

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

Preparing for growth



The morning sun silhouettes New-Mac trucks being used to make three-phase power available on both sides of I-49 at the intersection with Highway 86 in Neosho.

Meter tampering is a lose-lose situation

Help yourself and the cooperative by reporting suspicious activity

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 every tampering incident as a serious matter. Not only are those who tamper breaking the law, they're also

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Nominating Committee, elected at the Annual Meeting held October 26, 2013, did on August 20, 2014, 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 25, 2014, and did at such meeting nominate the following persons for Director of the Cooperative.

District #1

Northeast Section Arthur Petty
 Newton County Martin Youngblood
 For three (3) year term

District #3

Northwest Section Bob Fields
 Newton County Robert Outt
 For three (3) year term

District #6

Northeast Section Pete Griffin
 McDonald County Paul Sprenkle
 For three (3) year term

District #9

Southeast Section Jamey Cope
 McDonald County Allen Hudson
 For one (1) year term

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Signed Roger P. Haan
 Larry Dahnke
 Lester Shuey
 Dwayne W. Miller
 Jimmie R. Morgan

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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.

NEW-MAC ELECTRIC'S 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

• 10 a.m., Sat., Oct. 25 @ 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 2014 Annual Meeting.

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

There will be _____ family members attending.



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

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.

Pay bill, view usage online

Remember, not only can you pay your bill online, you can also look at usage trends, compare bills from various billing periods, set up reminder text or emails, and much more. Visit newmac.com and click on the "smart hub" link.



Helpful info during outages

In the event of outages, please call us if you see a downed power line or a large tree branch that has fallen into the power lines.

Also, if you heard a loud noise just before you lost power, please let us know.

Reporting such sights and sounds can greatly reduce the time it takes to restore power. Please call us at **451-1515** or **800-322-3849**.

Remember, never touch, attempt to move, or drive over a downed power line.

How to report an outage

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

Comments Worth Mentioning. . . .

"Rural electrification is changing the entire agricultural pattern. It is bringing about a greater diversification of farming. It is boosting farm income and has been a shot-in-the-arm to rural industries...Electricity is contributing greatly to a sound farm economy, which is the foundation of a sound national economy."

--Knox T. Hutchinson

In the early years of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), New-Mac Electric's newsletter was filled with comments from members marvelling about the innovations of electricity on the farm and in the home, such can be seen here in this clipping from July 1951.

REA still a hit in the 50s

Members were still learning what electricity could do

This month's newsletter will conclude our series of looking back at New-Mac Electric's history though the pages of its early publications.

In celebration of New-Mac Electric's 75th anniversary, over last six months, *Energy Partners* has looked at the first quarter century of the co-op. Over those years, New-Mac went from zero to over 5,000 members, who were happily experiencing for the first time the conveniences of electricity. Certainly, times were different than the electronic age we live in today. In another 25 years, New-Mac will be a century old. Who knows what innovations will be part of our lives then?

Here's our look at the early 50s....



Allisons Return To Former Home

This month we are featuring Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allison, one of the families who are reclaiming the farm that they owned before it was taken by Camp Crowder. At the present time they are making repairs on the house and preparing the ground for seeding. They now have 70 acres ready for planting corn. The five room house is being remodeled extensively

and Mr. Allison is planning to put in a water system and bath room. This is the farm where Mr. Allison grew up. This farm has been in the family for years. His father's house was only a short distance from the one shown in the picture.

The old Erie store shown in the picture below is a well known landmark and has been owned and operated by the Allisons for many years. Mr. Allison's brother, Elmer Allison operated the store until the government took over in 1942. Mr. Allison states that he plans to rebuild the store this fall.

There have been 240 farms purchased by the former owners or Veterans according to S. Jerome Smith, project manager of the War Surplus Office here in Neosho.

We have had requests from most of these owners asking that the electric lines be run to their farms again. The first service that was run in was to the Allison farm as shown in the picture above. We plan to run the lines in and serve these people just as soon as it is possible.



In New-Mac Electric's newsletters written during the time of World War II, we read about the many families displaced by the establishment of Camp Crowder. Above, in the May 1950 *New-Mac News*, we read about Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Allison, who were the first to request power after returning to their home in the Camp Crowder territory. They were pictured on the front page of the newsletter (at left).



WHAT NEXT ?

A Pueblo Colorado, inventor has invented an electric mailbox.

After the mailman has made his rounds, you just push a button and the box moves in from the road to the house.

There's a motor inside the box which moves it along cables when you push the button.

When you read this excerpt from the August 1950 co-op newsletter, you have to wonder, "Is this how email got started?"

The words

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

were put on pennies for the benefit of those fools who like to use the coins as a substitute for fuses.

Above, the March 1951 *New-Mac News* used some humor at the expense of those disregarding the aspect of safety provided by fuses. At right top, with kids headed back to school in September of 1950, New-Mac Electric urged parents to specifically encourage their boys not to shoot or throw rocks at insulators. At right below, in July 1951, New-Mac welcomed lineman Bobby Nunley back from a two-year stint of military service in Korea. Nunley would eventually work 33 years for New-Mac. His father also

worked for the co-op, and his son, Robert, currently is in his 33rd year of working for New-Mac as a lineman. In fact, Bobby retired so that Robert could start with the cooperative.



September



Dear Parents;

September is here; School bells are ringing through out the New Mac area, and we hope that the lights will go on in the school rooms.

The old saying, boys will be boys is still good. For about the first of September we start getting line outages from broken insulators that have been hit with rocks and shot with rifles. Tell the boys to throw and shoot at fence posts and tin cans. Please don't throw and shoot at the insulators on top of the line poles. It causes poor service and a lot of hard work for the men who keep the lines open for the school rooms to have lights.

We know that you don't like to have your services interrupted and this is one way you can help your Co-op keep the lines open.

We feel sure if your boys are instructed as to the damage they cause by breaking these insulators they will think twice before using them as targets.

Returns from Service

After spending two years with Uncle Sam's Army - Bobby Nunley, betterknown as "Bill", has returned to work with the Co-op.

Bill could probably tell you a lot of war stories about his service inKorea, but he is not one to talk, wo we'll say, "Welcome back Bill and good luck.



In December 1951, people were still getting used to incandescent light output. In the *New-Mac News* from that month, over three pages of the newsletter were dedicated to providing optimum lighting for students.

Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

THREE-IN-ONE CHICKEN MEAL

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Cherri Miller**

- 4 chicken breasts
- 6 potatoes
- 1 onion, chopped small
- bacon bits (optional)
- 1 lg can French style Green Beans
- 1 pkt of dry Ranch dressing mix
- 1 stick oleo, melted

Wash & slice potatoes ¼ in. thick. In a large cake pan (9x13 or larger), spray with oil spray. Line one long side of pan with chicken breasts. In the center, layer sliced potatoes. Down the other side, layer green beans. Sprinkle chopped onion and bacon bits over the green beans. Salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle the dry ranch dressing mix over all ingredients and pour the melted oleo over everything. Cover with foil and bake at 350 ° for 60 min. or until chicken is done.

Send your recipe, along with your name and account number, to: Recipes, c/o New-Mac Electric, 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.

Meter tampering


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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.



New-Mac Electric Cooperative
Your Touchstone Energy Partner

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

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.



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Services Provided to Members
Call our consumer services department for information on the following services:

- Automated Phone Payments**
- Automated Withdrawal Payment**
- Levelized Billing**
- Online Payments & Usage History**
- 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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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 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.

