile app to verify any claims. We will never ask for sensitive information like passwords or banking details through text messages. **12236B8-1056B**



Member Prizes

Every month we will have four map location numbers hidden throughout The Wire. If you find the map location number that corresponds to the one on your bill (found above the usage graph), call our office and identify your number and the page that it is on. If correct, you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.

Fill-in-the-Blank: Fireworks Safety Tips

Holidays like the Fourth of July and other celebrations can be fun times with great memories. But everyone should practice safety near fireworks. Read the safety tips below, then fill in the blanks with the correct answer in the word bank.



1. The best way to stay safe is to never use fireworks at home. Instead, attend a public _____ and leave fireworks to the pros.
2. Watch fireworks from a _____ of 500 feet away from where they are launched.
3. Never touch or pick up pieces of fireworks or duds as they may still be _____ or could explode at any time.
4. Remember, _____ are not toys and can reach 2,000 degrees F. Use glow sticks instead.
5. Think about _____ when fireworks are nearby. It's best to leave them indoors to reduce the risk of them running away or being injured.



Answer key: 1) display 2) minimum 3) Ignited 4) Sparklers 5) Pets

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