

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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Nominating committee to meet in August

New-Mac Electric Cooperative's annual meeting set for October 26

The 2013 nominating committee, elected by the New-Mac membership at the 2012 annual meeting, will meet at the New-Mac Electric Cooperative office on Highway 86, Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 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 2, 7 and 8 at the upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

Article III, Section 3, of the New-Mac Electric bylaws 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 bylaws states:

"At each annual meeting there shall be elected by the members a nominating committee of five persons and an alternate for each person so chosen.

Such nominating committee shall consist of one person from each of the districts from which Directors are to be elected 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

Nominating Committee Members

District 2Bill Whitson
District 7Frank Boyer
District 8Pauline Brisco
Newton Co. At LargeLarry Gindling
McDonald Co. At LargeMax Lankford

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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

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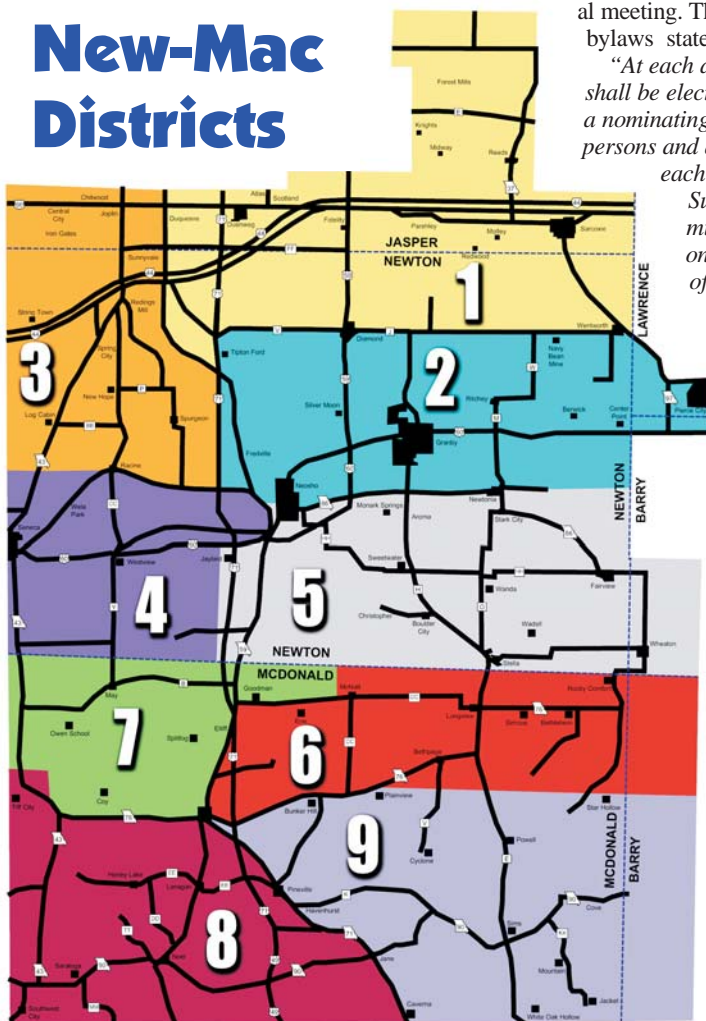


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New-Mac Districts



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 10-13 in Neosho, and the McDonald County Fair will be held July 18-20 in Anderson.

Come by and visit with us, and see how you can be more energy efficient around your house.

Plan ahead

Any plans of additions or upgrades on your property should include New-Mac in the early stages.

Contact the engineering department about any project that will require additional electrical service. Calling New-Mac early will not only expedite the process, but it could also render money saving advice.

Contact the engineering department at (417) 451-1515.

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

Another  on the lines 

This family's tree is walnut

Heirlooms tie family to co-op's beginning

Before a single New-Mac member ever flipped on a light switch, Loretta Taylor was already benefiting from the only electric cooperative she has ever known.

Loretta was born in January of 1940 to Loren and Morine Eads at their home near Splitlog in western McDonald County. Eight months earlier New-Mac Electric Cooperative had been formed, when Articles of Incorporation were signed on May 10, 1939. It would be another month still before the first New-Mac members would receive power on Valentine's Day of 1940.

At right, Loretta Taylor shows a picture of the house built by Gus Krause in the 1920s, which was one of the first homes served by New-Mac Electric in 1940. At far right, Krause is pictured in his home, sitting in one of the rocking chairs he made. Above, this walnut cradle was made by Krause just before his granddaughter's birth, out of the trees cleared for New-Mac's first power lines in western McDonald County.



But little Loretta was already *as snug as bug in a rug* in her newly fashioned walnut cradle that came from the very trees removed by the co-op in order to make way for power lines.

Growing up, Loretta was often reminded of her link to the co-op. According to Loretta, every time her folks drove the country road through the area known as Klondike, they'd point

and say, "Right there is where Grandpa cut those trees and built your cradle."

Her "Grandpa," Gus Krause, was one of New-Mac's earliest members in McDonald County. In August of 1939, he signed an easement giving the co-op right of way through 20 acres of his property. From that path-

clearing has come multiple generations' worth of furniture, and it all started with his granddaughter's first bed.

"He built that with a handsaw and a hammer," said Loretta. "Anything he built was just

smooth."

Gus, a farmer, also built rocking chairs and ironing boards in his spare time. Earlier in life, he owned a con-



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venience store and mill in Klondike.

Loretta has the cradle in her home today. “My grandkids love playing with it. It’s still just as sturdy and it’s got the feather bed down in it that my grandma made for it.”

But that’s not the only piece of furniture made from the wood that ties her family to New-Mac Electric.

Krause kept back some lumber and eventually passed it on to his daughter Morine, who gave it to Loretta and her late husband, Clint, for storage in their barn. Morine told the Taylors she would love to have something built out of the lumber, and her son-in-law listened.

In 1972, Clint called upon carpenter Jim Johnson from Wheaton, who kiln-dried the wood and built a desk for Morine. Soon after, a family gathering took place, and Krause, around 90 years old, was in attendance.

Clint told him, “We’ve got something to show you that’s made from your walnut trees.”

Loretta recounted that when he saw it, he cried and said, “That’s a heritage. That’s something that can be passed on.”

In the next few years, that same walnut lumber would become even more “ingrained” into their family’s legacy.

Clint asked Loretta what she wanted from the remaining wood out in the barn, to which she said, “I want you to build something for the girls.”

So, another local carpenter’s skills were enlisted, and three bookcases were crafted for the Taylors’ daughters – Karen, Judy and Donna.

“They are beautiful bookcases,” said Loretta. “They are unique with like three or four shelves and rosettes in the side and bottom.”

And one more heirloom would come out of the walnut still. Around 20 years after the bookcases, Loretta was going to give the last of the stored lumber to her son Mark, who thought why not just use it. So, he had a doll cabinet made for his mother, and there was just enough left. Actually, some of the last wood had worm holes in it, giving the piece a little extra character, but Loretta maintains, “I just love it!”

To this day, it amazes Loretta how “connected” her family is to the electric co-op.

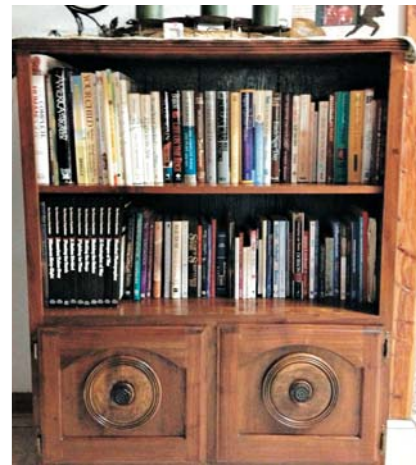
“My grandpa always had New-Mac and my parents. My husband and I have had New-Mac service since 1958, and my kids do.”

Both of her sons, Mark and Matt, are served by New-Mac, and two of her three daughters’ families are part of the co-op. Donna is a member of neighboring Barry Electric Cooperative. Loretta now lives in town, but still has property “on New-Mac.”

In 1939, Gus Krause only thought he was getting lights, when he gave the REA permission to cut down his trees. Over 70 years later, his family is sure glad that he did.

“It makes me proud,” said Loretta that her daughters tell people their bookcases came from “my great grandpa’s walnut trees – the same lumber in my baby cradle.”

“And it’s all because of New-Mac having to cut those walnut trees.”



Clockwise from above, this bookcase is one of three made for Krause’s great granddaughters from the trees cut down to make way for the power lines; this walnut desk was made for Krause’s daughter and Taylor’s mother in 1972; finally, this doll cabinet was built for Taylor out of the last of the walnut in the late 1990s.



Energy Partners’ *Recipe of the Month:*

WINTER SQUASH CHIPS/FRENCH FRIES

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Rosa Lee Dilbeck**

winter squash
vegetable oil
brown sugar

Cut squash into chips or french fries. Place in bowl. Add small amount of oil (and brown sugar, if desired) over and mix real good with hands. Spread out on cookie sheet in single layer and bake at 425° until crispy.

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.

○ Committee

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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. 2 – Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 16, Township 25, Range 32, thence due North to the junction of U.S. Highway #71 and Newton County Highway “V”, following Newton County Highway “V” North from junction, thence East along Highway “V” and “J” to the Newton-Lawrence County line, thence South

to the Southeast corner of Section 14, Township 25, Range 29, thence West along section lines to the junction of Missouri Highway #86, thence continuing West along said Highway #86 to the place of beginning, together with all that portion of the Cooperative territory in Lawrence County lying due East of the above described district as extended.

District No. 7 – Commencing on the Newton-McDonald County line at the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 23, Range 32, McDonald County, Missouri, thence West along the Newton-McDonald County line to the Oklahoma State line, thence South along State line to the Northwest corner of Section 33, Township 23, Range 34, thence East along the section line to Northeast corner of Section 34, Township 23, Range 34, thence South to Missouri Highway #76, thence East along Highway #76 to the intersection of U.S. Highway #71, thence North along Highway 71 to the North line of Section 18, Township 23, Range 32, thence East long section lines to the Southeast corner of Section 12, Township 23, Range 32, thence North to place of beginning.

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.



Savings start with a plan

Doug Rye says ... Are you seeing cost increases with practically every item that you buy? What are we going to do? Well, I hate problems, but I enjoy trying to solve them. I have learned that most can be solved if common sense prevails. Common sense tells me that if there is a shortage of funds, I must spend less or make more money.

Some of you are already thinking, "Here comes his energy-efficiency stuff again." And you are right. I have a friend who has lived in his 1,800-square-foot Doug Rye house for 25 years. He spent an extra \$2,000 to build his house to my specifications, which included a geothermal heat pump. As best we can determine, he has saved his family about \$10,600 in

utility bills by doing so. And consider this: He is still saving money every month for as long as he lives in the house. When someone else lives in the house, he or she will receive the benefits. Remember the famous Doug Rye saying? "Energy efficiency costs nothing, it makes you money."

Think of this: If he had not used my techniques in his new house, he would have sent that \$10,600 to the utility company by now.

Actually, he included the \$2,000 into his 30-year loan, which increased his house payment by \$12 per month. That saved him \$25 per month on his utility bill, which means he spent none of his own money and had a positive cash flow from day one. That was super-smart planning.

We are at the beginning of the summer season. If your utility bills are high, why not make a plan now that will help you lower those bills? It's a little difficult for me to tell you exactly what you need to do at your house, but if you



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Credit Card Acceptance
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have read, and continue to read, these columns, you should be able to develop a good plan.

With the 30-percent federal tax credit, geothermal is more feasible now than ever, so you might want to make it a part of your plan. Since you are a member of an electric cooperative, you can request that the cooperative assist you. Just give them a call because they definitely want to help you.

Every indication is that electric rates will increase in the near future. You can either make and implement your energy-efficiency plan or find a way to increase your income. Planning is important, but it is up to you. Feel free to call me and I will also help you.

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