

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner The power of human connections

More and more reasons to visit New-Mac online

New options coming

New-Mac Electric's website has a fresh look, but still features all the information you have come to depend on. Plus, www.newmac.com now has new “bells and whistles” – with more to come!

If you've got questions regarding your cooperative, chances are you'll find the answer by visiting the New-Mac website. By clicking away, you can learn about the service area, what director serves your district, electrical safety, what you missed at the annual meeting, office hours and much, much more.

Not only can you educate yourself regarding the various services offered by your co-op, you can also sign up to get started with options, such as *Levelized Billing* or *Auto Charge* right online!

Say you need a rebate application for that new electric water heater you purchased. Just visit our “Energy Efficiency” page and you'll find all the rebate forms and information you will need.

Maybe you heard about a good recipe in *Energy Partners* a few months back and can't find your copy. Just visit the *Energy Partners* archive and print that past issue.

You will also find helpful links to fun and educa-

tional games for kids and past weather data for assessing your energy usage. You can even find a link to visit New-Mac's *Facebook* page.

While all of these online opportunities await you, keep checking back because in the months ahead, even

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New-Mac's website features a fresh look and improved navigation.

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NEW-MAC ELECTRIC'S 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

• 10 a.m., Sat., Oct. 29 @ Crowder College Gymnasium • Registration 8-10:15 a.m.

It's New-Mac Annual Meeting time again, and we are excited about all we have planned this year.

We will have gift drawings for all ages, and babysitting is provided.

The meeting also features a free luncheon. Please help us in planning the food. If you are planning on attending, please clip and fill out this form, and mail it to P.O. Box



310, Neosho MO 64850. You may also return it with your bill payment.

We will place our meal order based on the number of forms we receive.

See you all at the meeting!

Mitch McCumber, CEO/General Manager

Yes, I/we are planning to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting.

There will be _____ family members attending.

Please circle one: For lunch, I/we would prefer: **Pork** or **Beef**



Please detach and send in or return with your bill payment.

Please call before you dig

Digging in areas where there may be an underground electric line can be dangerous! So, before any project that requires digging, call the Missouri One Call System at 800-DIG-RITE.

Those who fail to make this call not only face the chance of electric shock; they also will be held responsible for any repairs that may be necessary if a line is accidentally cut or damaged.

Think twice before cutting meter seals

A broken or removed meter seal is viewed as an indicator of meter tampering. Therefore, do not cut a meter seal without authorization from New-Mac. If electrical work needs done, requiring a seal to be broken, such work should be performed by someone with electrical training. Many times, a main breaker switch can simply be flipped to allow for such work.

Outage reporting

To report an outage, have your **map number** ready and call 451-1515 or (800) 322-3849.

Help yourself to 'Rural Missouri'

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

Yes, it was that hot!

As if July wasn't hot enough – with an average high temperature of 99.8 degrees, August set in with seven consecutive days of 100-degree heat, including four days in which it was at least 107.

According to the National Weather Service office in Springfield, Mo., July featured 19 days in which the high temperature reached triple-digits, and 25 days in which it was at least 98 degrees.

Unfortunately, this July data extending into August is extremely relevant to New-Mac Electric customers, because this is the very stretch of days included in the bill that came with this newsletter. Since air-conditioning likely makes up the biggest part of your usage during this time of the year, it will be evident that starting July 15th and ending Aug. 7th was a string of 24 straight days in which the high temp never dropped below 98 degrees.

The worst of that stretch of extreme heat, in terms of electric usage, occurred on the first three



Area time-and-temperature signs were put to the test as to how high they actually would go in early August. On four occasions in August it was at least 107 degrees.

days of August, in which the highs were 108, 110 and 105 respectively. On each of those three days, New-Mac's system-wide power demand exceeded the co-op's top summer peak historically, establishing a new standard that was over 5 megawatts higher than ever before in the summer.

July of 2011 was easily the hottest July that

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Meter tampering illegal, dangerous

Nothing good can come from tampering with your electric meter.

First, the likelihood of getting away with altering or bypassing a meter's recording of energy use is becoming increasingly slim, if not impossible.

Secondly, it is illegal. In Missouri, meter tampering is a Class A misdemeanor, and repeat offenders face a Class D felony charge. New-Mac treats each tampering incident as a serious matter. Not only are

meter tamperers breaking the law, they're also stealing energy from their fellow electric cooperative members.

Most importantly, tampering with a meter is extremely dangerous, as it could result in severe electrical burns, shock, or even death by electrocution. Meddling with the meter base can be just as deadly, even if the meter has been removed.

If you suspect meter tampering, please call New-Mac at 451-1515 or 800-322-3849.

Sure, we're on Facebook

'Like' us and stay informed with updates, tips, reminders

For everyone who knows what it is to check your "News Feed", there's an easy way to stay up-to-date with the goings-on of New-Mac Electric Cooperative: Just check us out on *Facebook*.

Visit us at www.facebook.com/NewMacElectric, or you can go to www.newmac.com and click on the link *VISIT US ON FACEBOOK*. But what would make things easier still, would be to "like" our page when you visit and then every time new information is posted on the New-Mac page it would go directly to your News Feed.

If nothing you've read in this story thus far has made any sense, chances are you've yet to participate in the social medium known as *Facebook*. If that's the case, you can get a small sampling of this Internet craze by clicking on the *Facebook* link from the New-Mac web page. You don't have to be an active user of *Facebook* to visit that page and access its information. But in order to "like" us, you would have to set up a *Facebook* account, which can be done free of charge by clicking on the "Sign Up" button.

What kind of information will you find on the co-op's *Facebook* page? Look for a wide variety of helpful tidbits, such as updates on restoration efforts following storms, energy-efficiency tips, reminders of upcoming events, *Peak Alert* notifications, the announcement of new services, and much more.

Don't worry; we won't overload you. We don't want to be one of those *friends* you *hide* because they tell you about every hour of their life. We'll limit our postings to what is pertinent or useful.

So don't forget, the next time you're checking up on your *friends'* happenings, to visit the New-Mac page and "like" us.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE NEW-MAC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

The Nominating Committee, elected at the Annual Meeting held October 30, 2010, did on August 17, 2011, meet at this office of the Cooperative, Highway 86, Neosho, Missouri, pursuant to Section 3, Article III of the by-laws of the Cooperative, to nominate a slate of candidates to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Cooperative, October 29, 2011, and did at such meeting nominate the following persons for Director of the Cooperative.

District #1

Northeast Section Dale Wolf

Newton County

For three (3) year term Martin Youngblood

District #3

Northwest Section Bobby Fields

Newton County

For three (3) year term Donald Hunt

District #6

Northeast Section Pete Griffin

McDonald County

For three (3) year term Paul Sprenkle

Published in accordance with Section 3, Article III, of the by-laws of the New-Mac Electric Cooperative, Inc., Neosho, Missouri.

Signed Teresa L. Carlin
Lester Shuey
Jim Mettlach
Arthur C. Petty Jr.
Dwayne W. Miller

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New-Mac Electric has on record – from information supplied by the Neosho National Fish Hatchery beginning in 1989. Sure enough, it was followed by the hottest week in over two decades with the first week of August.

Certainly, air-conditioning units have been strained even beyond their designed operating limits this summer. With the days of continuous heat we experienced, air-conditioners never had a chance to cycle off, until temperatures finally dropped in mid-to-late August.

The good news is somewhat cooler weather eventually arrived; the not-so-good news is that won't be reflected until *next* month's bill.

Energy Partners' *Recipe of the Month:*

ELEPHANT STEW

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

1 elephant
salt & pepper to taste

brown gravy
2 rabbits

Cut elephant into bite-size pieces (This takes approximately 4 months). Cook over kerosene fire at 525° until tender (about 5 months). Add salt and pepper. Cover with brown gravy. This will serve 3,800 people. If more are expected, add 2 rabbits. Do this only if absolutely necessary as most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

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@newmac.com. If your recipe is selected, New-Mac will apply a \$15 credit to your bill.

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more options are coming, including services such as online bill payment and other billing information. As these new services become available, we'll let you know in

this newsletter, the message section on your bill, and through our Facebook page.

So, make sure you visit www.newmac.com. Or, if you'd prefer to not mess with that newfangled computer, just give us a call or come by our offices – we're ready to be of service.



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Neosho, Missouri 64850
Telephone: 417/451-1515 800/322-3849
Fax: 417/451-9042
Office Hours: Neosho — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Anderson — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Or visit us on the Web at www.newmac.com.

Management

CEO/General Manager Mitch McCumber
Controller David Childers
Manager of Administration Mary Hatfield
Manager of Operations Stan Irsik
Manager of Marketing Mark K. Rakes
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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mrakes@newmac.com

when the last business day of the month rolls around, the cooperative will automatically withdraw the exact amount of your bill directly from your bank account.

All you have to do is fill out an "Auto-Withdrawal Authorization" form and provide a voided blank check, and New-Mac will set up your account so that there'll be no need for writing out checks again! – at least when it comes time to pay the electric bill.

For more information on the bank draft process, call the billing department at 451-1515 or 800-322-3849.

Bank draft option can make life easier

Auto-withdrawal means one less check to write

With the help of a bank draft, there's one more way New-Mac Electric Cooperative can help simplify your life.

If you would like to eliminate the need of writing and mailing a check each month, or making a trip to the New-Mac office to pay your bill, that can be accomplished by setting up your New-Mac account with a bank draft.

With a bank draft, each month you will still receive your bill from New-Mac, but



Clip and fill out this form and return it along with a voided check, and New-Mac will set your account up for bank draft.



AUTO-WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION

I (We) hereby authorize New-Mac Electric Cooperative, Inc., to charge my (our) checking, savings and loan, or credit union account for the amount of my monthly bill. I (We) further authorize the bank, savings and loan, or credit union to debit the same to such account.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Account # _____ Map # _____

BANK OR SAVINGS INSTITUTION INFO.

Name of Bank, Savings & Loan, or Credit Union _____

City, State, Zip _____

Bank Transit Number _____ Account Number _____

Please enclose a voided check.

The deduction will be made on the last business day of the month.

Beginning Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature (if joint account) _____ Date _____

Mail this form and voided check to:
New-Mac Electric Cooperative
ATTN: Billing
PO Box 310
Neosho, MO 64850

