



Mike Smith
President and CEO

Operation Round-Up awards \$6,000 in community grants

The Operation Round-Up board of trustees met on July 20 and approved \$6,000 in grant funding to support three impactful local initiatives. These funds — made possible through the generosity of McDonough Power Cooperative members who voluntarily round up their monthly electric bills — help meet vital needs across the region.

The following organizations received funding:



Macomb Little League Association (Macomb) – \$2,500

To provide a permanent outdoor batting cage facility.



Memorial Hospital Association (Colchester) – \$2,500

To support the purchase of participant shoes, recreational equipment and supplies needed for structured youth activities.



Special Needs Athletic Program, Warren County YMCA (Monmouth) – \$1,000

To purchase adaptive sports equipment, designed for accessibility, safety and sensory appropriateness.

The next round of Operation Round-Up funding will take place in October. Applications are due by Oct. 6, 2026. If you know of a local nonprofit, school or community group with a meaningful project, please encourage them to apply. Full details and the application can be found at mcdonoughpower.com. 624C4-102B

Together, small change is making a big difference!

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.



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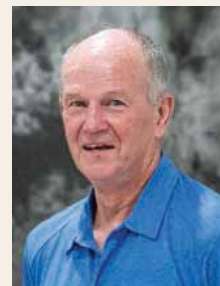


Jeff Moore concludes 27 years on the board of directors

After 27 consecutive years of dedicated service on the McDonough Power Cooperative Board of Directors, Jeff Moore of District 6 has officially retired, effective July 10.

Since joining the board in 1999, Jeff has faithfully served the members of McDonough Power Cooperative. During his tenure, the cooperative experienced significant growth and change, and Jeff played an important role in helping guide the organization through those years.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Jeff for his many years of service, leadership and commitment to McDonough Power Cooperative. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



2026 ANNUAL MEETING

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REGISTRATION & MEAL 5:00-6:15 PM
BUSINESS MEETING 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

THE CROSSING
1600 W JACKSON ST
MACOMB IL 61455

Where to find your capital credit refund

Your capital credit refund appears in the Current Activity section of your monthly bill as a line item labeled “Capital Credit Refund.” It is shown as a negative amount (credit), which reduces your current charges. Look for it just below your energy charges and above the Current Charges total.

Questions? Call us at 309-833-2101 or visit mcdonoughpower.com to learn more. 326B7A-534C

Previous Account Activity	
Previous Balance	\$219.00
Adjustments	-\$78.00
Payments Received - Thank You	-\$141.00
Balance Forward	\$0.00
Current Activity	
Facility Charge	\$78.00
LED 40w Metered (Load) (Qty: 1)	\$6.00
Roundup	\$0.59
Capital Credit Refund	-\$25.59
Current Charges	\$59.00

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

September kicks off the fall shoulder season, when cooler mornings and milder evenings often mean you can give your heating and cooling system a break. Open windows, use ceiling fans and enjoy the fresh air whenever temperatures allow. It's also the perfect time to schedule annual HVAC maintenance before colder weather arrives. Because demand is typically lower during the fall, heating and cooling professionals often have greater availability, making it easier to book an appointment. Regular maintenance can improve your system's efficiency, help prevent unexpected breakdowns and keep your home comfortable all year long.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Electricity brings everyday value

When it comes to electricity, we rarely think twice when we flip on a light switch, brew coffee in the morning, charge our phones or adjust the thermostat. We simply expect the power to be there — and that's how it should be because you are a member of McDonough Power Cooperative, and reliably powering your life is our mission.

We know that many families across our local communities are feeling the impact of rising costs for everyday expenses. Groceries, gasoline, insurance and other necessities cost more than they did just a few years ago. And because of that, we understand that every household is carefully considering where each dollar goes. **10135B1-460B**

That's why I think it's important to occasionally step back and consider the value electricity provides.

The average U.S. residential electric bill is about \$150 a month — roughly \$5 a day. I often think about what that \$5 provides. It's about the cost of a specialty coffee, yet electricity powers nearly every moment of our daily lives, often without us giving it a second thought. In fact, many typical purchases cost more than a day's worth of

electricity. A fast-food combo meal averages about \$9, and a single movie ticket can cost around \$13.

For about \$5 a day, your refrigerator keeps food fresh around the clock. Your heating and cooling system helps keep your family comfortable through the seasons. Lights brighten your home after sunset. Appliances make cooking and cleaning easier. Devices stay charged so you can work, learn, communicate and stay connected with loved ones. When you think about everything electricity makes possible, it's one of the greatest values in the average household budget. **6223A8A-116B**

McDonough Power Cooperative is proud to be more than your electric provider. Because we're a cooperative, we're locally owned by you, the members we serve. That means every decision we make is guided by what's best for our community — not by outside shareholders.

Thank you for trusting us to power your home and your life. We're committed to providing everyday value for you and your family, with reliable, affordable power — so you can make the most of every energy dollar.



**A Little Cost.
A Lot of Life.**

For about \$150 a month, electricity powers hundreds of tasks that keep your home comfortable, connected and running smoothly—from brewing your morning coffee to keeping your family cool, safe and entertained.

- **720** hours of refrigeration
- **20+** loads of clean clothes
- **15+** home-cooked meals
- **90+** hours of lighting
- **Numerous** devices charged
- **Hundreds** of hours of cooling/heating
- **Countless** connections to work, school and entertainment

30 days of comfort