

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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Co-op at county fairs



Just how hot has it been?

According to data supplied to New-Mac Electric from the Neosho National Fish Hatchery dating back to 1989, June of 2011 was the hottest June on record over that period of time.

Sure enough, although it was not official at time of press, July of 2011 likewise appeared well on its way toward being the hottest July we've had since prior to 1989. According to the National Weather Service in Springfield, eight of the month's first 12 days saw temperatures of 100 degrees or higher, and that stretch included the hottest temperature recorded in Joplin since 1986. On July 10, the actual temperature (not heat index) was 106 degrees.

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New-Mac Electric hit both the Newton (pictured above) and McDonald County Fairs in July. In spite of triple-digit temps, there were still plenty of fair-goers, including the youngsters (at right) that got a kick out of the solar mobile phone charger on display at the co-op's tent.



Appliance rebates still available

Go energy efficient with qualifying purchases

Dont' forget, New-Mac still has appliance rebates in place through the end of the year.

So, if it's about time to buy a new clothes washer, dishwasher, window air-conditioning unit, water heater, or a heat pump, keep in mind the rebate program qualifications – **because only qualifying purchases will be rebated.**

In order to qualify, New-Mac must receive a completed rebate form and a copy of the purchase receipt within **90 days of the date of purchase.** Rebate forms can be found online at www.new-mac.com, or can be picked up at both the Neosho and Anderson offices, or by calling 451-1515 or 800-322-3849.

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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 watch out for school kids

As kids head back to school this month, New-Mac Electric reminds everyone to be careful and keep them safe.

Drivers, please be attentive and look out for children around roadways. Parents, please instruct your kids to look before crossing streets and to stay away from traffic.

Make plans now for New-Mac's annual meeting

Mark your calendars now for New-Mac Electric Cooperative's 2011 Annual Meeting, which will be held October 29 at Crowder College's gymnasium.

Learn about the cooperative's state of affairs, and enjoy the activities, entertainment and lunch that will be provided. Don't miss out on this big day on Oct. 29!

Assistance is available

If you are having a problem paying your New-Mac account, please call us to make arrangements. Please don't disregard paying your bill. There are programs and options (such as budget billing) designed to assist you. So, please give us a call at 451-1515 or (800) 322-3849.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM / EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
Jasper County
 (417) 781-0352
McDonald County
 (417) 845-6011
Newton County
 (417) 451-2206

Another  on the lines 

4-H kids, families always look forward to fairs

Organization teaches learning by doing

The trophies and ribbons have been handed out. Premiums have been collected. The county fairs are over in Southwest Missouri, and as is always the case, it was a busy July for hundreds of area 4-H kids.

"It's the fruit of their labor. They get to come here and finally present what they've worked so hard on," said Jason Giebler, who was the dairy superintendent at the Newton County Fair and whose wife, Sarah, is the leader of the Busy Beaver 4-H Club.

As Shawn Bradley, co-leader for Splitlog 4-H Club, explained, the fair presents a stage for a wide variety of works. "It gives them an opportunity to show-off the animals they've been working with all year, and those who don't have animals, they bring other projects to the fair – whether it's photography or sewing or art projects. If they have a garden at home, they'll bring flowers or vegetables or fruit."

Indeed, the Newton and McDonald County Fairs, which took place this past month in Neosho and Anderson respectively, represented for many 4-H members and their families the end of another year-long, labor-filled undertaking. But, as Lynda DuMond, a 4-H Youth Associate with the University of Missouri Extension, points out, the county fairs are something these families look forward to fondly.



4-H kids get to learn while doing what they enjoy, as seen above with Jarin Barker and one of his goats. At left, Madelaine Giebler shows her goat in the arena. Below, the fair allows for competition in numerous "indoor" categories.



"The families that consistently go to the fair, they plan their whole vacations around the fair," she said. "It's their highlight of the summer."

Kelly Shilling, leader of the Round Prairie 4-H Club and horse superintendent at Newton County, attests the fair is very much a family event.

"Absolutely," she said. "I know with our club we have committees, and it's the families who are in charge of (preparing for the fair). The kids are the main leaders, but we encourage all parents to help their kids.... It takes everybody to get ready for the fair."

Certainly, it takes a lot of work for each individual participant.

"First they have to select the animal they want,"



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said Lisa Helm, horse superintendent at McDonald County and leader of the Indian Creek 4-H Club, adding they may have to then buy the animal since it must be owned by the exhibitor.

"The kids have to feed them and care for them. They have to groom them to get them ready for the fair," she said. "That's their responsibility, doing everyday chores and learning how to lead the animal (for the show arena). Giving shots even, if they need medical attention. Everyday care."

Likewise, it's evident that those opting to present an indoor exhibit at the fair have had to apply themselves in that endeavor, which might be in Arts & Crafts, Cake Decorating, Clothing & Textiles, Computers, Conservation, Creative Crochet or many other categories.

"You can see that it's a year-long learning process, and the fair just gives them the opportunity to show off what they've learned," said Rhonda Helm, superintendent of the indoor exhibits at Newton County and leader of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club.

While the fair might be an annual major occurrence, it's not the only educational opportunity for these youngsters.

"So many of the things in 4-H are good for kids. They learn the value of

responsibility and leadership. They get exposed to a number of different things, such as meeting with politicians and parliamentary procedure. They get to work on projects, which teach them to follow through. It helps with everything from the basic life they're living right now to the college that they're going to go to, to the career they are going to have some day."

"4-H teaches life skills to kids," maintained Rhonda Helm.

"I think 4-H is the best youth serving organization ever," said DuMond. "It serves all kids. You don't have to have a lot of money. You don't have to be really, really skilled in sports. Boys, girls, wealthy, poor, those with disabilities, those who are gifted. It fits all together, but the key thing with 4-H is that it involves families."

If you would like to learn more about 4-H, you can call DuMond at the Extension office at 417-455-9500. Or, if you are interested in joining a club in your area, you

can contact the club leaders at the numbers listed below.



Club	Nearest Community	Phone
Busy Beavers.....	Hornet	417-776-6591
Diamond Renegades	Diamond.....	417-782-1120
Downtowners	Neosho.....	417-621-8168
East Newton	Newtonia.....	417-476-5332
4-Hoofs	Neosho.....	417-592-7021
Lucky Clover.....	Seneca.....	417-776-8672
Midway.....	Stark City.....	417-472-3041
Ozark Saddle Club	Neosho.....	417-389-2256
Racine Clovers	Racine.....	417-499-2148
Round Prairie.....	Joplin.....	417-782-2385
Spring Valley.....	Diamond.....	417-325-4415
Cornerstone	Southwest City.....	417-762-3180
Crossroads	Longview.....	417-628-3254
Eager Beavers.....	Tiff City.....	417-775-2304
Indian Creek	Pineville.....	417-223-2224
Splitlog	Goodman.....	417-775-2231

Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

ZUCCHINI BREAD

Submitted by New-Mac member: Shirley Tegarden

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup nuts

Beat eggs. Add oil, sugar, zucchini and vanilla. Cream together. Sift in flour, soda, salt, baking powder and cinnamon. Mix. Add nuts. Pour into greased pans. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Yield: 2 loaves.

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.

4-H kids form a bond with their animals as they feed, groom and care for them throughout the year. Pictured ascending from left to right: Felicity Bruegel and her sheep, Raygan Bradley and his pigs, and Ben Massey and his steer.

○ Rebates

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Rebates will be applied to your New-Mac bill in the form of an energy credit. In order to receive a rebate, purchases **must** meet these qualifications:

CLOTHES WASHERS – \$100

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must be *Energy Star* rated
- only for homes with electric water heaters
- limit one per address
- for residential customers only



DISHWASHERS – \$50

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must be *Energy Star* rated
- only for homes with electric water heaters
- limit one per address
- for residential customers only



WINDOW AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS – \$50

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must be *Energy Star* rated
- limit one per address
- for residential customers only

WATER HEATERS – \$50

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must have an energy rating of .9 or better
- must have a storage tank
- only for replacement of an existing electric water heater, or for a new home
- limit two per address
- for residential customers only

DUAL-FUEL HEAT PUMPS – \$150 PER TON

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- **must be *Energy Star* rated (15.5 SEER)**
- must be dual fuel (having natural gas or propane for back-up)
- for residential or commercial customers



GROUND-SOURCE HEAT PUMPS – \$300 PER TON

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- **must be *Energy Star* rated (17.1 EER)**
- If only the unit needs replaced and the looping is still present, customers can get \$150 per ton if the new unit is a gain of at least 3 EER.
- 10 tons or more must be pre-approved
- for residential or commercial customers

○ Heat

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So, keep in mind as you look over the bill accompanying this newsletter, the days included in the billing period include part of the hottest June in two decades and the scorching first part of July.

Air-conditioning is easily the largest contributor to most household's summer utility

bills. There are measures everyone can take to conserve energy, such as using fans and adjusting thermostats a few degrees. However, when heat indices are in the neighborhood of 110 degrees, it takes a considerable amount of energy to keep our homes comfortable.

Perhaps August will not be quite so record shattering. Regardless, we're one month closer to Fall.



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