

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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Help yourself & New-Mac during *Peak Alerts*

Keeping costs down for its members is a top priority of New-Mac Electric, and when the temperatures get extreme, “Peak Alerts” are key in this effort.

A Peak Alert is simply a request on behalf of New-Mac that its members attempt to conserve energy during a set period (usually in the late afternoon). Even though these announcements generally occur during the hottest days of summer and



the coldest days of winter, it does not mean there is a shortage of power. However, with the help of you, our members, the cooperative can avoid significant costs that could ultimately contribute to rate increases for the membership. By curtailing usage on the days in which electrical demand will potentially be at its highest point, New-Mac is able to avoid extreme peaks and higher costs for power.

Members can assist New-Mac during a peak alert by not running more than one major appliance at a time and turning off unnecessary lights, televisions and small appliances. **If there are no small children or elderly within the home**, raising the thermostat a few degrees would also prove beneficial.

So, remember the next time you hear that New-Mac is issuing a Peak Alert, see what you can do to conserve electricity around your home and help keep costs down.

Nominating committee to meet in August

New-Mac Electric’s annual meeting set for October 29

The 2011 nominating committee, elected by the New-Mac membership at the 2010 annual meeting, will meet at the New-Mac Electric Cooperative office on Highway 86, Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at 10 a.m.

Their task, at this meeting, is to nominate individuals to serve on the New-Mac Board of Directors. This year, directors will be elected from Districts 1, 3 and 6 at the upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

Article III, Section 3, of the New-Mac Electric bylaws sets the date for the nominating committee meeting not less than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting. This section of the bylaws states:

“At each annual meeting there shall be elected by the members a nominating committee of five persons and an alternate for each person so chosen. Such nominating

committee shall consist of one person from each of the districts from which Directors are to be elected at the next annual meeting and two members elected at large, one of

which shall be from that portion of the Cooperative north of the Newton-McDonald County line and one of which shall be from that portion of the Cooperative south of the Newton-McDonald County line.

Nominations for said committee may be made by members from the floor and voted on by ballot. It shall be the duty of said committee to prepare and post in the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty days before the next annual meeting a list of nominations for Directors and to cause said list of nominations for Directors to be published in one (1) newspaper of general circulation in Newton, McDonald and Jasper Counties, within seven days of the date of said posting, said list to contain

at least two candidates for each Director for each vacancy occurring. In the event that any member of said nominating committee so chosen shall die, cease to be a member of the Cooperative, or for any reason become unable to serve on said committee, then the alternate for that person shall take his place with full power to act as a member of said committee.”

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Nominating Committee Members

District 1	Jim Mettlach
District 3	Lester Shuey
District 6	Teresa Carlin
McDonald Co. At Large	Dwayne Miller
Newton Co. At Large.....	Arthur Petty

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Assistance is available

If you are having a problem paying your New-Mac account, please call us to make arrangements. Please don't disregard paying your bill. There are programs and options (such as budget billing) designed to assist you. So, please give us a call at 451-1515 or (800) 322-3849.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM / EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE Jasper County
(417) 781-0352
McDonald County
(417) 845-6011
Newton County
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Mulch available

New-Mac Electric has mulch available for \$5 per scoop. Anyone interested should call the Neosho office (451-1515) and ask for Susan or Tobey so arrangements can be made to assist you.

Moving advice

When moving out of the New-Mac Electric service area, please don't forget to leave a forwarding address. You could be leaving capital credits behind.

Help yourself to 'Rural Missouri'

Copies of the latest *Rural Missouri* magazine are always available, free of charge, at either New-Mac office.

Another  on the lines 

Ranch ready for riders

Campers, hikers also welcome at Rush Springs

So, you're a horseman. Maybe you're an extreme horseman. Either way, you're covered ... and that goes for hikers, fishermen, campers, or any sort of outdoorsmen. Rush Springs Ranch is ready for all of those enthusiasts and more.

Located six miles east of Jane on Highway 90, Rush Springs Ranch offers nearly 1,000 acres of Ozark terrain, perfectly suited for equestrians of all skill levels.

"The person who wants to keep it fairly flat and relaxed, they can do that," said ranch manager, Steve Pohlsander. "For someone who wants to challenge their horse with some conditioning, they can work him out and in a couple hours, he'll be ready for a rest."



Ranch visitors can come for a "Dinner and Moonlight Ride" experience and then stay the evening at the bed and breakfast.



The Rush Springs Ranch Arena is regularly put to use for team sorting competitions.

In addition to the miles of logging trails through the scenic McDonald County hills, the ranch features abounding primitive camp sites, a series of stocked lakes for fishing, a cowboy line shack (with four bunks) and even a bed and breakfast for those not entirely looking to "rough it".

There's even some history to be found. Down at the base of one of the rolling hills, there used to be a small shack that served as a getaway for Jesse James. The shack is now gone, but left behind in a large oak tree is an iron ring where the outlaw used to tie up his horse. In fact, part of the 1939 western *Jesse James*, featuring Henry Fonda, Tyrone Power and Randolph Scott was filmed in that very location, which has become known as Sunset Ridge.

However, it's hoped that some modern cowboys will continue to make history at Rush Springs Ranch – with their achievements taking place on a world-class *extreme cowboy* obstacle course. Rush Springs Ranch recently joined the UHCA (Ultimate Horsemen's Challenge Association), which oversees the competitive sport of cowboy and horse trying to best navigate through a challenging course in competitions across the globe. In order to see that the McDonald County circuit stood out, Pohlsander sought out true expertise, enlisting three-time National Mountain Trail Champion Mark Bolender to the basic design for the course.

"He's the man," said Pohlsander of Bolender. "He's the authority internationally. They got him going everywhere doing courses."

Bolender even returned to host a clinic for mountain trail riding on the course in late June. Rush Springs already has some extreme cowboy events planned for the fall and hopes to host national mountain trail competitions within the year.

Still, even more cowboys are regularly pitted against each other at the Rush Springs Ranch Arena. Every Friday at 6 p.m., team sorting prac-

○ Rush Springs

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tice occurs – a competition where a team of two horsemen attempt to sort through 10 cattle in the quickest time. This weekly event is basically a glorified practice for participants, although it still can be competitive at times. However, once a month, the stakes are raised, when the Rush Springs Ranch Sorting Series takes place, as seasoned cowboys go up against each other in quest of a national title.

There's no shortage of events at this ranch. In May, Rush Springs hosted Saddle Up for the Cure, which will become an annual event with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The evening included a ride, auction, dinner and dance with 120 in attendance. Also, monthly, there's a "Dinner and Moonlight Ride", featuring a down home cooking followed by a ride through the tranquil winding trails under the summer moon.

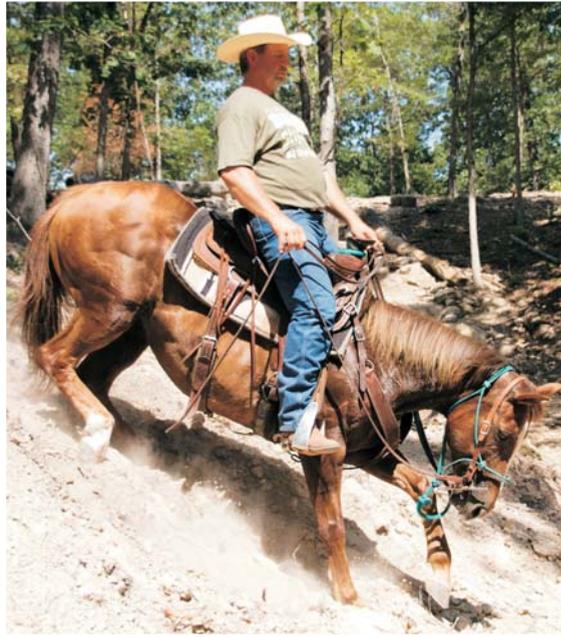
There's been many happenings since the ranch, owned by Russell Van Elk, opened in November, and much more is in store in the future as additional facilities are already planned and/or in construction. In the works is a campground with a shower/bath house, horse wash and 60-by-40-foot enter-

tainment/dining pavilion. Both full-service and sleeping cabins will be built in the near future. There will also be rated trails (from Levels 1-5), where either a horse or rider can actually earn certification.

Basically, according to Pohlsander, there's something for everyone at Rush Springs Ranch.

"If a person wants to come and bring the

entire family and camp, and some of them want to ride, and some of them want to fish, and some of them just want to spectate and see what's going on, they'll be able to do that. It will be as full service as you can get."



Obstacles on the Rush Springs Ranch course include a narrow wooden bridge (above) and turning boxes (below). At left, ranch manager Steve Pohlsander negotiates his horse down a steep hill.



National Mountain Trail Champion and course designer Mark Bolender leads his horse up through an obstacle on the Rush Springs Ranch course.

Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

PEANUT BUTTER NO BAKE COOKIES

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Donna Giles**

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| 1 stick butter | ½ cup peanut butter |
| 2 cups sugar | 2 cups oats |
| ½ cup milk | 1 tsp. vanilla |

Bring butter, sugar and milk to boil for 1-2 min. Then remove from heat and add peanut butter, oats and vanilla. Stir and drop on waxed paper or foil. Let cool and enjoy.

Optional: Add 4 tsp. cocoa for chocolate flavor.

Send your recipe, along with your name and account number, to: Recipes, c/o New-Mac Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 310, Neosho, MO 64850; or recipes@new-mac.com. If your recipe is selected, New-Mac will apply a \$15 credit to your bill.

○ Committee

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“Any fifteen or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures within fifteen days from the date of publication of the nominations of the nominating committee as above set out; and such nominations shall be delivered to the Secretary who shall post the same in the principal office of the Cooperative at the same place where the list of nominations made by the nominating committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of Directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and nominations by petition, if any. Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations being made from the floor of the meeting of the members. The members may at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as herein above pro-

vided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations.”

DISTRICT INFORMATION

District No. 1 – Commencing at the intersection of U.S. Highway #71 and Newton County “V” Highway, said point being the Southeast corner of Section 16, Township 26, Range 32, thence North along U.S. Highway #71 to the Newton-Jasper County line, thence East along the said county line to the Lawrence County line, thence South along the Newton-Lawrence County line to the Southeast corner of Section 2, Township 26, Range 29 (being the junction of said county line with Newton County Highway “J”), thence West along County “J” and “V” to place of beginning. Together with that portion of the Cooperative territory in Jasper County, Missouri, lying due North of the above described district as extended, and that portion of the Cooperative territory in Lawrence County, Missouri, lying due East of the above described district as extended.

District No. 3 – All that part of the Cooperative territory described as commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 16, Township 25, Range 32, and running West along the State Highway #86 to Racine, thence continuing due West along section lines to the Oklahoma State line, thence North along the State line to the Newton-Jasper County line, thence East along the Newton-Jasper County line to U.S. Highway #71, thence South along U.S. Highway #71, to the junction of U.S. Highway #71 and County Highway “V”, thence due South to place of beginning, together with that portion of the Cooperative territory in Jasper County, Missouri, lying North and West of the herein described district as extended.

District No. 6 – Commencing on



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Manager of Operations Stan Irsik
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Billing Supervisor Vickie Stuart

Board of Directors

District 1 Martin Youngblood
District 2 Kenneth Daniels
District 3 Bobby Fields
District 4 Beryl Kennedy
District 5 Billy P. White
District 6 Paul Sprenkle
District 7 Maurice Mailes
District 8 Virgil Winchester
District 9 Dewey Allgood

Services Provided to Members

Call our consumer services department for information on the following services:

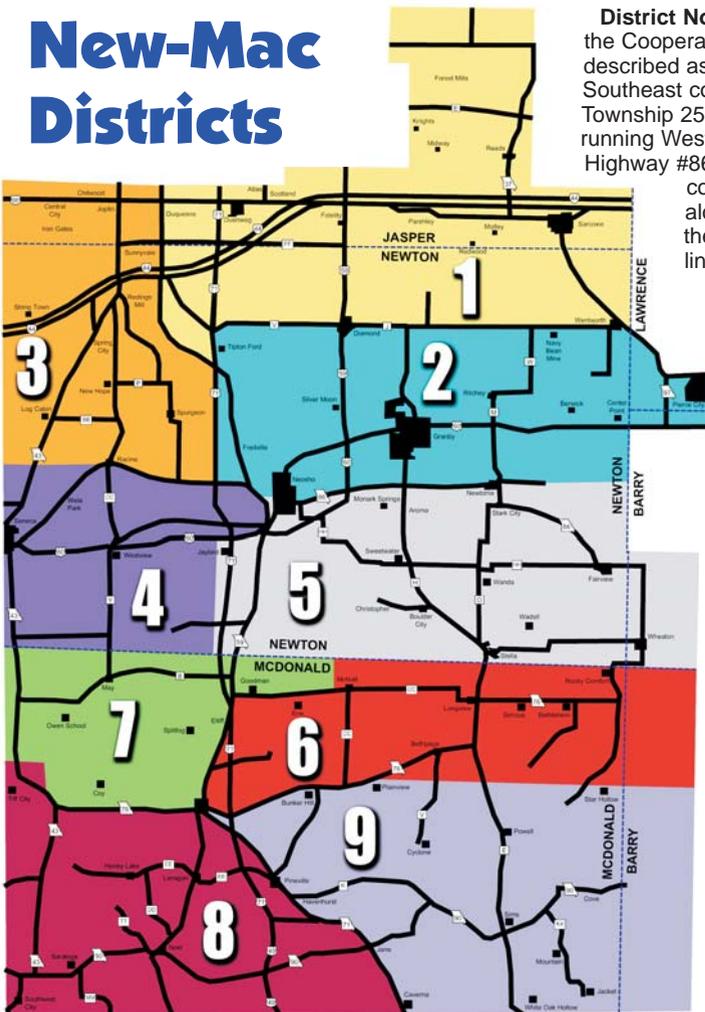
- Autowithdrawal Payment**
- Levelized Billing**
- Rental Light**

Meeting rooms available at both locations
Credit Card Acceptance
Safety Programs (upon request)
Surge Protection
Green Power

Questions? Comments?

Contact: Mark K. Rakes
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New-Mac Districts



the Newton-McDonald County line at the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 23, Range 32, McDonald County, Missouri, thence South to the Southeast corner of Section 12, Township 23, Range 32, thence due East to U.S. Highway #71, thence South on U.S. #71 to the point where Missouri Highway #76 leaves U.S. Highway #71 in an easterly direction, thence East along Missouri Highway #76 to the point where Highway #76 intersects with the North line of Section 4, Township 22, Range 31, thence continuing due East along section lines to the Barry County line, thence North along the county line to the Newton-McDonald County line, thence due West along said county lines to place of beginning. Together with that portion of the Cooperative territory in Barry County lying due East of the above described district as extended.