

# Energy Partners



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## New-Mac selects contest winners

Students will represent cooperative on educational trips to Washington D.C. and Jefferson City.



New-Mac Electric has selected its 2023 winners for the co-op's annual Youth Tour/CYCLE Contest. Pictured (front row, L-R) Caroline Leonard, Caitlynn Barbee, Kiernan Tillman. The back row includes New-Mac's Mark Rakes and Ashlea Norman.

Four students from our local school districts will represent New-Mac Electric in Washington D.C. and Jefferson City this summer as a result of the cooperative's eighth annual Youth Tour/CYCLE Contest.

Seneca's Caitlynn Barbee and Joplin's Aidan Koch were the top finishers in the competition winning a week-long trip, called Youth Tour, to our nation's capital. Caroline Leonard, also from Seneca, and Kiernan Tillman, who attends Missouri Connections Academy, will

be participants in CYCLE (Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience), which takes place over three days in Jefferson City.

The students are all juniors at their respective schools and were selected to be finalists in the competition by virtue of essays they submitted to the cooperative. Sarcoxie's Abbey Lawyer was selected to be the alternate for the trips. In addition

to the aforementioned schools,  
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New-Mac sends four high school Juniors on a trip of a lifetime. Two will travel to Washington D.C., with the two others going to Jefferson City.



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# What is right-of-way?

## Why is it so important for the cooperative to clear trees and brush?

As your electric cooperative, it is our responsibility to maintain over 3,000 miles of power lines and to ensure reliable electric service to your home or workplace. New-Mac Electric achieves this objective by systematically clearing the right-of-way along our power lines.

What is a right-of-way? It is an agreement with the land owner that allows us to access the property directly beneath and to either side of the electric power lines. The right-of-way provides a way for crews to enter the property at any time for maintenance, repairs or outages. Many times, this process requires the right-of-way crews to remove trees and brush that might keep the linemen from getting to the issue.



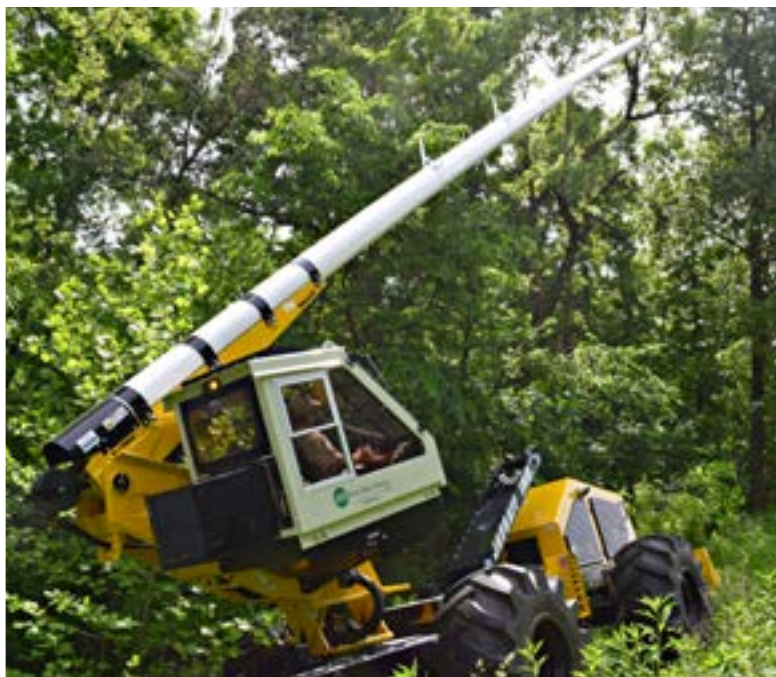
When clearing the brush away, New-Mac right-of-way crews will use the Jarraff with its 75-foot arm to trim trees along the power line's path. The crews also use a Hydro Ax to perform heavy duty mowing of brush, and finally they use a Bobcat with a forestry cutting attachment to help grind up and move away the downed limbs and brush. The terrain of the Ozark region at times tests the machinery to its limits with hills, cliffs and uneven ground.

New-Mac strives to include the property owner and not to disrupt existing activities on the property.



New-Mac asks that no storage buildings, barns, swing sets or other types of structures be placed beneath a power line. Items restrict workers from maintaining or repairing the lines for members after a storm.

The right-of-way process is extremely important to the co-op, fulfilling our promise of providing reliable electricity, and if it does go out, having it restored as fast as possible.



New-Mac Electric's right-of-way crew sport the Jarraff (above), the Hydro Ax (left), a Bobcat (above left). All of these machines are used to safely clear brush and trees from lines. An example of the clearing performed is pictured at the top.

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## ○ Contest

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the contest was also open to juniors at Carthage, Diamond, Pierce City, Sarcouxie, McDonald County, Neosho, East Newton and Wheaton, as well as home/private school 11th-graders in those districts.

Contestants were required to write a 400-600 word essay on the topic “Why coal is still a viable fuel.” Finalists were then selected and invited to New-Mac’s Neosho office for a personal interview by a panel of judges.

Youth Tour will take place June 12-18. Koch and Barbee will attend a banquet in Jefferson City honoring the more than 100 delegates representing 40 Missouri electric cooperatives. Then, the next morning, they will be bused to St. Louis and fly on to Washington D.C., where they will spend the next five days visiting numerous tourist attractions.

Some of their stops will include the The Washington Monument, The US Capitol, Smithsonian Museums, Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Wall, and a boat cruise on the Potomac River.

Tillman and Leonard’s CYCLE trip is July 19-21 in Jefferson City. Around 150 students from 40 cooperatives take part in this learning experience. Highlights include touring the Missouri Supreme Court and State Capitol and the opportunity to debate a fictional bill



from the actual floor of the House of Representatives. Additionally, they participate in leadership training, hear informative speakers, and interact with one another during various enjoyable activities.

If you know someone locally who will be a high school junior in the near future, make sure they participate in New-Mac Electric’s Youth Tour/CYCLE Contest next year. Details for each year’s competition are made available in January.



All of the 2023 Youth Tour/CYCLE winners were invited to the Cooperative for an awards ceremony. This is where New-Mac’s Mark Rakes presented each delegate with a certificate and trophy for their accomplishment.

## Co-op offers surge protection for well pumps

It’s thunderstorm season in the Ozarks and as we all know Mother Nature does not hold back and her wrath could affect any of us. All we can do is try to prepare. Is your well protected?

New-Mac has a surge protector available for well pumps, which can be purchased at the co-op for \$99.49.

This unit requires hard-wire installation by a professional (New-Mac does not perform this installation).

Well pumps are particularly vulnerable to lightning-to-ground surges due to the steel casing running through the soil. New-Mac’s surge protector does not warranty the well pump, only the surge protector itself.

**New-Mac recommends home owners ask their insurance agent about well pump coverage.**

For more information about surge protection, ask for Zane in our Member Services Department at 417-451-1515.





## Unclaimed patronage available for former members of New-Mac Electric

Names listed are former members of New-Mac Electric who have unclaimed past patronage with the Cooperative. You must contact the New-Mac office at 417-451-1515 within 60 days in order to claim your property. Properties listed fall within a defined monetary range. For an extensive listing of all unclaimed patronage, visit our website at [newmac.com](http://newmac.com). More names will be published in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

ADAMS, ELIZABETH  
ALDRIDGE, BILL & RUTH  
ALLEY, DOUGLAS & MANDY BOND  
ANDERSON, O R  
BAKER, BRUCE & AMY  
BAKER, DAVID E  
BARNARD, ROGER & JEANNE  
BEILER, ABRAM & KATIE  
BENSHOOF, HERBERT  
BENSON EST, ROBERT L & LOIS  
BERGSTROM, VALERIE  
BERRY BROTHERS  
BINETTE EST, NATALIE P  
BLAND, LESLIE E & TAMMY L  
BROBSTON, JONATHON  
BROWN, BRAD & HEIDI  
BUNN, TIM  
BURGER, PHILLIP  
CAMPBELL, LEWIS & STEPHEN  
CANOY, SEAN P  
CARPENTER, PAULA  
CARR, ROBERT A  
COCHRAN, LESLIE C & BEVERLY  
COKER, CONNIE S  
COLES, EDWARD W  
COLLINS, GARY T  
COPHER, JOSHUA L & MELODIE A SNYDER  
CUPP, JEAN M  
CURRAN EST, BETSY R  
DALTON, MICHELLE L  
DAUGHERTY, CODY & CANDACE  
DEARBORN, DERRICK  
DECKER, FRANK

DENISON, JOYCE  
DOWLING, NORA  
DRAHEIM, L H & LAURABELL  
DUNSON, JOSEPH K  
EDMONDS, NORMAN & PAULINE  
EHRHARDT, CONNIE  
ELLIS, ROBERT & BARBARA  
EUBANKS EST, ETTA M  
FAULKNER, LISA M  
FINLEY, JOHN & PAM  
GADDIS, ALLEN & TAMI  
GANDY, SANDRA K  
GARCIA, VICKI  
GILMAN, MELVIN W & ALICE B  
GIPSON, FRED A  
GORMAN, STEVE  
GREENFEATHER, CRYSTAL  
GREGORY, CAROLYN  
HAGEDON, EUGENE & CHERYL  
HANNA, ROY R  
HARRIS, DANIEL L & DANA K  
HARRIS, GARY  
HETTINGER, ANGELA  
HIGGINBOTHAM, NINA  
HILBURN, MIKE & DANA  
HINSON, JIM L  
HOLLOWAY, JAMES D  
HONEYLAKE UNION CHURCH  
HOOVER, DONNA K  
JAMESON, DEBRA  
JARVIS, HARMONY J  
JOB, DENNY S  
JONES, JEFF & KIM  
JONES, WILLIAM C  
KELLNER, RAYMOND E  
KERNS, BRIAN L  
KERR, BRUCE  
KIBLING JR, BERNARD & CATHERINE  
KLEIN, HUGHBELLE  
LANE, MIKE & BRENDA  
LARSON, TERRY L  
LAW, ROBERT D  
LAWSON, PAMELA  
LAYNE, JACK MICHAEL & EVELYN J  
LOWE, WILBER E  
MANN, CHRISTINE  
MASSINGILL, SAMUEL & TERESA

MCAULIFF, PATRICK M  
MCCOY EST, BETTY  
MCGEHEE, RICK  
MCKEEHAN, KENNETH RAY & DIANA CAROL  
MCMURTREY, N C & STELLA  
METSKER, STEPHEN  
MIKSELL, CHERYL D  
MILLER, JENNIE M  
MILLER, TED L  
MITCHELL EST, RICHARD D  
MITCHELL, JOE & GERTRUDE  
MOORE, JERRY & MARY  
MORRIS, TOMMY & PATRICIA  
MUSTAIN, WILLIE  
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RHODES, RHONDA S  
RICHHART, WILLIAM C  
RINEHART, CHARLES & SHERI  
RIPPEY, A DANIEL & MICHELLE L  
ROBBINS, JASON & BILLIE  
RUMSEY, JEFFERY L  
SCHELL, DOROTHY LEE  
SHADE, MICHAEL & CRYSTAL  
SHERRILL, SCOTT & JACEY  
SMITH, ERNEST & BRENDA L  
STOLL, HARRY & CHRYSTAL EISENHART  
STRINGER EST, VIVIAN R  
STROVERS, DENNIS & CAROL  
TALLEY, W FRANK & ESTHER  
TURNER, DUSTIN B  
VANGRINSVEN, PAUL  
VASQUEZ, VIOLET J  
WADE, HENRY & WANDA  
WILLIS, MICA & PHILLIP  
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