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**OTERO COUNTY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

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A Famous Bite

The Owl Bar in San Antonio has a long history of making the New Mexico's best green chile cheeseburgers

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Janice Argabright is the fourth generation of her family to manage the Owl Bar. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARILYN CONWAY



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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9 a.m. at the cooperative.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Get to know Marty Mills

Talk to Marty Mills for a few minutes and you will quickly learn she loves Cloudcroft and the people who live there. She has been a resident of the tiny village since she was 12 years old, when her Army family made its permanent home here. She graduated high school from Cloudcroft, married her husband, Mike, and raised two daughters in this mountain town.

Her first jobs were as a caddy for her father, a lifelong PGA member, and selling hot dogs at a snack bar on the golf course. Into her adulthood, she worked at the Snow Canyon Ski Area, but her most loved job was at The Lodge. This position combined her love of golf in the beautiful cool forest with her work that led to a fulfilling career of 40 years.

Marty was first elected to the OCEC Board in 2013. She believes it is of utmost importance to use the resources we have as efficiently, effectively and safely as possible. Otero County Electric Cooperative's employees

are the most important of those resources, and her decision to run was driven by a desire to be an effective advocate for the employees and members.

When asked how she would describe The Cooperative Difference, Marty replied, "Profits are not as important to co-ops as the members they serve are. For-profit utilities serve areas with a higher density of customers. OCEC serves a small 7.67 members per mile of line, whereas a local investor-owned utility serves just over 34 customers per mile. We would never have gotten power to the rural areas of New Mexico if the cooperative business model had not been established."

Marty enjoys golfing, RV travelling with her husband or touring the world with her sister, Franke. You might also catch her watching old Western movies, especially those with her hero, John Wayne, as a character. She also enjoys watching the Hallmark and History channels.

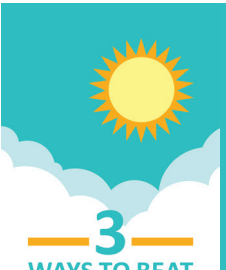


Marty Mills


Fast Facts About Marty

Biggest Pet Peeve: People who won't talk straight. I believe in getting and giving straight talk. I don't have to agree with people, as everyone is entitled to their opinion.


Something not everyone knows about Marty: I am a Christian Clown.




3 WAYS TO BEAT THE HEAT AND SAVE ENERGY



- 1 Instead of cranking up the A/C, use ceiling fans to make rooms feel a few degrees cooler.



- 2 Delay heat-producing chores like running the dishwasher or doing laundry until the evening hours.



- 3 Keep blinds and curtains closed during the day – especially for east- and west-facing windows.



2022 ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

CLOUDCROFT HIGH SCHOOL GYM

**REGISTRATION - 8:30 AM
BUSINESS MEETING - 10:00 AM**



BARBEQUE LUNCH WILL BE
SERVED AFTER THE MEETING

