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Little Sugar Farm

A Century of Hospitality Rooted in the Ozarks



Another  on the lines 

One of seven canvas tents at Little Sugar Farm, where guests enjoy peaceful glamping experiences surrounded by nature and Ozark sunsets.

Nestled in the quiet beauty of Jane, Missouri, Little Sugar Farm is more than just a place to stay—it's a piece of living history. Established in 1914, this family farm has seen over a century of change while remaining under the care of the same family for five generations. Today, it's a one-of-a-kind destination where rustic charm meets modern comfort, inviting visitors to reconnect with the land and each other.

The story of Little Sugar Farm begins with early settlers who made their home along the banks of Little Sugar Creek. Over the years, the land was lovingly worked by hand, serving as a traditional farmstead for much of the 20th century. In 2006, current owners' sisters Jana and Niki—descendants of the original homesteaders—inherited their grandparent's (Clark and June) farm and decided in 2010 to create one of the first vacation rentals in the area by renovating the 2,800 square foot farmhouse.

During the COVID lockdown Jana and her

husband Paul began to reimagine what the farm could become. Drawing inspiration from the growing interest in outdoor travel and “glamping,” they transformed the property into a welcoming retreat for guests from all over the country.

Today, Little Sugar Farm is best known for its unique blend of eco-luxury and natural simplicity. The farm offers a variety of accommodations, including a renovated farmhouse that sleeps up to eleven guests, as well as seven well-appointed canvas tents—four safari tents and three bell tents—each set on raised wooden platforms. These tents come with queen or twin beds, organic mattresses, fresh linens, and even electricity, lighting, and

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Nominating committee to meet in August

New-Mac Electric Cooperative's annual meeting set for October 25

The 2025 nominating committee, in accordance with New-Mac's current bylaws, will meet at the New-Mac Electric Cooperative office on Highway 86, Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 10 a.m.

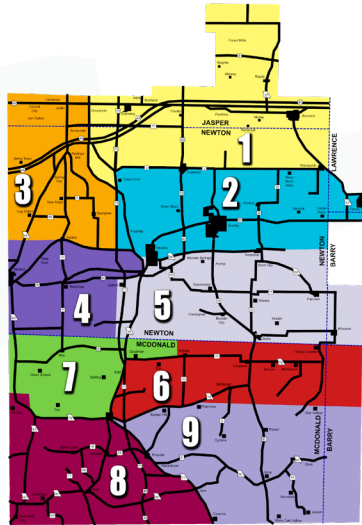
Their task, at this meeting, is to nominate individuals to serve on the New-Mac Board of Directors. This year, directors will be elected from Districts 2, 7 and 8 at the upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

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:

Members of the nominating committee for each year shall appoint the nominating committee for the following year consisting of nine (9) members of the Cooperative, one person from each of the districts of the Cooperative. 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. 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 un-able to serve on said committee, then the Committee shall appoint a person from the same district to take his/her place with full power to act as a member of said committee. No member of the Board of Directors nor candidate for the Board of Directors may serve on such committee. No member of the nominating committee may nominate himself/herself as a Director candidate.

Any fifteen or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures within fifteen days from the date of posting of the nominations of the nominating committee as above set out; and such nominations shall be delivered to the principal office of the Cooperative which shall cause it to be posted at the same place where the list of nominations made by the nominating committee is posted. The Cooperative 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. 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 Arkan-sas State line to the Oklahoma-Missouri State line, thence North along the Oklahoma-Missouri State line to place of beginning.

Nominating Committee Members

District 1.....	Steven J. Johnson
District 2.....	James R. Standlee
District 3.....	Mike Barnett
District 4.....	Tony Ritter
District 5.....	Rick Geller
District 6.....	Jimmie Morgan
District 7.....	Max Lankford
District 8.....	Pauline Brisco
District 9.....	Vernon Keene

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small appliances like mini-fridges and chandeliers in the Safari tents. Restroom and shower facilities (including outdoor showers) are available nearby, and guests also have access to communal kitchens, fire pits, picnic areas, and of course, the serene waters of Little Sugar Creek.

More than just a place to stay, the farm has become a destination for weddings, retreats, family reunions and many other fun events. With 376 acres of rolling hills, meadows, and wooded creek beds, the property offers a variety of scenic locations for events both big and small. Jana and her husband Paul have hosted groups as large as 150 guests, providing not only a picturesque setting but also support with event coordination, seating and decor, catering partnerships, and overnight lodging for wedding parties and guests alike.

As a women-owned and family-operated business, Little Sugar Farm is deeply rooted in the values of tradition, hospitality, and sustainability. Jana and Paul manage the day-to-day operations themselves, maintaining the land, preparing the accommodations, and greeting guests with the same warmth you'd expect from lifelong friends. Their vision for the farm is both forward-looking and grounded in a respect for history—preserving the character of the original farmhouse and barns while creating new opportunities for people to enjoy and appreciate rural Missouri.

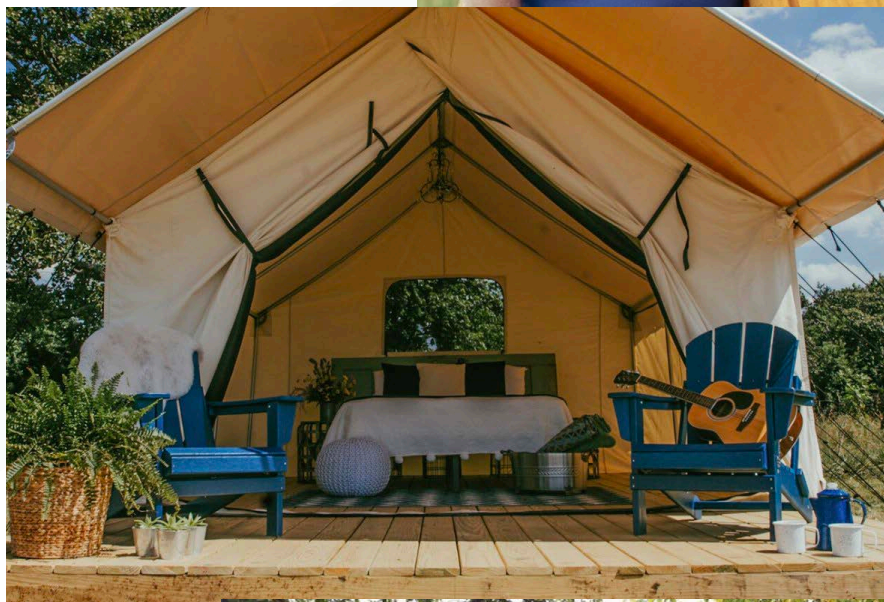
For our electric cooperative and the members, we serve, Little Sugar Farm represents the very best of what's possible when tradition meets innovation. It's a shining example of rural entrepreneurship, where land that once fed families now fosters community and connection.

Whether someone is looking for a peaceful getaway, a memorable celebration, or just a weekend to unplug, Little Sugar Farm offers an unforgettable experience wrapped in nature and nurtured by history. It's a place where the past is honored, the present is enjoyed, and the future feels a little brighter.

To book a stay or plan an event, visit www.littlesugarfarm.com, email info@littlesugarfarm.com, or call (214) 783-0544. Jana and Paul are happy to help you experience all that Little Sugar Farm has to offer.



(Above) Owners Jana and Paul carry on five generations of family tradition at Little Sugar Farm. (Left) Glamping at its best: real beds, peaceful views, and front porch vibes. (Below) The heart of Little Sugar Farm: a century-old home, beautifully restored for your stay.





New-Mac University is back this August

Our Member Services department is excited to kick off another round of our New-Mac University program. Your cooperative uses this classroom setting as an opportunity to get face-to-face with those we serve.

Classes will take place August 14 and 19, focusing on the topic: "Guess the Wattage & Bust the Energy Myths"

New-Mac University is an ongoing free seminar series offered by the co-op. Each course of New-Mac University is independent of previous sessions. Participants may choose to attend whichever classes suit their interests and will not be behind if they missed other offerings.

Join us for a fun and interactive event at the co-op where we'll

bust common energy myths and challenge your knowledge in a wattage guessing game! Test how well you know the energy use of everyday appliances — you might be surprised by the results. Learn practical tips to save energy at home while having a little friendly competition. It's a great way to get plugged in to how power really works!

It's our hope that this will be a perfect platform for members to ask questions in relation to any cooperative services and provide feedback.

These topics will be featured August 14 at New-Mac's Neosho headquarters. The same class will be offered at the co-op's Anderson office on August 19. Classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. at both locations.

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 no more than 90 minutes. Refreshments will be made available.

Members may RSVP in the following ways:

- By filling out the form (to the left) and sending it in with your bill payment
- By calling our office at 417-451-1515
- Or, by visiting newmac.com and completing a simple online registration form on the NMU webpage.



New-Mac
UNIVERSITY

Class Topics:

Guess the Wattage & Bust the Energy Myths

6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 14, at Neosho

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, at Anderson

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)

**August 14
at Neosho**

**August 19
at Anderson**



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Management Team:

CEO/General Manager - Stan Irsik

Manager of Engineering - Jeff Crites

Manager of Billing Services - Josh King

Manager of Marketing - Mark K. Rakes

Operations Manager - Jeremiah Taylor

Controller - Marti Wiley

Main Office:

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Highway 86
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Anderson, Missouri 64831

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800/322-3849

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Office Hours:

Neosho — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Anderson — 8 to 11:30 a.m.,
12:30 to 5 p.m.

Board of Directors:

District 1 - Bruce Youngblood

District 2 - Tim Short

District 3 - Richard Leavens

District 4 - Beryl Kennedy

District 5 - Billy P. White

District 6 - Paul Sprenkle

District 7 - Maurice Mailes

District 8 - Jason Ruddick

District 9 - Jamey Cope