



Lush green grass and cool, shady canopies of tall decades-old trees, on central Oklahoma's rolling plains doesn't usually bring weddings to mind. But Crossing Hearts Ranch near Tecumseh is proving to be the perfect wedding spot for an ever-growing number of the area's brides.

Located about 10 minutes south of Shawnee on 400 acres owned by Randy and Suzanne Gilbert, Crossing Hearts Ranch offers brides and grooms a beautifully intimate and romantic venue for their wedding.

There is a refurbished farm house that serves as a bride's cottage and a 4,800-square foot, climate-controlled barn that accommodates up to 300 of the bridal couple's family and guests. The couple can choose to have their wedding ceremony outside amidst the beauty of central Oklahoma, or inside the barn.

As popular as Crossing Hearts Ranch is proving to be, it didn't start out as a wedding venue.

"Our daughter wanted an outdoor wedding and we wanted to build a tractor barn," laughs Suzanne.

She goes on to explain they were having some difficulty finding an outdoor venue that appealed to their daughter

and offered the features the young bride wanted.

After not being able to find what they were looking for, they took a close look at their own ranch and decided with a few changes and alterations, their daughter could have her dream wedding there.

And they could build the barn Randy was wanting.

"Until my daughter's wedding, we didn't realize there was such a need for an outdoor wedding venue," says Suzanne.

She and Randy took a more critical look at the ranch and felt certain they could offer a venue that could meet the desires of young couples wanting a non-traditional wedding.

They began working on an old farm house on the property, paying meticulous attention to minute details. They turned it into a cozy cottage that is both practical and

Guests (above) enjoy themselves at a reception in the barn, following a wedding ceremony.

White benches (right) are ready to accommodate guests at the outdoor tree area.

beautiful, with polished hardwood floors and Western decor.

The barn is actually about 3,600-square feet, but that doesn't include the patio. It boasts a full catering kitchen, restrooms with a dressing area, 20 round banquet tables and 200 heavy-duty folding chairs.

Wanting to make the day everything it can be, Randy and Suzanne are on hand to help set-up. And although each couple can use any vendor they choose, Crossing Hearts Ranch offers a list of vendors from florists to caterers, to bakeries, and DJs, to photo booth operators, and videographers.

The cost of getting married at Cross-

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1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
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	<u>Read</u>	<u>Billing date</u>	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	is applied 20
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	days after billing

Operating Statistics for March

	2013	2014
Operating Revenues	\$4,919,951	\$5,701,555
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,660,246	\$5,054,729
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	74.40	88.66
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$947.60	\$1,095.40
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.60	4.62
KW Peak Demand - This month	134,252	184,404
Billing kW demand	109,236	109,675
KW Peak Demand - YTD	146,172	184,404
KWh Purchased - This month	64,683,730	74,209,410
Taxes Paid	\$91,816	\$105,797
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$181,548	\$180,056
System Load Factor	64.8	54.1

New Services Staked in March

During the month of March 44 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2014 is 134. This compares to 132 for the same period in 2013.

By George

America, we have a problem. Three out of four Americans say they are concerned the proposed EPA policies will produce higher electricity costs. This poll relates a concern by many that electricity is going to cost more due to more regulations on existing generators. This is a valid concern. However, we must also be concerned that the actual supply of reliable energy is going to become an issue as more generating companies announce plans to shut down existing coal fired generating plants. Companies are deciding to shut down these plants rather than spend billions of dollars to meet new regulations knowing that after spending the money on these existing plants to comply with today's regulation they will still be subject to even more strict regulations in the future for which the technology does not commercially exist to meet. Removing reliable and affordable coal generation from our electric generation mix will force Americans to rely more on fuels subject to swings in price from supply and demand.

An editorial in today's paper reports how the United States is exporting more coal to other countries to be burned in their generators to fuel their economies while our economy suffers and American pay more for electricity. After the problems with the nuclear power plants in Japan when the tidal wave damaged the nuclear power plants and allowed the nuclear material to escape, Europe, Japan, China and others are moving away from nuclear energy to using more coal, much of it from the United States, to make the electricity they need to meet the needs of their citizens and compete in the world economy. We are beating ourselves up and handing our standard of living to the world while the price is being primarily paid by those in our country who can afford it the least.

I am a proponent of wind and solar energy. We should

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 3/31/14.....	\$194,416.70
DEPOSITS.....	8,139.84
INTEREST INCOME	10.49
CHECKS ISSUED	-762.22
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-22,698.00
BALANCE 4/30/14.....	\$179,106.81

CVEC Foundation administers and disburses funds collected through CVEC's Operation Round-Up Program.

Filing Periods Set for District 1, 2, and 8 Elections

Running for the board of trustees is one of the privileges unique to being members of an electric cooperative.

Members interested in running for a position on the board are first required to file a notice of candidacy.

The bylaws of CVEC state in Article IV, Section 5, c) NOTICE OF CANDIDACY:

Members of a district desiring to be candidates for election as trustee from that

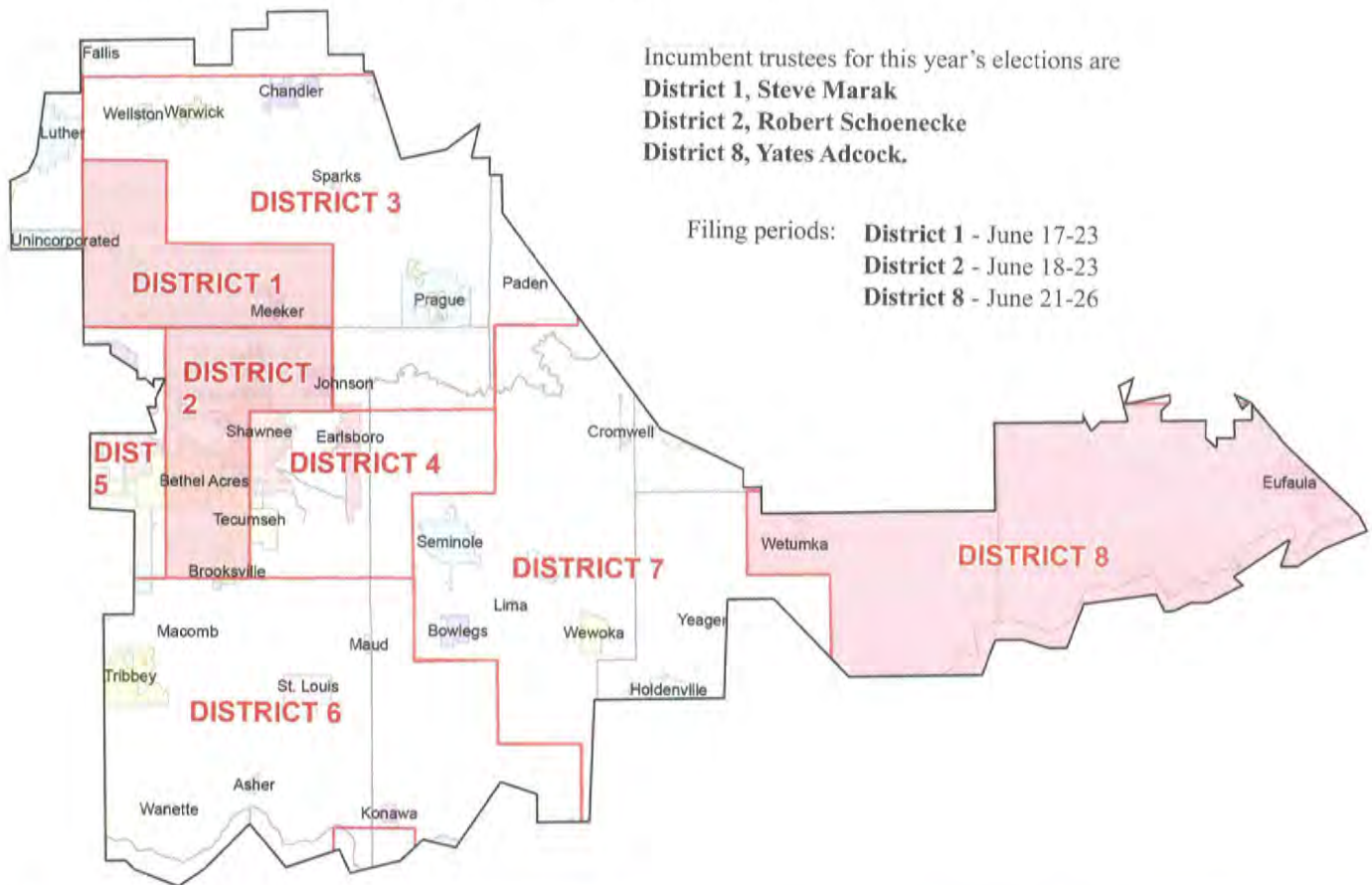
district and meeting the qualifications set for in Section 2 of this Article shall file with the Cooperative written notice, on a form provided by the Cooperative, of this candidacy and intention to stand for election to the office of trustee from their district not less than twenty-five (25) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of members of said district, provided, however, if the last day for fil-

ings falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then 1104173400 the filing period shall be extended until 5:00 p.m. on the first business day thereafter.

Only persons filing written notice of their candidacy and intention to stand for election shall be eligible for election at said meeting.

Incumbent trustees for this year's elections are
District 1, Steve Marak
District 2, Robert Schoenecke
District 8, Yates Adcock.

Filing periods: **District 1 - June 17-23**
District 2 - June 18-23
District 8 - June 21-26



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continue to develop those resources. But today, our electricity supply is dependent on fossil fuel plants to make the electricity when the weather is the most extreme. We cannot afford to let the regulations in our country damage the reliability of our energy grid while the rest of the world moves ahead using our coal to meet the needs of their people and powering their economy. As always those who have the least in our nation will pay the price in our

standard of living. We are the majority. Let's say so.

What can we do besides pay the price and suffer the consequences? I often feel not much. But we still have the freedom to speak out. If we fail to exercise that freedom we may lose it also. Tell and write every elected official you voted for or against to stop this EPA "War on Coal" and actually practice the "All of the above" approach to our energy needs. Write the EPA and tell them to stop this run-

away train of regulations. As a nation we should be doing better.



Trading Center Classifieds

Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month. The form below must be used. The length of the ad cannot exceed three lines on the form. Ads run only one time. Area codes are not used unless outside the 405 area.

All INFORMATION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____ Phone # _____

Classified must be received by the 5th of the month to appear in the following edition of The Electra-Lite.

Automobiles

2012 Hyundai Elantra, rear backup camera, sunroof, navigation system, loaded, new tires, great gas mileage, 48K miles, \$16,500, 567-9119.

1995 Chevy 3/4-ton truck, 220-6082.

Farm

8' hay cutter w/dolly, 10' hay cutter w/dolly, 2140 JD tractor w/loader, 2030 JD w/loader,, D3C Cat dozer, 740-3664.

2011 Vermeer 10 wheel V-rake, excellent condition, \$4,250, 833-0773.

14' carhauler trailer, \$1,200; 12 14' steel concrete forms, \$35/ea., 631-1505.

New Holland square baler & 5-wheel rake, \$2,800, 382-6907, 220-6136.

JD hay rake, \$850; JD 4230 cab tractor w/148 front-end loader, \$17,000, 567-3393.

Miscellaneous

280-Watt solar panels, 1,000-Watt inverter, \$300/ea., easy install, 567-2404.

Mason & Kerr canning jars - pints & quarts, \$3/doz.; 1/2-gallon & 1-gallon, \$1.50/ea.; jelly jars, cleaned & boxed, \$2/doz, 382-5045.

Frigidaire fridge w/top freezer, 15 C.F., used 6 mos., \$250; movable motorcycle lift worktable, side extensions, front

tire lock, \$300, 200-5974.

1997 Kia motor, \$350; Nissan Sentry transmission, \$150; dryer \$35; cycle mower, \$400, 398-4662.

Stereo equipment - CD player, radio, cabinet, 2 speakers, good sound, 784-2190, 432-9411.

Lift chair/recliner, heavy duty, beige microfiber, \$325, 333-2634.

Jacuzzi whirlpool tub, white, left-handed, drop-in, 36"x60", holes for Roman faucets, never used, originally priced at \$780, has a repairable crack, \$550, 831-4509.

Stearns life jackets - 2 adults, 2 kids, like new, \$60; rod, hardware, cornice drapes for lg. window, \$50, 452-3912.

Wood - free, if you cut, 878-6697.

Story & Clark upright piano, \$800, 941-3976.

2-yr.-old Cuisnart Platinum Elite food processor, used 3 times, has case w/all accessories, too heavy, 382-6652.

Pint & quart jars, \$5/doz., 8 doz. available, 817-876-0468.

G&L guitar w/case, made in USA, blond electric w/Fender amp., plus misc. \$700 firm, 356-2919.

GE portable AC, 10K BTU, has built-in humidifier, \$100, 615-2616.

Queen-size mattress w/box springs, angels & fig animals, 9-11 twin tower tribuster

book, Tara Bell Mayor Dog collectoin, 398-4912.

Black ice box, \$200; Whirlpool washer & dryer, \$200; 110-volt AC, \$100; LP gas stove, \$100, 275-3419.

Firewood - seasoned more than 1 yr. in a shed, cut, split mixed oak, pecan, walnut, hickory, \$45/rick, 382-0688.

Pets/Livestock

Cockatiel, \$35, w/cage & stand, \$65, 878-6697.

Half-Arabian, half-Quarter horse gelding, sire MTG Piquero Scotch, dam Katara Bay, 205-8101.

Call drakes, \$10; big roosters, \$2; Bantan roosters, \$1, 598-6711.

Real Estate

3 BDR, 1.5 BA home on 9 acres w/pond on Hwy. 9 near Earlsboro, \$125,000, 202-7216.

Small house to be moved, comes w/refrigerator, cook-stove, dishwasher, washer & dryer hookup, ready to be moved into, 598-1202.

1/2-acre lot, Prague area, CVEC electricity, City water & sewer, DSL available, \$15,000, 567-8799.

RV/Marine

2002 5th wheel, microwave, ceiling fan, stored inside & under canopy, \$7,750, 598-5286.

1968 Newman boat, motor & trailer, \$300 OBO, 279-3638.

Sportsman 29' 5th wheel travel trailer w/hitch, kept inside, \$5,000, 964-2569.

2004 Montana 5th wheel model 3575RL, 2 AC, 2nd owner, excellent condition, \$21,000, 454-2046.

2000 Fleetwood Bounder, 34', 2 slide-outs, 2 awnings, excellent condition, 22K miles, \$27,500, 598-6739.

Services

Walled bees & swarm rescue, 432-9352.

Haul away for free, unwanted major appliances, scrap metal, car bateries w/ 15 mile radius of Shawnee, 609-4365.

Small electric motors, pool pumps, air compressors, etc., repaired, free testing, 580-279-7360.

Looking for houses to tear down for the lumber, will remove old metal from dumps and/or farms, 382-2243.

Wanted

5'x10' trailer w/metal ramp & wool trimmed from sheep, 273-1665.

Love....

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ing Hearts Ranch is \$2,500 and the facility is available for tours with an appointment.

Although Suzanne

says she and Randy were not looking to start another business - she is the Tecumseh tag agent, and they own Gilbert Insurance, in addition to Randy working in the family's trucking business - they are certainly meeting a need. Suzanne says they are booked through September with between 16 and 20 weddings, and are getting calls about dates into 2015.

In addition to the wedding bookings, they hosted eight Christmas parties in 2013, and expect to book holiday events this year also.

"We've done very little advertising," she says, explaining most of their bookings are based on word-of-mouth.

It's not uncommon for Randy and Suzanne to get an invitation to the weddings held on the ranch, and they like that.

"It's nice to be a small part of their beginnings," she says.

Crossing Hearts Ranch

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Indoor & outdoor weddings

Receptions

Private parties

Family reunions

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