

# CEC NEWS



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## Riding Off Into the Sunset



After twenty-six plus years of service to Cimarron Electric Cooperative and its consumers, Ross Barrick has decided it is time to join his wife, Lou, a 36 year teacher, in retirement.

Ross and Lou have four sons, three daughters-in-law, three grandsons and one granddaughter. Ross loves to share stories about the grand kids.

Ross was born and raised on a farm west of Clinton, Oklahoma. As most farm kids do, Ross spent many hours on a tractor or other farm equipment. During those hours in the field he listened to the radio becoming a music trivia expert on Classic Rock and some Country music.

Ross graduated from Clinton High School in 1975, attending college for a couple of years before deciding to learn a trade. He went to work for the Williams Electric Company in

Clinton. That decision began a twelve year career that started as an apprentice, next to journeyman, and eventually tested and became a master electrician. He eventually started his own electrical contracting business. Through his knowledge and expertise he served as the Building Official/Code Inspector for the City of Clinton. During this time Ross became a nationally certified Commercial and Residential Construction Code Inspector. After marrying Lou, Ross became the electrical and property inspector for the City of Enid.

Cimarron Electric Cooperative had recently added automated meter reading, as an added benefit the meter control unit had the capability to add a home security system. Tom Garrett, former General Manager, needing someone with knowledge, experience and a license hired Ross in January of 1994.

During his time at Cimarron, Ross completed wiring for numerous security systems, whole homes, heat and air systems, generators, and commercial sites. He later moved into our Operations Department assisting with the 1,250 mile strengthening and hardening project. Also worked on easements and our digital mapping with the Engineering Department.

When asked what he enjoyed most about working at Cimarron, he replied, "Helping out customers with their wiring questions or problems and working with good down-home folks was the best."

In 2012, Ross was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. He just finished his last and final four year term in July.

When asked what his plans were for retirement he listed grand kids, numerous hobbies and projects, travel on his Can Am Spyder motorcycle, becoming active with the Baptist Disaster Relief projects, but most of all spending time with Lou.

Cimarron is going to miss Ross' abilities, knowledge, and Lou's birthday cinnamon rolls. We wish Ross and Lou the best in retirement and thanks for everything.

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3. Text your outage if you have your cell phone # in our text outage system. You will receive a text back, that your outage was reported. Also one when your power is restored!
4. If not signed up for text outage reporting, then call CEC at **375-4121** or our toll free number **1-800-375-4121** and the trouble will be corrected as soon as possible.

*Please have your service #, account #, or map location ready. This information is very valuable if you have multiple accounts.*

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For Updates on Outages,  
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**Cimarron will be closed Monday, September 7th to observe the Labor Day holiday. If you need assistance, please call our 24 hour Operations Center at 800-375-4121.**

## **Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month**

Clothes dryers make up a large portion of your appliance energy consumption. Clean the lint filter after each cycle, and scrub the filter with a toothbrush once a month to remove film and increase air circulation.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



# Classifieds

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For Sale: Craftsman 18 hp T210 tractor mower hydrostatic 42 in. cut and 18 in. turn radius. Bought new in April and lists for \$1800 plus tax. Added mulcher and is like new. Why pay \$2000. \$1400 firm. Text 405 757 9482.

For Sale: 12' x 12' livestock shed for \$2800. Free delivery. 12' x 24' livestock shed for \$3500. Free delivery. All metal construction. 580-891-3435 or 580-614-1652.

For Sale: Small square bales of wheat straw; baled June, 2020. Beautiful bright golden color, tight bales, very clean – no weeds. \$5.50 a bale. I sold out last year – Don't wait until these are gone. Several hundred available. I can mechanically load your flatbed truck or trailer to 10' above ground level for \$6.00 a bale. Great for animal bedding, chicken nests, livestock show bedding, garden mulch, erosion control, fall season / holiday decoration, etc. Bison/Hennessey area. 303-589-2915 (cell). Cash only.

For Sale: 35' Richardson sweep plow, rolling cutters and pickers on the back. Blades are in good condition. 2 new lift hydraulic cylinders. Tires good to fair. Priced at \$17,000. 580-791-0271.

# Classifieds

For Sale: 2008 Toyota Rav 4, Utility, 4D Limited, 3.5 L, V6. Black with cream leather seats. 170K ,Side Rails, , All new filters, new tires in last 6 months. Runs good. \$6,500. 405-226-9214.

For Sale: 28'John Deere 960 cultivator, 9" sweeps, walking wheels with Wako HD 2 row harrow – no welds. \$4000.David Simunek, Marshall, 405-853-5143

NW Oklahoma Seed Cleaning, Custom wheat seed cleaning on your farm, Licensed to clean certified seed, Brent Wedel, Ringwood, 580-554-5739

Wanted: Header trailer for Gleaner combine, 18' header, 405-263-7205

'08 Newmar Essex Motor Home, 45' with 4 slides, 500 hp Cummins Engine with 6 speed Allison Transmission, 93,143 miles, \$150,000 firm, 450-519-6188

John Deere 455 Double fold drill, 7.5" spacing, fertilizer, GPS, Shaft Monitor, 30 new disks, tarps and manuals included, always shedded, 405-298-4659

2 - John Deere 450 grain drills, with full hydraulic hitch and Jvorsky cultivator, sold as one, will not separate, \$22,500, 405-612-8043

Free to good homes only, 3 orphaned kittens about 3 months old, Good indoor friends or maybe transition to outside. Potty trained and eating dry kitten chow, Handraised since 4 weeks old, Very playful and fun to watch, SE of Okarche, 405-262-4273

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2016 LG 4 door Black Stainless 28 cubic feet refrigerator, like new, \$1,000 cash only, Cedar Valley, 580-628-1061

GQF Electric Incubator, manual thermostat, Auto egg turner, Made in Savannah Gerogia, Large Capacity, Large eggs holds 12 dozen, Small eggs holds 15 dozen, \$1,000 OBO, 580-886-4500

For Sale: 1 year old female Shitzu, black and grey, \$300 OBO, 303-882-2180

For Sale: 35 ' Richardson sweep plow, rolling cutters and pickers on the back. Blades are in good condition. 2 new lift hydraulic cylinders. Tires good to fair. Priced at \$17,000. 580-791-0270.

2015 Mobile Suites Tradition 38'6" 5th Wheel,3 slides, 2 air conditioners, king bed, residential stainless steel refrig...loaded with extras Excellent condition along with new roof in 2019. \$52,000 Call for pictures or additional information. (405)312-7500 ask for Don

**Here is the new classified ad submission information. Please use for future reference.**

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# National Farm Safety and Health Week

*September 20-26*

## Preparation and Awareness are Keys for Farm Electrical Safety

Farming is among the more dangerous occupations for several reasons, including potential for encounters with electrical hazards. Before taking to the fields, the Safe Electricity program urges farm workers to be aware of overhead power lines and to keep equipment and extensions far away from them.

Safe Electricity encourages farm managers to share this information with their families and workers to keep them safe from electrical accidents.

- Start each morning by planning your day's work. Know what jobs will happen near power lines and have a plan to keep the assigned workers safe.
- Keep yourself and equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines in all directions, at all times. Use a spotter when moving tall equipment and loads.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of a grain truck. It can be difficult to estimate distance, and sometimes, a power line is closer than it looks. Use a spotter to make certain you stay far away from power lines.
- Always lower equipment extensions, portable augers, or elevators to their lowest possible level, under 14 feet, before moving or transporting them. Wind, uneven ground, shifting weight, or other conditions can cause you to lose control of equipment and make contact with power lines.
- Be aware of increased height when loading and transporting larger modern tractors with higher antennas.
- Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path. If power lines near your property have sagged over time, call your utility to repair them.
- Don't use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins.
- As in any outdoor work, be careful not to raise any equipment, such as ladders, poles, or rods, into power lines. Remember, non-metallic materials, such as lumber, tree limbs, tires, ropes, and hay, will conduct electricity, depending on dampness and dust and dirt contamination.
- Use qualified electricians for work on drying equipment and other farm electrical systems.
- If you are on equipment that contacts a power line, do not exit the equipment. When you step off the equipment, you become the electricity's path to ground and receive a potentially fatal shock. Wait until utility workers have de-energized the line and confirmed it is safe for you to exit the vehicle. If the vehicle is on fire and you must exit, jump clear of the vehicle with both feet together. Hop as far from the vehicle as you can with your feet together. Keep your feet together to prevent current flow through your body, which could be deadly.

Electrical work around the farm can also pose hazards. Often, the need for an electrical repair comes when a farmer has been working long hours and is fatigued. At such times, it's best to step back and wait until you've rested.



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## ***2020 Annual Meeting Update***

*After much discussion, thought, and prayer, we have decided to postpone the 2020 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting was originally scheduled for September 10th. COVID-19 has impacted events and activities like funerals, weddings, vacations, graduations, proms, and numerous others during 2020. Like those events and activities, the decision to postpone the Annual Meeting was based on the safety of our consumers and employees. We believe it is best to postpone the meeting until a later date. Keep checking your CEC News for the latest Annual Meeting updates.*