

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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Can we email you?

At New-Mac Electric, we strive to keep our members informed, and we communicate in a number of ways, such as this newsletter, TV, radio and social media.

Occasionally, email is an effective means for sharing information. Of course, that means we need your email address.

If you would like to receive periodic commu-



nications from New-Mac and our affiliates, please provide us with your email address. Your email will only be used for communications regarding your cooperative and the electric industry and will not be shared with any companies unaffiliated with New-Mac.

When sending in your next bill, **please write your email address on the back of your payment stub.** Thanks for helping us keep you informed.

Meter tampering illegal, dangerous

Please report suspicious activity, help your co-op

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 stealing

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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 27, 2012, did on August 14, 2013, 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 26, 2013, and did at such meeting nominate the following persons for Director of the Cooperative.

District #2
East Central Section Kenneth Daniels
Newton County
For three (3) year term Robert Garlett

District #7
Northwest Section Maurice Mailes
McDonald County
For three (3) year term Roger Mills

District #8
Southwest Section Larry Manning
McDonald County
For three (3) year term Virgil Winchester

Published in accordance with Section 3, Article III, of the by-laws of the New-Mac Electric Cooperative, Inc., Neosho, Missouri.

Signed Frank Boyer
 Max W. Lankford
 Pauline Brisco
 Larry Gindling
 Bill Whitson

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NEW-MAC ELECTRIC'S 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

• 10 a.m., Sat., Oct. 26 @ 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 2013 Annual Meeting.

There will be _____ family members attending.

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



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.

Think twice before cutting meter seals

A broken or removed meter seal is viewed as an indicator of meter tampering. Therefore, do not cut a meter seal without authorization from New-Mac. If electrical work needs done, requiring a seal to be broken, such work should be performed by someone with electrical training. Many times, a main breaker switch can simply be flipped to allow for such work.

Please call before you dig

Digging in areas where there may be an underground electric line can be dangerous! So, before starting 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.

Follow us on:



Another **STOP** on the lines 

Up we go

Service area experiencing growth, again

Has the economy turned? When are we going to start seeing growth in Southwest Missouri again? Are more jobs coming?

Those have been looming questions for many in recent years, especially after the flurry of growth that took place almost a decade ago along what was then commonly referred to as the Highway 71 corridor (just north of the Arkansas state line).

With a new sewer system in place and talk of a Bella Vista (Ark.) bypass along the highway, everyone seemed to think the southern part of the New-Mac Electric service area was about to explode. Already the kings of the retail and fast-food industries (Walmart and McDonald's) had settled into the Caverna area, as had many other businesses, such as Taco Bell, Hometown Bank and Macadoodles. Housing developments had started or had planned to start for hundreds of beautiful new homes, ready to welcome the influx of McDonald County residents.

But, for whatever reason, things stalled. Funding wasn't there for the bypass, and over the past few years, there have been more "for sale" signs than "sold."

Maybe times are changing.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES: These signs, (above and at left) located at their respective building sites south of Jane, indicate development is, once again, occurring in the area.

There's renewed excitement along that same stretch of road where businesses began springing up in the millennium's first decade. Bulldozers are moving dirt, and the frames of buildings are going up. Even the roadway leading up to (or away from) this bustling area now has a new name. In December 2012, an 180-mile section of Highway 71, extending from Pineville to Kansas City, was designated as Interstate 49.

The interstate status should only help, as eventually I-49 is envisioned to one day connect Kansas City to New Orleans. Still awaiting completion in this plan are roadway portions in Texas and Arkansas, including the Bella Vista bypass which

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appears to be gaining momentum again (with passage of a sales tax in 2012).

There are encouraging signs now, and specifically, those signs say things such as “Crowder College” and “Orscheln.”

Just as you enter the aforementioned corridor, heading south, on the east side of the highway, you’ll see a sizeable structure that is coming

together fast. It is a 30,000-square-foot branch campus, that Crowder College plans to open in January 2014.

“We’ve seen a big boom in the very south part of McDonald County...,” said Crowder College President Dr. Kent Farnsworth. “The school district is experiencing growth. We think that will continue to happen.”

While that boom adds appeal for Crowder to have the new location, it’s something that the college has long sought out. Farnsworth credits it’s becoming a reality to the leadership of Jim Tatum, who will leave the Board of Trustees in December after 50-years of service – including 45 years as president.

“McDonald County is part of our formal community college district, and we felt as though we needed to have an attendance center there for some time,” said Farnsworth.

Not only is the campus “perfectly situated” for McDonald County communities, according to Farnsworth, “We hope that we will be able to draw students from Northwest Arkansas as well,” he added.

In addition to the main campus in Neosho, Crowder also has locations in Cassville, Nevada and Webb City, and classes are available in the communities of Greenfield, Carthage, Monett, Mount Vernon and Lamar.

Continue south along the highway another quarter-mile and look to the west. There, across from McDonald’s, you will see the latest of around 160 locations (in nine states) for Orscheln Farm & Home.

Soon, McDonald County residents will have an easy access to supplies for the farm and ranch, lawn and garden, pet care, home improvement, automotive work, clothing and footwear, sporting goods and much more.

Orscheln Farm & Home plans to open to the public in early November. The new facility will be approximately 33,000 square feet (with 24,000 of that being sales floor), and the store will staff around 15 employees. Those interested in applying, can do so at orschelnfarmhome.com.



Above, Orscheln Farm & Home started in 1960 in Sedalia, Mo., and has expanded across the midwest. The latest store will open soon just south of Jane. At left, the new Crowder College McDonald County campus plans to open its doors to around 100 students in January.

“We are happy to be in McDonald County,” said Debi Wybert with Orscheln, “and we are looking forward a bright future.”

While the southern part of McDonald County might have the most recognizable growth, other parts of the New-Mac service area are also starting to sprout.

Newton County is showing indications of economic development. There’s at least one subdivision in the works, south of Neosho, that would include close to 30 homes, and real estate is starting to move across the area.

So, for now, the answer to many of questions that might be asked about growth in the area is: “Yes!”

Energy Partners’ *Recipe of the Month:*

TOMATOES (OVEN CANNED)

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Ted Barker**

tomatoes (scalded & peeled)
salt
sugar

Fill scalded canning jars with tomatoes. Pack with spoon. Add 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. sugar. Seal jars. Place in preheated oven (on drip pan) for 45 min. at 250°. Then turn off the oven, but leave the jars in the oven overnight or for 12 hours.

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.

○ Meter tampering

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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.



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- Levelized Billing**
- Rental Light**
- Meeting rooms available at both locations**
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- Safety Programs (upon request)**
- Surge Protection**
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Questions? Comments?

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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.

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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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 _____

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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:

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