

# enchantment

The Voice of New Mexico's  
Rural Electric Cooperatives

**OTERO COUNTY  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

JULY 2023

## Mining The Past

White Oaks Miners' Day  
celebrates the town's  
golden past **Page 4**



Miners' Day in White  
Oaks starts with a  
parade that brings the  
community together.  
PHOTO BY BARB ODELL



## Tell Us What You Think About Our Magazine

SCAN QR CODE TO TAKE SURVEY



# Otero County Electric Cooperative



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Chief Executive Officer

Mario Romero

## Cloudcroft Office

404 Burro Ave. • P.O. Box 227  
Cloudcroft, NM 88317  
575-682-2521

## Carrizozo Office

507 12th St. • P.O. Box 669  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
575-648-2352

## Alto Office

1135 Hwy. 48 • P.O. Box 1135  
Alto, NM 88312  
575-336-4550

## Emergency and Outages

800-548-4660

Fax: 575-682-3109

Website: [www.ocec-inc.com](http://www.ocec-inc.com)

## Office Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (M-F)

## Board of Trustees

### President

Charles Mulcock, SE District

### Vice President

Denny Burnett, SE District

### Secretary

Marty Mills, Central District

### Treasurer

Scott Shafer, NW District

Kenny Blazer, SW District

Bill Bird, NE District

Cheri Hass, Central District

David Powers, NE District

Tim Rabon, SW District

Preston Stone, NW District

## Board Meeting

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## Office Closures

OCEC offices are closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



## FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

Fireworks and the Fourth of July go hand in hand. We want you to have a safe, fun-filled celebration! About two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries occur between June 16 and July 16, so keep these safety tips in mind:

- ☆ Make sure fireworks are legal in your community before using them.
- ☆ Never buy professional-grade fireworks. They are not designed for safe consumer use.
- ☆ Keep small children a safe distance from all fireworks, including sparklers, which can burn at temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees.
- ☆ Never reignite or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby to thoroughly soak duds before throwing them away.
- ☆ Keep pets indoors and away from fireworks to avoid contact injuries or noise reactions.

ADOBE STOCK PHOTO BY JAG\_CZ

## Tell Us What You Think About Our Magazine



Visit <http://surveys.greatblueresearch.com/s3/NMRECA-Readership-Survey-2023>

or scan the QR code. The survey will take only a few minutes of your time and help make the *enchantment* the best it can be.



### Questions or assistance?

Call 1-888-969-7956 or send an email to [info@nmelectric.coop](mailto:info@nmelectric.coop).

REGISTRATION  
8:30 A.M.  
BUSINESS MEETING  
10 A.M.

# 2023

## OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS



Lunch will be served  
after the meeting.

Door Prizes

Giveaways

Elect Three Trustees



Cloudcroft High School Gymnasium

AUGUST

5<sup>TH</sup>

2023