

McDonough Power Youth Visit Capital for Youth Day

Rep. Norine Hammond and Sen. John Sullivan met with seven students representing McDonough Power Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 6, in Springfield. The students had an opportunity to view state government in action talking with their elected representatives, and hearing from both Lt. Governor Shelia Simon and Secretary of State Jesse White. The students also toured the Illinois Supreme Court, the Old State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. **541C5-270C**

Pictured in the first row from the left are: Halee Sikorski, Katie Reische, Rep. Hammond, Erica Ray and Erica Detrick. In the second row from the left are: McDonough Power Energy Services Manager Kelly Hamm, Philip Barnett, Sen. Sullivan, Patrick Hostert and Justin Derry.

The day was sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives and is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were more than 300 students representing 26 co-ops from across the state.

Two finalists were chosen to represent McDonough Power on a week-long all-



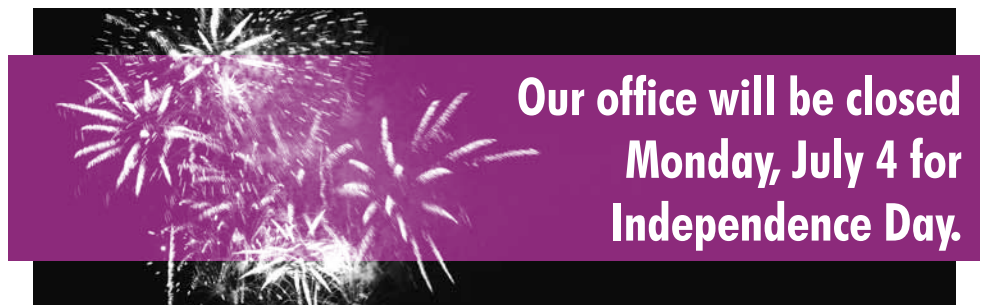
L-R: Patrick Hostert, Katie Reische, Halee Sirkoski, Philip Barnett

expense paid trip to Washington D.C. along with over 1,450 students from across the nation. Halee Sirkoski of Monmouth Roseville High School and Philip Barnett of West Prairie High School will spend the week of June 10-17, 2011 visiting historically significant national sites, touring some of our most moving memorials, and browsing the campus of our nation's capital. During their time in D.C., they will ride a river boat down the Potomac, tour the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, and visit the Supreme Court. Katie Reische of Rushville-Industry High School and Patrick Hostert of Macomb High School were selected as alternates should the finalists decide not to attend.

McDonough Power Cooperative is proud to offer this opportunity to local high school students. We feel like educated citizens are better citizens. And better citizens are better co-op members.



Save the date
McDonough Power
Cooperative Annual
Meeting – Thursday,
Aug. 25, 2011



Our office will be closed
Monday, July 4 for
Independence Day.



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Geothermal and air-to-air heat pump system incentives

Did you know that McDonough Power offers incentive rebates to members who install a geothermal system or an air-to-air heat pump?

A geothermal system can be installed in either a new or existing home. The rebate we offer is \$125 per ton up to \$500. If you install a geothermal heating and cooling system containing an electric backup you will also be eligible for the geothermal rate. McDonough Power installs a second-

ary meter on the geothermal system and all kilowatts registered through the second meter are billed at a lower rate.

When you have an air-to-air heat pump installed we offer a \$300 rebate regardless of the size of the unit. **5213C6A-958B**

Please contact Kelly Hamm at McDonough Power for additional details if you are planning to install a new system.

Some advice to consider before installing a new system

1. More than one contractor's proposal may provide you with important information/alternatives/competitive pricing.
2. Ask for the contractor's qualifications and credentials. What kind of training have the installers had – and what certifications do they hold?
3. Get references from the contractor and contact others who have had the company install a system. Ask about their experiences, how their system has performed and about their energy/cost savings.
4. How long has the contractor been installing systems and how many systems has the company installed?
5. Ask each bidding contractor to provide a copy of the heat loss/gain calculation of the home or structure to be heated/cooled, to ensure that your comparison is "apples-to-apples."
6. Is the ducting system and electrical service adequate to support the new system?
7. What kind of warranty do the manufacturer and contractor provide?
8. Read and educate yourself before having any system installed, whether it's geothermal or air-to-air heat pump.



Tip of the Month

Does your home have a window air conditioner? Make sure that your window unit is properly weather stripped, and clean the filter monthly. Keep "fresh air" vents on window A/C units closed.

Source: Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives



Nominating committee to meet

Members of the 2011 nominating committee have been appointed by the McDonough Power Cooperative board of directors. The committee will meet on June 22 at the Red Ox in Macomb at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors at the 2011 annual meeting of members to be held August 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): John Emerick, 60 Stevens Court, 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): Jon Caldwell, P.O. Box 91, Industry.

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): Joann Moore, 13350 E 250th St., Colchester.

District 4 – (composed of all Blandinsville, Sciota and Emmett Townships in McDonough County): Dan McMillan, 20575 E 1000th St., Sciota and Dane Metcalf, 600 Blairmore Rd., Blandinsville.

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): Marc Lawver, 16150 N 800th 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): Larry Ruebush, 21575 US Highway 67, Good Hope and Janice King, 195 Warren Road, 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): James Grant, 497 20th Ave, Roseville. **5316C8-260B**

District 8 – (composed of all Biggsville in Henderson County and Tompkins, Ellison, Roseville, Lenox, Monmouth and Spring Grove Townships in Warren County): Tom Vary, P.O. Box 52, 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): Tom Curtis, 1283 Warren School Rd, Monmouth. Lauren Still, 1476 190th Ave, Cameron.

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. Directors presently serving on 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.

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 thirty days before the meeting.

Any nomination by petition, which meets the requirements of the by-laws 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.



Western Illinois Credit Union offers membership to McDonough Power Members

Western Illinois Credit Union first began in November 1959 by a small group of WIU employees seeking an alternative financial institution. They began what is today a \$14 million, full service cooperative.

Western Illinois Credit Union partnered with McDonough Power Cooperative's Co-op Connections program in April 2010. As a member of McDonough Power, you are also eligible to become a member of Western Illinois Credit Union (WICU). Once you become a member of WICU, you are an "owner" of the credit union.

Each member has a vote and may be elected to the Board of Directors. You can enjoy FREE checking/savings accounts, LOW rate loan options, and much more. **5310LGH3-260B**

WICU members can take advantage of lower fixed interest rates on personal/unsecured loans, new/used vehicle loans, recreational vehicle loans, motorcycle



By: Darin Higgins
WICU President

loans, and many other varieties of loans. WICU offers VISA credit cards at a low fixed rate with NO annual or hidden fees!

A signature loan can be used to fund geothermal installation, energy efficient water heaters / furnaces / insulation / air conditioning / appliances / well-pump systems, and much more! We can help

finance your new landscaping and interior decorating to raise the VALUE of your home!

Anything is possible when you are a member of Western Illinois Credit Union. WICU is one of the few remaining "local" financial institutions.

Join Western Illinois Credit Union and make a difference in your life. Only \$5 buys a share and it makes you part owner in a growing financial institution. Open an account and one of our employees will assist you in various aspects of your financial needs.



Visit WICU's booth at our annual meeting



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Friday: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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Monday thru Friday: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

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