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## McDonald would be president

■ He says his main priority, if elected to lead the nation, would be a balanced budget.

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CHARLES TOWN — Third-time presidential hopeful Angus W. McDonald knows his chances of making it to the White House aren't all that good.



**MCDONALD**

"It would be a miracle really," said the 72-year-old, a lifelong Jefferson County resident who has sought the nation's highest office twice already.

But even slim odds are worth it for McDonald, who spent \$4,000 to get his name on the ballot for the May 9 West Virginia primary.

"It gets into your blood," McDonald said from his home and campaign headquarters near Flowing Springs Road. "Once you do it once, you want to do it again."

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McDonald, a divorced father of two who spends non-election years running his farms and traveling, admits he got off to a late start this year.

"We are just getting the campaign going," he said. "I'm hoping I'll have quite a bit of response."

Although he said he has politics in his blood, McDonald has never held an elected position and has little interest in local government. He said he could do more as President of the United States.

McDonald said his main priority if elected would be a balanced budget. "I am concerned about the national debt," McDonald said. "That is quite a lot of money."

McDonald runs his campaign from the two-story stone house where he was raised. His staff of one — campaign manager Lorraine Seal, who also handles domestic chores for McDonald — sometimes answers phone calls for the candidate.

As in his past two campaigns, McDonald has taken out ads in USA Today, which include his motto: "I stand for sensible government with fiscal responsibility."

McDonald's address and phone number also appear in the ad. He said a few readers have responded with calls and letters. "It's a way to reach across the country," McDonald said.

In past campaigns, McDonald's ads have brought nationwide response. He said he received responses from 47 states during his 1988 campaign.

In 1992, he appeared on "The Montel Williams Show," and his name was on ballots in North Carolina and California. In 1988, he earned 3,600 votes in the West

Virginia primary and nearly tripled that number in 1992, with 9,600 votes.

As for getting out on the campaign trail and making speeches, McDonald says he wants to wait to see the response to his advertisement.

"I wait to get invitations, that's the best way to do it," he said. Besides, McDonald says he isn't much of a speech maker.

McDonald, who studied business and religion at West Virginia University and at a Maryland community college, mentions other issues important to his campaign, including seeing Medicare and Social Security funds remain intact. He warns against leaning too hard on the budget surplus.

"There is no guarantee it is going to keep up," he said. "The history of economics is that what goes up must come down."

As for other domestic and international issues, McDonald said his policies would depend on the situation at the time, and he would rely on the help of his hand-picked advisors.

"One man can't do all of the decision making," McDonald said. "It's too big a job for one person to do by himself."

McDonald said that this election would probably be his last. He fears his age would be too much of an issue by 2004, but said past presidents have paved the way for candidates like him, who face obstacles such as advanced years and a small campaign.

"Jimmy Carter inspired me," he said of the Georgia governor whose darkhorse campaign went all the way in 1976. "On the campaign trail, people used to say 'Jimmy who?'"

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with fiscal responsibility.*

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**Here are corrections in my journal write up.**

I got off late with my campaign due to concern that Y2K could cause my electricity loss.

I was a candidate on the S.C. and not the N.C. ballot.

I was a write in candidate in California on the ballot and my votes were counted in 1992.

I was a agriculture major for 3 years at West Virginia University. Later I majored in business and religion at the Maryland college.

I stand for sensible government with fiscal responsibility. That means a good president will work with congress to do what is best for the people.

I would appreciate very much your vote on May 9th, if you like what I stand for.

Thanks a lot.

With Best Wishes,

*Angus W. McDonald*  
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**Angus W. McDonald Democrat for President**

**Come on West Virginia! Please vote for Angus McDonald who has traveled over much of West Virginia and the other 49 states plus many important countries.**

**He stands for Sensible Government with Fiscal Responsibility, A Balanced Budget, if possible. Keep Social Security and Medicare strong and reach more people with Medical Care.**

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