

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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New-Mac restores power on eventful weather day

New-Mac Electric was fortunate but not without damage following the storm two days before the two-year anniversary of the Joplin tornado.

As news continued to come in of the EF-5 tornado that hit Moore, Okla., earlier in the day, New-Mac linemen went out and worked through the night restoring power to as many as 200 customers affected by the severe weather on May 20.

Thankfully, for Seneca-area residents, it was only straight-line winds that toppled trees and blew shingles off roofs. The same storm system produced an EF-2 tornado when it touched down 10 miles to the west in Wyandotte, Okla., where homes were destroyed.

Most of New-Mac's damage was to the area served by the Walkerville substation, however there were also outages around Diamond-Grove and Sweetwater.

New-Mac reminds social-media users to "like" the co-op on *Facebook* or "follow"



New-Mac linemen work to restore power following the severe storm that left as many as 200 co-op customers without electricity on May 20. Below, straight-line winds toppled over many trees that brought down power lines.



on *Twitter*.

Following New-Mac through these sites will allow the latest co-op news to appear right in your newsfeed.



So, if you want to stay in the know during the power restoration process, as well as learn about co-op services and energy-

efficiency, just give us a "like" or "follow." Certainly, during major storms, New-Mac will also communicate through news media and www.newmac.com.

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Energy Partners is a monthly publication of New-Mac Electric for the purpose of informing members of the programs, services and happenings of, and related to, the cooperative.

Please help everyone during *Peak Alerts*

Keeping costs down is always a top priority for us at New-Mac Electric. When the temperatures get extreme in the summertime, *Peak Alerts* are an important tool for

us in managing power costs for the cooperative.

A *Peak Alert* is simply a request to our

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School is out, please watch out for kids

Children are out and about enjoying their break from school, and New-Mac Electric asks that you be mindful of that as you drive around this summer.

It's every driver's responsibility to be on the lookout for kids at play; just as every parent needs to stress that their children always be watchful for cars.

Let's all work together to keep summer both fun and safe.

Up to \$1,000 reward for info on copper thefts

Theft and vandalism at your electric co-op are on the rise, and it's costing everyone. Now you can help strike back at copper thieves. If you see suspicious activity near power lines, substations, vehicles or offices owned by electric cooperatives, call this toll-free hotline number 1-855-COPPER9 (1-855-267-7379). If your tip leads to arrest and conviction, you may earn a reward of up to \$1,000.

Remember copper theft is a felony, could be classified as terrorism, is a direct cost to co-op members, could be FATAL, and could cause power outages.

Offices closed for 4th of July

New-Mac's offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th, for the observance of Independence Day.

Another STOP on the lines

No need to travel far this summer

Recreations abound in New-Mac Electric service territory

Summer will officially arrive this month, and you know the question everybody asks: "So, where are you going for vacation?"

You may not be aware, or maybe you've forgotten, but you don't have to "go" anywhere, especially when you live in the New-Mac Electric service area.

If you're trying to make vacation plans for the family or just looking for a day of fun in the sun, there are numerous recreation destinations to be found along the waters and hills of McDonald County.

Of course, McDonald County might not be your choice vacation setting if you're opposed to fresh air and the being close to nature, but if you are the sort that appreciates such, you've got options galore.

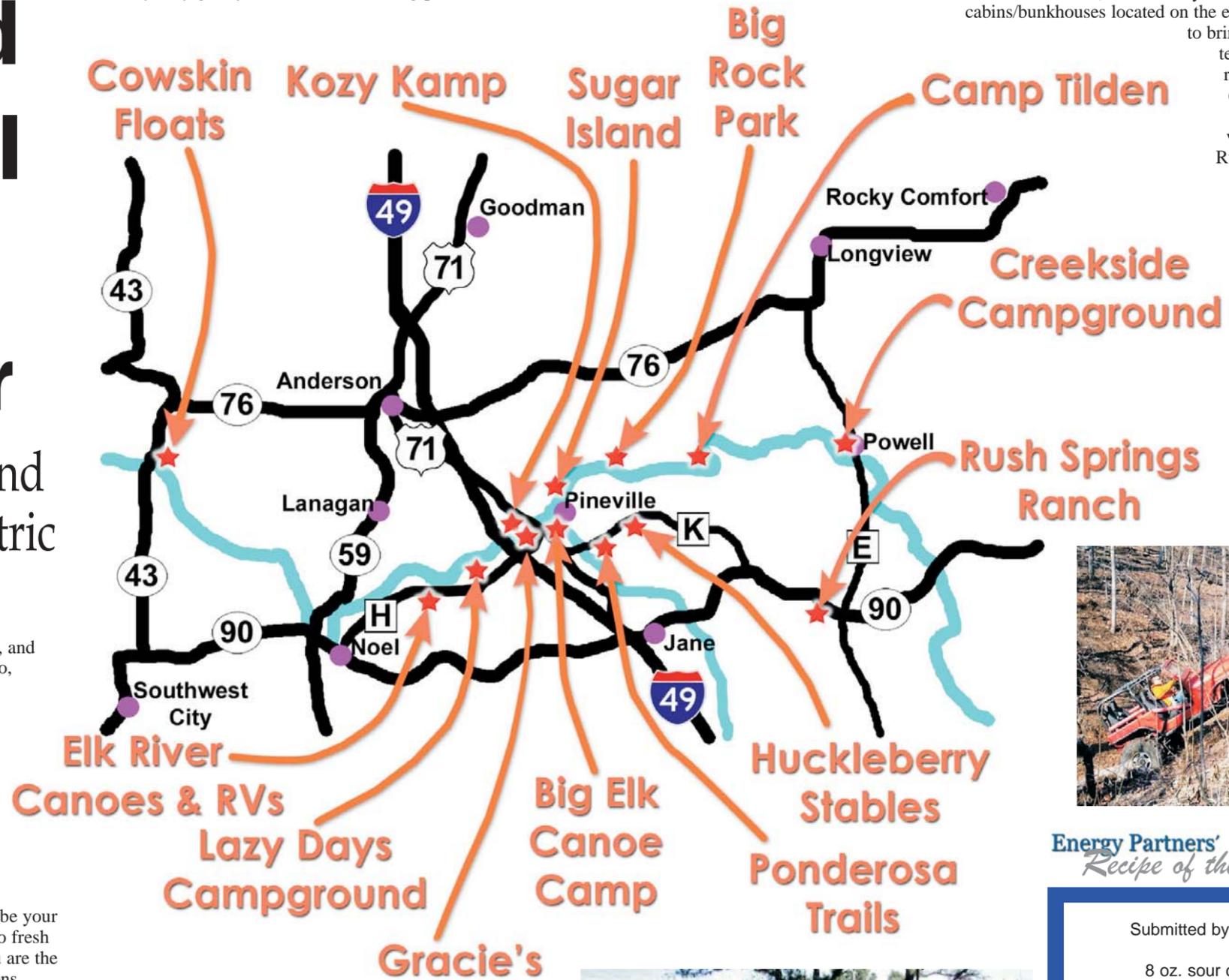
Just following the New-Mac power lines will take you to more than a dozen campgrounds (of course, the county boasts a handful of others as well). Starting east and working downstream to the west, you'll find canoe and kayak rentals at Creekside Campground, Camp Tilden, Big Rock Park, Sugar Island, Big Elk Canoe Camp, Kozy Kamp, Gracie's, Lazy Days Campground, Elk River Canoes & RVs and Cowskin Floats. All of these offer camping sites as well, and most have RV hookups and some offer cabins (varying from

a simple bunk-and-roof to fully furnished with a hot tub). Each of these have their loyal customers and offer many of the same experiences; but collectively they give you a choice of starting points

with your float. So, bring the swimsuit and sunscreen, maybe a fishing pole too, there are plenty of opportunities for fun on the water along Big Sugar Creek and Elk River. For a breakdown of amenities and pricing, give them a call at the numbers listed below.

If your idea of camping includes the company of a galloping four-legged animal, there are still more choices located along the power lines.

The Ponderosa Trails, Huckleberry Stables and Rush Springs Ranch all offer cabins/bunkhouses located on the edge of Huckleberry Ridge State Forest. You'll have to bring your own animal (with proof of a recent Coggins test), but you're sure to be pleased with beautiful terrain for riding. These campgrounds all host periodic events and group rides, for more details, all three places have easy to find websites. If you prefer four wheels to four legs, there's also Jeep/ATV riding at Rush Springs Ranch.

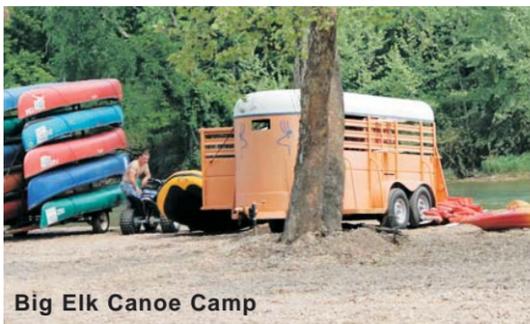


For more information on the camps, call:

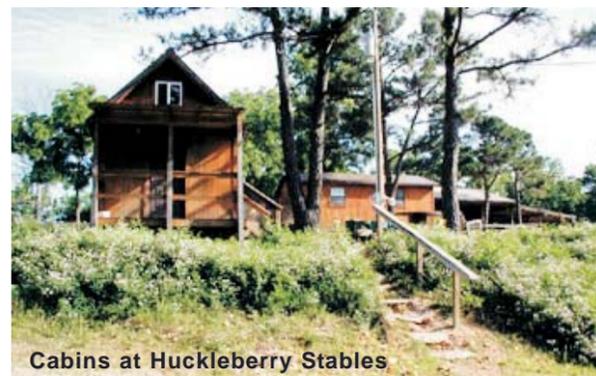
Big Elk Canoe Camp	(417) 223-4635
Big Rock Park	(417) 223-4410
Camp Tilden	(417) 223-7568
Cowskin Floats	(417) 775-2448
Creekside Campground	(417) 435-2274
Elk River Canoes and RVs	(800) 331-8844
Gracie's	(417) 223-4413
Huckleberry Stables	(417) 223-2343
Kozy Kamp	(417) 223-4586
Lazy Days Campground	(417) 223-3498
Ponderosa Trails	(417) 223-4081
Rush Springs Ranch	(847) 921-4844
Sugar Island	(417) 223-4410



Above, Camp Tilden. At left, Rush Springs Ranch.



Big Elk Canoe Camp



Cabins at Huckleberry Stables

Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

TORTILLA PINWHEELS

Submitted by New-Mac member: Bertha Yoder

- 8 oz. sour cream
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 4 oz. diced green chilies
- 4 oz. black olives
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- garlic salt to taste
- seasoned salt to taste
- 10 flour tortillas
- salsa

Mix first 8 ingredients and spread on tortillas. Roll up and cover tightly with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for several hours. Remove plastic wrap and cut into 1" slices. Serve with salsa.

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.



AUTO-CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

Name _____

Account Number _____ Map Number _____

Email _____

Daytime Phone # _____

Credit/debit card to which you wish amount to be charged:

____ VISA ____ American Express

____ MasterCard ____ Discover

Credit/debit card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

Beginning date to charge _____

I, (print name) _____, do hereby authorize New-Mac Electric Cooperative, Inc., to charge my monthly electric bill to the card indicated above. I certify that I am duly authorized to charge on this card. I understand that my electric bill will automatically be charged on this card each month and that I will receive a monthly bill as well as a charge slip, via U.S. Postal Service, indicating the amount charged. This authorization shall remain in effect until I revoke it in writing and deliver the writing to New-Mac Electric. I shall indemnify and hold harmless New-Mac Electric from and against any losses, claims, judgments, liabilities, or expenses for damage of any kind caused by, or arising from, this authorization or any acts authorized by it.

Customer Signature _____ Date _____

Complete this form and get started with our auto-charge option.



Auto charge makes for one less thing to do

Maybe it's your routine: every month you are going to pay your electric bill with the same debit or credit card a few days before it's due. If that's your pattern, you know how simple it is to pay with your credit/debit card, but New-Mac can make it easier still.

New-Mac Electric offers an auto-charge option for customers who like to pay their bill each month with a credit or debit card. Simply fill out an auto-charge authorization form (at left), and New-Mac will process your payment for you each month on the 25th calendar day (or next business day in the event of holidays or weekends).

If you have any questions, contact the New-Mac billing department at 451-1515 or 800-322-3849. If you would like to be on "auto-charge" for the month of June, bring the completed form to the New-Mac office prior to June 20. Don't assume your account has been processed unless you have been notified by the billing department.

Get started with our auto-charge option today and know you've got one less thing to do at the end of the month.



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Peak Alerts

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members to try and help us conserve energy during a set period (usually in the late afternoon). Even though these announcements occur during the hottest days of summer, it does not mean there is a shortage of power. However, with your help, New-Mac possibly can avoid significant costs that could contribute to rate increases for the membership. By curtailing usage on the days in

which electrical demand will be at its highest point, New-Mac is able to avoid extreme peaks which bring about 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. Raising the thermostat a few degrees can also help significantly by reducing the energy use of air-conditioners.

Homes with elderly or small children should not adjust their thermostat.

Members will be notified of Peak Alerts through local radio and television stations, as well as our *Facebook* and *Twitter* pages. If you are not currently a "fan" or "following" New-Mac through these two social media sites, you can find New-Mac's respective pages from links found at newmac.com.

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 for everyone.