

# Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



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## New app offers energy efficiency tips, calculators

*Save Energy Save Money* is the name of the app and it's free. That being said, there's plenty of additional reasons to download this new smart phone app that is available for Apple products and Droid.

The app features numerous ways to save energy throughout your home. In fact, tips are broken into categories, so you can look specifically at the energy-saving application of your choice. There are tips listed in the following categories: water heating, kitchen, laundry, heating, air condi-

tioning and appliances.

Also, another useful section of the app features savings calculators. You can input, for example, the quantity and wattage of incandescent bulbs you intend to replace with CFLs or LEDs and it will compute your savings for you. Or, you can figure how much various appliances cost to run for every room in the house.

To download this free app, visit [togetherwesave.com](http://togetherwesave.com) or [newmac.com](http://newmac.com) and click on the "Energy Efficiency" button.



Learn ways to save energy and money by downloading this free app for your smart phone.

# Nominating committee to meet in August

## New-Mac Electric's annual meeting set for October 27

The 2012 nominating committee, elected by the New-Mac membership at the 2011 annual meeting, will meet at the New-Mac Electric Cooperative office on Highway 86, Wednesday, August 15, 2012, 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 4, 5 and 9 at the upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, October 27, 2012.

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 4.....	Robert Laytham
District 5.....	Bobby Banks
District 9.....	Jamey Cope
McDonald Co. At Large.....	Lance Meador
Newton Co. At Large.....	George Kirk

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## See you at the county fairs

Make sure you stop by the New-Mac Electric booth at both the Newton and McDonald County Fairs.

The Newton County Fair runs July 11-14 in Neosho, and the McDonald County Fair will be held July 19-21 in Anderson.

Come by and visit with us, and see how you can be more energy efficient around your house.

## Plan ahead

Any plans of additions or upgrades on your property should include New-Mac in the early stages.

Contact the engineering department about any project that will require additional electrical service. Calling New-Mac early will not only expedite the process, but it could also render money saving advice.

Contact the engineering department at (417) 451-1515.

## Help yourself to 'Rural Missouri'

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

## Outage reporting

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

Another  on the lines 

# Something old, something new

## Southwest City enjoys first library, now hopes to restore historic church

Southwest City recently came together for something it never had. Now, there's an effort to keep something that has always been around.

In 2011, for the first time in its history, the community opened the doors to a library.

While it was long overdue, perhaps, this was a library worth waiting for. It isn't just some building full of books. The Anne Croxdale Memorial Library is a state-of-the-art facility not only with books galore, but also features computer stations with Internet access, free Wi-Fi, a community room equipped with a huge, flat-screen TV, a colorful children's room and much more – all housed in a beautiful, brick structure which reflects the character of the no-longer-existent high school which served the community for so long.

So, how did all of this come about? It started with Megan Hill, the wife of the town's doctor, simply thinking it was a shame the town didn't have a library.

"I could not believe we didn't have a library in town," she said. "The nearest library was in the county seat, which was 20 miles away."

She expressed her thoughts to former mayor Al Dixon, who mentioned it to his friend, Max Croxdale.



The Anne Croxdale Memorial Library opened in the spring of 2011. Plans now are in the works for developing the area behind the library into a park setting, including a pavillion, benches and walking trails.



Entering the library, visitors see the Legacy Brick Wall and display area.

After a few days, Croxdale called Hill wanting to donate land and \$60,000 to start the project. Later, three adjacent lots were donated by Dixon, Bill and Mary Ellen Sims and Mona Lee Collingsworth. A foundation was established, and fundraising commenced. Within a year, \$600,000 was raised.

"I was really surprised," said Hill. "We were working on it when we had the fall in our economy. I just really had no idea that people would be interested at all."

Among the efforts was the sale of actual bricks from the old high school that inspired the library's design.

"People really had a lot of good memories from (the old school). It brought in money from all over the United States because people had moved away but were still interested in the town."

The bricks were engraved and are now permanently displayed in the Legacy Brick Wall inside the library.

The library is named after Croxdale's wife, and since its opening, it has been put to good use.

"I'm so proud of it," said Hill.

"Everybody in town is proud of it. It's really heartwarming to see all the children and all the different age groups that are using it. It's just been a wonderful addition to the town."

While visions of the library were taking shape, just a few blocks away, a town landmark was facing its demise.

The Southwest City Presbyterian Church was built in 1886, and it welcomed its members for a long, long time. But like so many older, rural churches, its membership had been on the decline, with just a handful of elderly members remaining. It had gotten to the point that the national Presbyterian Church organization had decided it was time to decommission the congregation

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and sell or bulldoze the building.

Just as the doctor's wife acted to get Southwest City a library, it was the wife of the town veterinarian, Joyce Morris, who started the effort to save the historic landmark.

Morris' husband was one of the last few members of the local congregation, and Joyce had been keeping up the building. Furthermore, it's evident she has a soft spot for historic architecture. The Morris family has lived in an 1896 Victorian home for the last 30 years.

Upon making the decision to shut down the church, the Presbyterian organization did give an option.

"They said if the (remaining) members had something in mind they would like to do with (the building), the church would consider that," said Morris.

So, what purpose could the building serve? Morris wondered about it possibly becoming a cultural center.

"It seemed like it would be a good compliment to the library, continuing on that same wave of education, culture, art and drama."

The church organization thought that was a satisfactory purpose, so a not-for-profit foundation was set up, and now the Southwest City Arts Center exists.

"That's basically where we are now," she said. "We are now officially the owners of the property and the building. We have a board, and we're really at the point of needing to make a decision on how are we going to go about fundraising."

The first goal is to restore the building.

"It's a lovely Victorian church with unique features – one being a sloped floor like a theater. You don't see those in churches any more. It gives it wonderful acoustics."

A second objective is to make it more functional. The original structure consists of only the auditorium. In the 1970s, a small kitchen/multipurpose room was added to the back of the building, however the only access to the addition is from the outside.

Preliminary renovation plans



**In order for it to be saved, the building had to have a purpose. Now McDonald County has a cultural center with the classic flair of an 1886 Victorian church.**



Among the features of the 1886 church are a sloped floor (at right) and stained glass windows (above).



include enlarging the multipurpose room considerably and adding handicap accessibility.

The cultural center has already housed one event. On June 2, a near capacity crowd was entertained by nationally known, acoustical guitar player Brian Henke. Morris said plans are being made for a concert or event every other month through the end of the year.

Morris hopes the foundation's vision for the Southwest City Arts Center will be realized. There is no other cultural center in McDonald County, so it could be a great service to the area. She hopes the support for such a unique facility will surface. Of course, there is something going for the center, it belongs to the same community that turned a thought into a beautiful library in a few short years.

If you'd like to contribute to the cultural center, you can contact Morris at 417-762-3191, or to donate to the library, call Hill at 479-822-3512.

## Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

### CHERRY TAQUITOS

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Kenny Green**

- 1 pkg. 6-in. flour tortillas
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- oil (for frying)
- 1 jar chocolate-hazelnut spread

Place 1 tortilla on a work surface. Spoon 2 tablespoons of pie filling onto the tortilla and roll up and secure with a toothpick. Repeat with as many as can be eaten in one night. Heat enough oil to just cover the bottom of a pan to 350°. Cook till light brown all around. Remove from pan and place on plate with a dollop of the chocolate-hazelnut spread on top.

*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. 4** – Starting at the Oklahoma state line at the South line of Section 32, Township 24, Range 34, thence East along the Newton-McDonald County line to the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 24, Range 33, thence North along section lines to the intersection with U.S. Highway #60, thence East along U.S. Highway #60 to the intersection of U.S. Highway #60 and U.S. Highway #71, thence North along U.S. Highway #71 to intersection with Missouri Highway #86, thence West along said Highway #86 to Racine, thence continuing due West along section lines to the Oklahoma state line, thence South along state line to place of beginning.

**District No. 5** – Commencing on the Newton-McDonald County line at the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 24, Range 33, thence North along section lines to the intersection of U.S. Highway #60, thence East along U.S. Highway #60, to its intersection with U.S. Highway #71, thence North along U.S. Highway #71 to its intersection with Missouri State Highway #86, thence East along said Highway #86 to Newtonia, thence continuing due East along section lines to the Newton-Barry County line, thence South along said county lines to the Newton-McDonald County line, thence West along the Newton-McDonald County line to the place of beginning. Together with that portion of the



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### Management

CEO/General Manager .....Mitch McCumber  
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 Sprengle  
District 7 .....Maurice Mailes  
District 8 .....Virgil Winchester  
District 9 .....Dewey Allgood

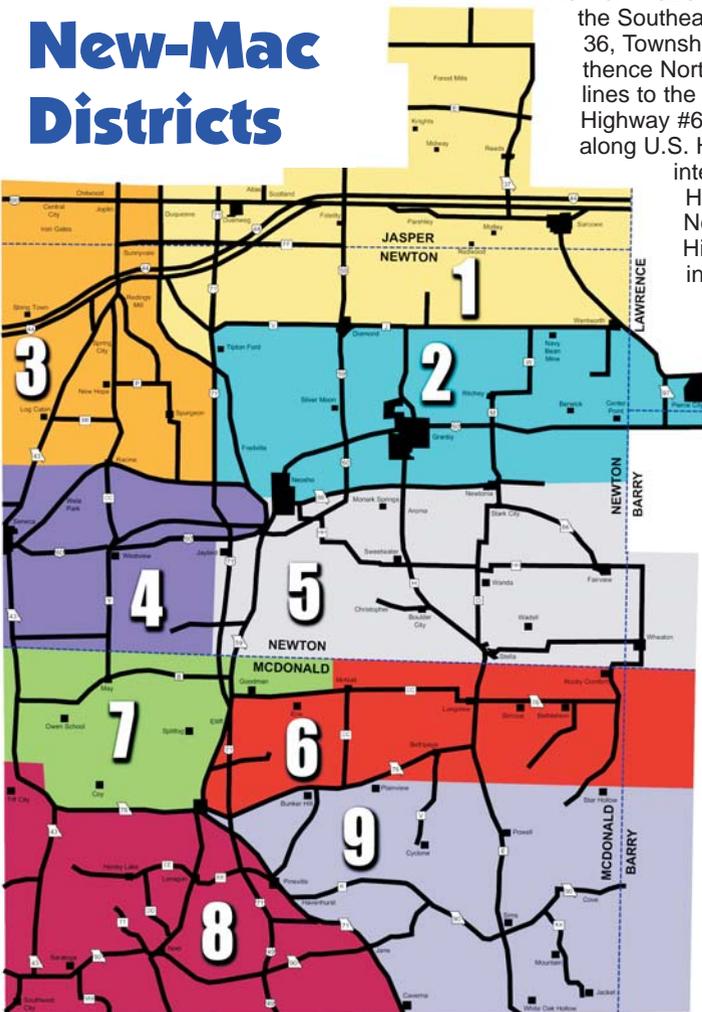
### Services Provided to Members

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?

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## New-Mac Districts



Cooperative territory in Barry County, Missouri, lying due East of the above described district as extended.

**District No. 9** – Commencing on the McDonald-Barry County line at the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 22, Range 29, thence due West along section lines to the junction of Missouri State Highway #76, thence continuing West along said Highway #76 to its junction with U.S. Highway #71, thence South along U.S. #71 to the South boundary line of McDonald County (being the Arkansas state line), thence East along said County line to Barry County line, thence North along the McDonald-Barry County line to place of beginning, together with that portion of the Cooperative territory lying due East of the above described district as extended.