

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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Nominating committee to meet August 19

New-Mac Electric Cooperative's annual meeting set for October 31

The 2015 nominating committee, elected by the New-Mac membership at the 2014 annual meeting, will meet at the New-Mac Electric Cooperative office on Highway 86, Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 10 a.m.

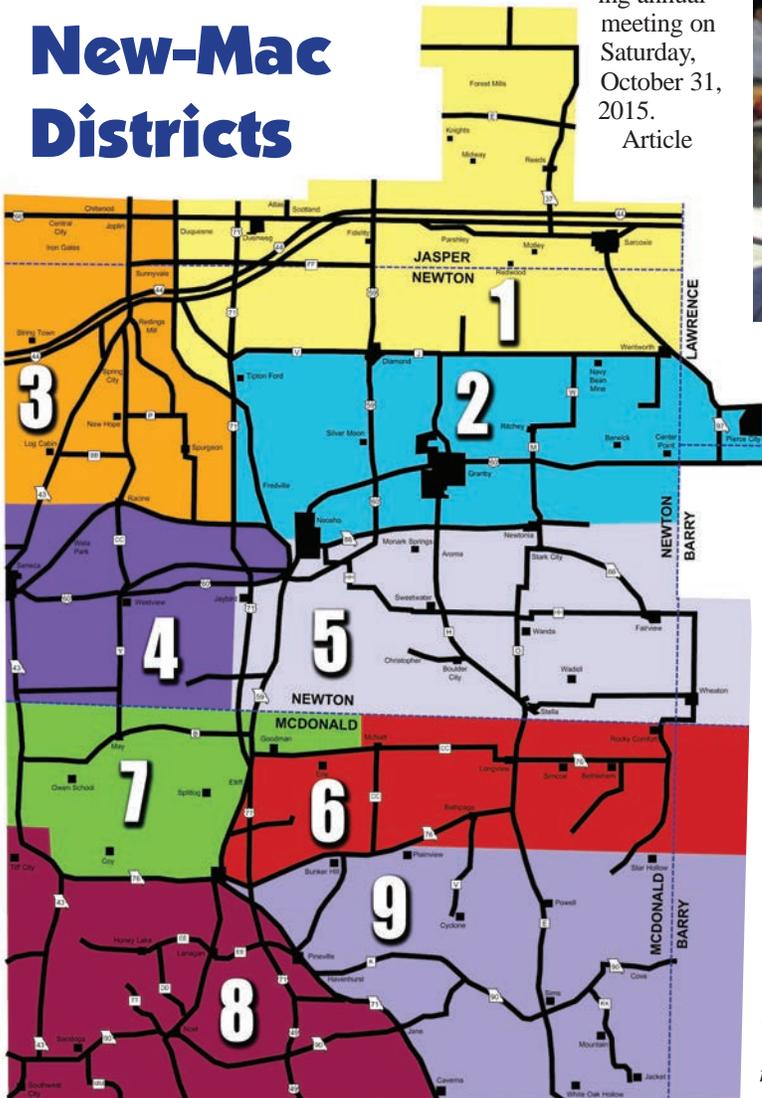
Their task, at this meeting, is to nominate

individuals to serve on the New-Mac Board of Directors. This year, directors will be elected from Districts 4, 5, 8 and 9 at the upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Article



New-Mac Electric Cooperative's 2015 Annual Meeting will be held on Oct. 31. At last year's meeting, among the day's many activities celebrating New-Mac's first 75 years, a video was shown (above) telling the story of the co-op's history.

New-Mac Districts



III, Section 3, of the New-Mac Electric by-laws 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 by-laws states:

“At each annual meeting there shall be elected by the members a nominating committee of five persons and an alternate for each per-

son so chosen. Such nominating committee shall consist of one person from each of the districts from which Directors are to be elect-

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New-Mac Electric Cooperative
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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.

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 8-11 in Neosho, and the McDonald County Fair will be held July 16-18 in Anderson.

Show your support for youth and agriculture and come see us at the fairs.

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, or you can dial 811. Please call three working days in advance.

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

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** (location number) ready and call 451-1515 or (800) 322-3849.

Heat pump water heaters now eligible for co-op rebate

There is now another option for those looking to qualify for a rebate from New-Mac with the purchase of a water heater. As of July 1, heat pump water heaters are now eligible for a \$50 bill credit, provided all qualifications are met with the purchase.

New-Mac has offered varying water heater rebates for many years. The current rebate program, which has been in place since 2008, features a \$50 rebate – in the form of a credit to your New-Mac bill – for electric water heaters meeting the following qualifications:

- only for replacement of another electric water heater or for a new home
- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must have an energy rating of .9 or better
- limit two per address
- tankless (on-demand) water heaters are not eligible
- service where installed must use 6,000 kWh per year
- for residential customers only

Previously, the rebate excluded heat pump water heaters – but no longer. Provided a heat pump water heater meets all the criteria listed above, it also qualifies for a \$50 bill credit.

The qualification these water heaters will easily achieve will be that of the energy rating of .9 or better. These water heaters commonly have a rating of 2.0 or

higher – for example the latest version of the *GE GeoSpring* has a rating of 3.1.

While the energy efficiency of these units is considerably higher than that of a standard water heater, so is the price point. These water heaters usually start at around \$1,000 and go up considerably depending on size and brand. Still, with 14 percent of the average household's energy usage going toward water heating, the additional cost of a heat pump water heater will be recovered over time.

For those unfamiliar with these water heaters, it's basically the same technology at work that is utilized by an air-source heat pump for heating and cooling homes.

Heat pump water heaters use electricity to move heat instead of generating heat directly. Thus, they can be two to three times more energy efficient than conventional electric resistance water heaters. To move the heat, heat pumps work like a refrigerator in reverse. While a refrigerator pulls heat from inside a box and dumps it into the surrounding room, a heat pump water heater pulls heat from the surrounding air and dumps it – at a higher temperature – into a tank to heat water.

In order to obtain a rebate, members must provide New-Mac with a completed rebate form and a copy of the purchase receipt within 90 days of purchase.

Rebate forms are available at both New-Mac offices and online at newmac.com. Forms will also be mailed, upon request, by calling 417-451-1515 or 800-322-3849.



The *GeoSpring* heat pump water heater by GE

New-Mac has additional rebates available, including **window air-conditioning units, dual-fuel heat pumps, mini-split heat pumps and ground-source heat pumps.**

For more information, visit newmac.com or call 417-451-1515 or 800-322-3849

Lighten the load for your AC this summer

The dog days of summer are closing in. Here's some tips to help out your air-conditioner this summer:

Seal out the hot air — Weatherstrip, caulk and insulate to keep the hot air out. The same winter insulation rules apply to summer insulation. Look for “weatherization” at www.doe.gov for tips on sealing and insulating your home. Here's a short list of the most important areas to insulate:

- Ceilings and finished attic walls
- Wall to unheated garage
- Crawl spaces
- All exterior walls, including basements
- Under floors and slabs
- Cathedral ceilings
- Dormers
- Around ductwork in unconditioned spaces

Change light bulbs — Unless you have a stash of the old incandescent light bulbs, you can't even buy them anymore. Replacing them with compact fluorescent light bulbs will use 75 percent less energy, and the bulbs will last 10 times longer. Light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs will save more energy and last even longer.

Close up the fireplace — Shut up the fireplace for the season by closing the damper and cleaning out the flue.

Clear attic vents — Attic fans cool hot attics by drawing in cooler outside air through attic vents (soffit and gable) and pushing hot air to the outside, explains Energy Star. However, if your attic has blocked soffit vents and is not well-sealed from the rest of the house, attic fans will suck cool conditioned air out of the house and into the attic. So make sure vents aren't blocked with insulation.

Reverse fan blades — Reverse the blades on your ceiling fan so they turn counterclockwise and blow air downward.

Repaint your house lighter — If your house has a dark-colored exterior, paint it a lighter color to reflect more of the sun's radiant energy. A dark color absorbs 70 to 80 percent of light rays.

Ventilate the attic — A dark-shingled house absorbs a lot of

heat. Attic temperatures can reach 150 degrees. Some of that heat will seep downstairs into your conditioned space and make your air conditioner work harder. Proper ventilation can keep the attic

temperature below 110 degrees. Check to see if your home's soffit vents and attic vents are adequate, and if not, add more. The vents and louvers also will prevent moisture buildup.

Add window fans — Window fans are another means of ventilating your house. The U.S. Department of Energy says to install them in windows facing away from the prevailing wind and exhausting hot air from your home. To cool as much of your home as possible, tightly close windows near the fan and open windows in rooms far from the fan, preferably on the windward side of your home. Windows near cooler, shaded outdoor areas provide the best intake air.

Shade your windows — According to the Missouri Division of Energy, sunny windows make air conditioners work two to three times harder. To keep out the sun, install drapes, blinds, exterior shades and other window coverings. Applying solar control window films to existing glass is another effective method to reduce solar light and heat.



Pay by Phone

Don't forget you can pay your bill by phone anytime – **24/7** – with our automated, toll-free payment line.



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Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

TATER TOT CASSEROLE

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Chelsea Cypret**

16 oz. pkg tater tots	1 cup milk
1 lb. ground beef	2 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
2 cans pinto beans (drained)	1 tsp. garlic powder
2 cans green beans (drained)	1 tsp. onion powder
1 can corn (drained) – opt. frozen	1 tsp. salt
2 cans cream of mushroom soup	2 cups cheddar cheese

Cook tater tots according to pkg. Brown beef and season. Drain fat. Mix in all ingredients except tots and cheese into beef over stovetop. Pour into 9x13 pan. Top with shredded cheese and tots. Bake at 350° for 15 min. or until cheese is melted. Serves 6-8.

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.

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○ Committee

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ed 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."

"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 provided, 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.

Nominating Committee Members
 District 4 Gary Bond
 District 5 George Kirk
 District 9 Jacob Cotton
 Newton Co. At Large Bill Linton
 McDonald Co. At Large ... Donald Crabtree
The committee will meet at the New-Mac office on Highway 86, Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m.

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

District No. 8 – Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 33, Township 23, Range 34, thence East to the Northeast corner of Section 34, Township 23, Range 34, thence South to State Highway #76, thence East on said Highway #76 to its junction with U.S. Highway #71, thence South on U.S. Highway #71 to the Arkansas State line, thence West along the Arkansas State line to the Oklahoma-Missouri State line, thence North along the Oklahoma-Missouri State line to place of beginning.



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 Manager of Marketing Mark K. Rakes
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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 Jason Ruddick
 District 9 Jamey Cope

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Autowithdrawal Payment

Green Power

Levelized Billing

Online Payment & Usage History

Rental Light

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Credit Card Acceptance

Safety Programs (upon request)

Surge Protection

Questions? Comments?

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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.