

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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New-Mac sends 2 to CYCLE

It's known as the "Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience," or in short "CYCLE," and as Seneca's Madison Wade summed it up, "It was a wonderful experience."

Wade and Sarcoxie's Michael Lee, both seniors-to-be at their respective high schools, represented New-Mac Electric Cooperative at the conference, July 12-14, in Jefferson City. There, they joined 107 delegates from 38 other Missouri electric cooperatives for three days of learning about co-ops,

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Michael Lee (l) and Madison Wade, who will be seniors at Sarcoxie and Seneca respectively, pictured at the Missouri State Capitol, represented New-Mac July 12-14 in Jefferson City.



New-Mac Electric member Mike McClain (c) believes linemen Kyle Scott (l) and Bob Harris kept him from losing his foot.

Co-op linemen come to rescue

This story is featured at the website www.electric.coop, which serves America's Electric Cooperatives.

By **Derrill Holly**

When Mike McClain found himself stuck between a rock and a hard place, two New-Mac Electric Cooperative lineworkers

were more than happy to help. And there's a good chance they saved his foot.

McClain was cleaning up his Creekside Campground in Powell, Missouri, following spring floods. "I was trying to pull a

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Register for free New-Mac U. class in September

New-Mac University will resume in September, and the new class will cover "Surge Protection & Understanding Your Meter."

New-Mac University is an ongoing free seminar series offered by the co-op. Participants may attend any courses they choose and will not be behind if they have missed previous offerings.

The upcoming class will be conducted at both of the cooperative's offices. First, it will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5 at the co-op's Neosho headquarters and then at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Anderson

office.

Those attending in September will learn about surge protection options and challenges in dealing with lightning strikes.

They will also learn about the function of their New-Mac meter and ways to use the

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New-Mac UNIVERSITY



Class Topics:

Surge Protection & Understanding Your Meter

6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Anderson

6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7, at Neosho

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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 2017 Annual Meeting, which will be held October 28 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. 28!

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.

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state government and leadership skills.

"I would say that it is a once-in-a-lifetime conference where you get to meet some of the best and the brightest students in Missouri, and you get to understand more about what electric cooperatives stand for, and learn more about how you can benefit your community," said Wade.

CYCLE participants heard messages from nationally known speakers and took part in educational games and activities. A highlight for both New-Mac delegates was a trip to the Missouri State Capitol, where the students sat at the desks on the floor

of the House of Representatives and debated their own fictional bill.

"It was fun getting to be where the representatives stand and to be in their shoes and to see what it was actually like," said Lee. "We really learned a lot about the legislative process and the different steps you have to take to have a bill actually get down to the floor."

While Lee found the conference educational, he was particularly amazed by the opportunity it provided for new friendships.

"It's a very unique learning experience that takes you on a different route than you would expect," said Lee. "You wouldn't believe how quick you become

friends with those strangers, as you called them the first day."

Wade had similar thoughts about her experience. "I actually learned quite a bit. I got a better feel for the history of Missouri and what electric coopera-

tives stand for."

"I personally enjoyed just meeting students," she said. "We actually exchanged phone numbers and so we were able to send each other some of the group pictures that we took together. I got to see a lot of the posts that they made on social media so that was really cool."

Wade and Lee were awarded their Jefferson City experience through their participation in New-Mac's Youth Tour/CYCLE Contest this past spring. The annual competition is open to high school juniors in the 10 school districts served by the co-op.

Above, CYCLE participants debate a fictional bill from the House floor. Below, Madison Wade (second from left) poses with some new friends. Bottom, Michael Lee tries out protective gloves worn by linemen.



Students write an essay on a provided topic. Then finalists are selected and interviewed. Finally, two are chosen for Youth Tour in Washington D.C. and two more receive the opportunity to attend CYCLE. Details for the 2018 contest will be made available in January.

Heroes

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giant piece of concrete with my tractor and when I was securing it to my box blade with a chain, it shifted," he said. "My leg wound up stuck tight between the box blade and the [concrete] slab."

The campground was deserted and nearby neighbors couldn't hear McClain's cries for help over the noise from the idling tractor.

After 30 minutes, McClain heard the first sounds of engines coming up a nearby road and saw several New-Mac Electric Cooperative vehicles coming down the main road, about 75 yards away.

The crews were replacing and straightening poles damaged by the flooding.

"I yelled and yelled and waved my hands, and one truck stopped and turned around," said McClain.

The campground entrance was blocked with railroad ties. As McClain continued to call for help, line crew foreman Bob Harris and journeyman Kyle Scott moved the ties and drove across the small bridge onto the property.

"He was waving his arms and he was hollering, 'Hurry, hurry, help me,'" said Harris. "When we got close we could see that he was pinned."

Scott pulled the tractor forward, backing the box blade off McClain's leg, and Harris pulled him away from the 6-by-6-foot concrete slab.

"We helped him over to a tree so he could get in the shade," said Harris. "His leg started to bleed immediately and started swelling."

Harris called 911, but McClain, determined to get back to his house, refused the ambulance.

"He was disoriented and wanted to get back on his tractor," Scott recalled. "We offered to drive him home, but he climbed up and drove back across the creek himself."

Harris and Scott rejoined the crew, never



Mike McClain points to the area of the box blade that had him trapped against a 6-by-6-foot concrete slab.

mentioning the incident at work or at home because both men consider it routine to help anyone in need.

But a letter sent to co-op headquarters in late June changed that. McClain recounted what happened, adding that he learned his leg was broken when he went to a hospital for treatment.

"The circulation had been cut off below the injury," wrote McClain.

"It is not their job to save people but I believe there was a higher power at work and God brought them there at the right time," said McClain. "Had I been out there three or four hours, I would have probably lost my foot."

McClain, 62, called both men his "personal heroes" and urged the co-op to find a way to recognize them for their good character and willingness to go "above and beyond" to

help someone in need.

"I couldn't be any more proud of Bob and Kyle. They exemplified the very culture we strive for here at New-Mac of doing the right thing," said Mitch McCumber, CEO and general manager of Neosho-based New-Mac EC. "Good deeds come from a willingness to serve, and I'm glad to have men like Bob and Kyle on our team."

Harris and Scott paid a visit to the still-healing McClain June 27 to check on his condition. He thanked them both for helping him out and talked about lessons learned from his ordeal.

"I won't put myself in a position where I could get hurt like that again," said McClain. "I'll remember to think about safety and not put a limb between a rock and a hard place."

Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

BAKED SPAGHETTI WITH CREAM CHEESE

Submitted by New-Mac member: Shirley Filsinger

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| 12 oz. spaghetti | 1 tbs. Italian seasoning |
| 28 oz. roasted garlic spaghetti sauce | 1 clove garlic (minced) |
| 1 lb. ground beef or ground turkey | 1 cup grated cheddar cheese |
| 8 oz. cream cheese (softened) | |

Preheat oven to 350°. Brown ground beef in skillet until cooked. Drain fat and stir in spaghetti sauce. Set aside. Cook spaghetti. Drain and place in a bowl. Add cream cheese, Italian seasoning and minced garlic. Stir until cream cheese is melted and spaghetti thoroughly coated. Lightly grease 9x13 pan. Spread small amount of meat sauce in bottom of pan. Put spaghetti on top of sauce then top with remaining meat sauce. Sprinkle grated cheese on top. Bake 30 minutes until bubbly.

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.

Fair Time

Did you make it to the Newton or McDonald County Fairs? We were at both, visiting and handing out rain gauges, bottled water and more. Your co-op is always proud to support youth and agriculture.



Rebates available for qualifying purchases

Is your window air-conditioner struggling in the midst of this summer heat? Have you been considering an energy efficient heat pump? Well, if you make qualifying purchases, New-Mac Electric has rebates available.

Rebates are listed *at right*. All rebates will be applied as credits on your New-Mac bill.

In order to be eligible for a rebate, 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 are available online at newmac.com and at both the Neosho and Anderson offices.

If you have questions about any of our rebates, call Zane in our Member Services Department at 451-1515 or 800-322-3849.

Energy Efficiency Rebates

WINDOW AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS – \$50

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must be Energy Star rated
- limit one per address
- service where installed must use 6,000 kWh per year
- for residential customers only

WATER HEATERS – \$50

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must have an energy rating of .9 or better
- limit two per address
- must be a 40-gallon tank or larger
- tankless (on-demand) water heaters are not eligible
- service where installed must use 6,000 kWh per year
- for residential customers only

DUAL-FUEL HEAT PUMPS – \$150 PER TON

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must be at least 16.5 SEER
- must be dual fuel (having natural gas or propane for back-up)
- for residential or commercial customers

MINI-SPLIT HEAT PUMPS – \$150 PER TON

- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must be at least 16.5 SEER
- must not have electric resistant heat as a backup
- for residential or commercial customers

GROUND-SOURCE HEAT PUMPS – \$300 PER TON

- applies to new installations
- must be submitted within 90 days of purchase
- must be at least 19.1 EER
- must provide documentation of Manual J load calculation
- 10 tons or more must be pre-approved
- minimum insulation requirements (R-38 for ceiling, R-13 for walls)
- \$150 per ton is available for replacement of the unit only
- for residential or commercial customers



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information it provides.

While New-Mac University courses are always free, the co-op does ask that members RSVP so that proper accommodations can be made. The class should take around 90 minutes. Refreshments will be made available.

Members may RSVP in the following ways:

- By filling out the form *at right* and sending it in with your bill payment
- **Or**, by calling our office at 417-451-1515 or 800-322-3849
- **Or**, by visiting newmac.com and completing a simple online registration form

New-Mac University Registration

Member Name(s) _____

Acct. # _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Number in Household Attending _____

We will be attending New-Mac University:
(circle which class you will attend)

September 5
in Anderson

September 7
in Neosho

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