

CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRALITE



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SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

Retirees dedicate years of service to CVEC

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative retiree Larry Seaton is already having trouble filling his spare time after a 36-year career with the cooperative. Larry retired in August, and although he's had plenty of projects to keep him busy around the house, he's returned to fill-in a couple of days at his old job. Larry retired as a service man, which required he be on call 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Retirement is different than I thought it would be," Larry said. "I get up about the same time every morning thinking about going to work."

Larry, 65, and his wife Redonna, make their home in Paden. They have three children: Kelly Jo (40), Justin (39), and Krendy (35). The couple has been blessed with nine grandchildren. Grandchildren Maggie (4), and Willow (18 months), from Arkansas, visited their grandparents in August. Larry said he hopes to have more time now that he is retired, to spend with his grandchildren.

On August 10, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., Larry took his last job order as a Canadian Valley Area Representative, said Cordis Slaughter, CVEC engineer and Larry's supervisor. Larry's jobs during his career have been Apprentice Lineman, Journeyman Lineman to his present job as Area Representative.

Prior to coming to Canadian Valley, Larry worked for Prague Roofing until he went to the U.S. Army for about 3 years and upon his return he went back to Prague Roofing until his employment with Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative.

"In a major outage event, hours can quickly turn into days and days into weeks. Larry never backed up. He was like the energizer bunny; he just kept going and going. When a consumer needed something that was really outside of the Coop's responsibility, Larry took personal responsibility and could usually figure out a way to safely engineer at least a temporary fix until more permanent repairs could be made," Cordis said.

David Heaton retired on May 31 after 34 years. David's jobs during those years have been Basket Operator, Construction Foreman, Crew Chief, Lead Lineman, Warehouse Supervisor to his most recent job as Right-of-Way Coordinator. Prior to coming to Canadian Valley, David was an Equipment Operator for 2 businesses in Texas, a Repairman for a business in Texas and a Lineman for an electric utility in Texas.

"David has been counting down the days the last few years. Between handling right of way issues, helping stake larger jobs and rounding up and deploying right of way crews during large storms, I know David is looking forward to a simpler life," Slaughter said. "David has dealt with countless right of way complaints (some at gunpoint) while trying to maintain a positive and helpful attitude."

Suzanne Harris retired June 1 after over 21 years at CVEC. Suzanne's jobs during those years have been Dispatcher, Payment Arrangement Clerk and Customer Service Representative. Prior to coming to Canadian Valley, Suzanne was a bookkeeper at a bank,

"Suzanne has been a very dedicated employee to her job and Canadian Valley," said her supervisor, Nancy Lucy. "She will be missed but we wish Suzanne the very best in her days of leisure. When it storms, I hope she remembers us, but we are sure that she would say I'm glad it's them and not me."



Retiree Larry Seaton (front) speaks at his retirement party. Seaton retired from CVEC after 36 years. With him is CVEC engineer Cordis Slaughter.

By George

MANAGER'S REPORT 2012 Annual Meeting of Members

This is the seventy-third annual meeting of the member/owners of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. I am fairly certain that 72 years ago at the first Annual Meeting of Canadian Valley Electric members there was not a large crowd present as there is today. In all likelihood there were probably about a dozen people present and that would have included the original incorporators and I am sure their attorney. Roger and I weren't there. Of those present at that first Canadian Valley Electric Annual Meeting none of the members had CVEC electricity in their homes. Yet they came. I am sure that they believed that they would get electricity in their homes. Maybe they just thought that this new electric cooperative was their best bet at getting electricity. That at least had to be their story as they had collected a \$5.00 promise from many of their neighbors to get the cooperative started. At this point that was their story and they were sticking to it. And they stuck to their story and belief until it happened.

But they did believe and they did stick to that belief through the war years when few lines were built and energized. In fact it was well into the 1950's before the majority of the service area was afforded central station electricity. I grew up North of Prague. We did not get electricity to our home until 1953. I was only three years old at the time so I am a little hazy on the difference having electricity made. My mother is a little clearer. When she married my Dad, she moved from a home that had electricity to a house that did not. And that was the way it was for the first four years of her married life until Canadian Valley Electric brought those old creosote poles to our home to bring electricity. She still lives at the same account today. (Same House, Same Home)

Today almost 73 years since those first believers met and said that we are going to have electricity in our homes outside the city limits; Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a successful cooperative electric utility serving people and businesses from the eastern city limits of Oklahoma City to the western shores of Lake Eufaula. This year

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	Read	Billing date	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	is applied 20
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

In Case of Trouble

1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not call the office and report the trouble.

Operating Statistics for July

	2011	2012
Operating Revenues	\$6,234,953	\$5,931,712
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$4,436,671	\$4,132,615
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	71.16	69.67
Revenue Per Mi of Line: MTD	\$1,206.92	\$1,145.12
Consumers per mile of line:MTD	4.57	4.60
KWPeak Demand -This Month	159,826	157,582
Billing KW Demand	110,748	115,112
KW Peak Demand: YTD	162,960	160,468
KWH Purchased - This Month	82,624,690	79,308,690
Taxes Paid	\$123,779	110,563
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$190,732	187,134
System Load Factor	69.5	67.6

New Services Staked in August

During the month of August 104 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2012 is 820. This compares to 610 for the same period in 2011.

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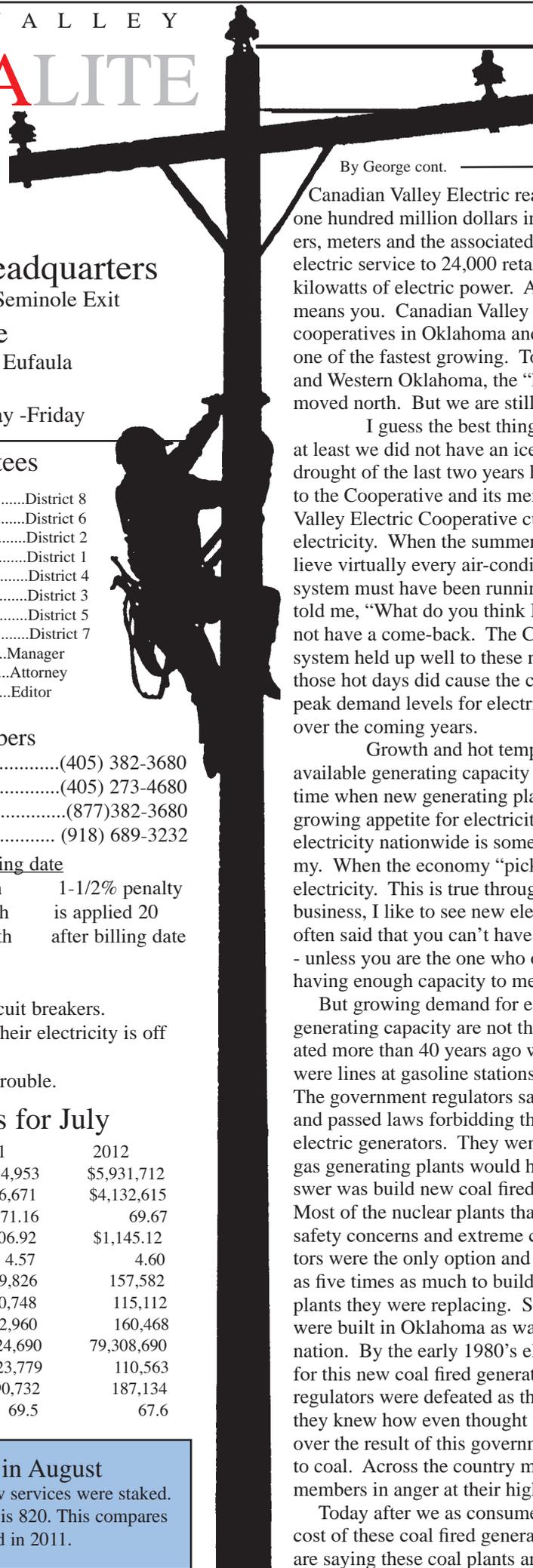
Canadian Valley Electric reached the point of having more than one hundred million dollars invested in poles, wire, transformers, meters and the associated facilities necessary to provide retail electric service to 24,000 retail customers using more than 160,000 kilowatts of electric power. And when I say Canadian Valley that means you. Canadian Valley Electric is one of the largest electric cooperatives in Oklahoma and over the past few years has been one of the fastest growing. Today with the oil “boom” in Northern and Western Oklahoma, the “hot spot” for growth in Oklahoma has moved north. But we are still doing OK.

I guess the best thing I can say about the last two years is at least we did not have an ice storm. However the record heat and drought of the last two years have brought its own set of challenges to the Cooperative and its members. With record heat Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative customers used record amounts of electricity. When the summer temperature hit 110 degrees plus I believe virtually every air-conditioner connected to the CVEC electric system must have been running at the same time. As one customer told me, “What do you think I bought the (blank) thing for?” I did not have a come-back. The Canadian Valley Electric distribution system held up well to these new higher usage levels. However those hot days did cause the cooperative to require overall higher peak demand levels for electric power which will have to be paid for over the coming years.

Growth and hot temperature have claimed more of the available generating capacity in this region and moved closer to the time when new generating plants will have to be built to meet this growing appetite for electricity. Today the total consumption of electricity nationwide is somewhat depressed due to the slow economy. When the economy “picks” up we will expect more demand for electricity. This is true throughout most of the nation. Being in the business, I like to see new electric generating plants built. I have often said that you can’t have too much electric generating capacity, - unless you are the one who owns it. A much worse position is not having enough capacity to meet the demand.

But growing demand for electricity and the cost of additional generating capacity are not the only concerns. When I first graduated more than 40 years ago we were in an energy crisis. There were lines at gasoline stations and most were not open on Sundays. The government regulators said we were running out of natural gas and passed laws forbidding the construction of new natural gas fired electric generators. They went further saying that existing natural gas generating plants would have to be shut down by 1990. The answer was build new coal fired generating plants and nuclear plants. Most of the nuclear plants that were planned and started failed over safety concerns and extreme cost overruns. New coal fired generators were the only option and they were not cheap costing as much as five times as much to build as the natural gas electric generating plants they were replacing. Several new coal fired generating plants were built in Oklahoma as was the case throughout much of the nation. By the early 1980’s electric rates were rising rapidly to pay for this new coal fired generating capacity. At the state level elected regulators were defeated as the consumer rebelled in the only way they knew how even though the state regulators had no control over the result of this government required change from natural gas to coal. Across the country members removed cooperative board members in anger at their higher electric bills.

Today after we as consumers have paid for a large portion of the cost of these coal fired generating plants, the government regulators are saying these coal plants are too “dirty.” They want these coal



Winners!

CVEC members Robert and June Cox of Okemah (bottom) and Dale Ledford of Shawnee (top) were winners of the grand prize at the cooperative's 73rd annual meeting in September. Pictured with Dale are his grandson, Jaxon Ledford, and cousin, Lathyn Neims.

This year's prizes were two Troy-Bilt generators. More than 1,200 people attended the meeting where more than a hundred prizes were awarded.



HONOR OLD GLORY BY ATTENDING THE 12TH ANNUAL DIGNIFIED DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE FLAG CEREMONY. THE EVENT IS 6 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT THE CVEC OFFICE. IT IS SPONSORED BY CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 260 OF TECUMSEH, POST 64 OF CHANDLER, AND POST 123 OF OKEMAH.

TWO \$500 U.S. SAVINGS BONDS WILL BE AWARDED TO ONE HIGH SCHOOL AND ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT FOR THEIR ESSAYS "WHAT DOES THE FLAG MEAN TO ME ?" HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE SERVED.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 7/31/12.....	\$166,671.95
DEPOSITS	8,024.56
INTEREST INCOME	8.41
CHECKS ISSUED	-3,143.44
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-7,580.00
BALANCE 8/31/12.....	\$163,981.48

E-Bill quick, easy sign-up

CVEC offers a **FREE** internet based bill presentation and payment solution called **E-BILL** that makes paying your electric bill quick and easy. **E-BILL** allows posting of payments that can be viewed real time, and allows you to have access to your electric account information at any time.

How to sign up:

- 1) Make sure you have a computer with Internet access.
- 2) From Microsoft Explorer Internet browser window, go to CVEC's home page www.canadianvalley.org and click on the E-Bill link located on the left side of the web page.
- 3) You will be asked for your CVEC account number, e-mail address and to create a password, so be sure to have these ready.

Questions about CVEC's bill program?

Come by our office at I-40 and SH 377 during regular business hours or contact our customer service department at (405) 273-4680, (877) 382-3680.

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plants shut down. Building a new coal plant is not a likely option for any electric utility in Oklahoma or anywhere, except China, today. There they are building them as fast as they can. Three new planned coal-fired electric generating plants in Oklahoma have been cancelled over the past few years. Considering today's regulatory environment I am sure that all three of these utilities are glad they did not get any further down the road in building these new plants.

Just in the past month I read where two proposed new nuclear generating plants in Texas were being abandoned due to escalating costs and uncertain regulatory requirements. You may be opposed to burning coal to make electricity and not in favor of nuclear generation, but these decisions mean there will be less generating capacity available on the electric grid for consumers. 1104297300

Today wind energy, which we fully support, is highly subsidized with tax breaks for investors and still not reliable when demand is the greatest. Solar energy is still the most expensive but does hold promise for the future. An efficient means of storing electricity during low use times to be consumed during peak times is just not feasible with today's technology. But researchers are working on that problem.

If we as a nation have decided to rethink our electric energy supply, then so be it. But let's not destroy our economy and standard of living by making abrupt changes that bring the biggest burden to those who can afford it the least. That includes most if not all the people in this room.

The past two years with temperature extremes, Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative customers, including myself, have used a large amount of electricity.

If there is a silver lining in that, it is that these increased sales have kept the Cooperative financially strong without a rate increase. Today the rates of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative are based on the expense levels of 2008. I do not know what 2013 will bring, but this year and anytime a Manager or a Board Member can say one more year without a rate increase, it is a good thing for consumers, Board Members and Managers.

Thank-you.

The hidden account number hidden in The ElectraLite is worth \$25. Remember the contest rules as you search.

1. The account number must be your own and found within the contents of the paper.
2. Your number must be reported by the 15th of each month.
3. You must report to our office by phone, mail or in person.

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 number _____ Phone number _____

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

Real Estate

2 br. house 1 bath for rent \$300 /mth, \$200 deposit, or will sell \$33,000 in Harrah. Owner will carry with down. 918-869-9278
Want to buy 2-10 acres in South Rock Creek. 395-2962

Wanted: 5-10 acres in the Dale, north Shawnee area. 279-2626

5 br. 3 bath house, 20 acres, 40 X 60 shop, 20 X 60 pole barn, as is \$350,000. 221-0353

1 acre lot in Flint Ridge by Kansas or near the Illinois River. 390-2521

59 acres, cabin in woods. Surveyed, fenced. 2 br. 2 bath, c/h/a. 2 miles to lake, metal 2-bay shop, \$265,000. 918-618-4044

80 acres in Tecumseh, 3 miles off Hwy 9 on Hwy 102. Wooded, spring feed pond, \$158,000. 202-7608

Rock house, 2 br. 1 bath, garage, large yard, cellar, new tilt windows in Tecumseh \$53,000. 808-1939

3 br. 1.5 bath brick, fenced, storage building, new windows, move in ready in Tecumseh \$83,000. 382-3930

Automobiles

1965 Marathon Checker,

4 dr, all glass good, all chrome, 235 6 cyl Chevy, low miles, \$3,500. 567-1918

1979 Trans Am, 2 dr., to be restored, body & glass in good cond., \$3600. 382-5045

1996 Corvette, white convertible, LT-1 engine, second owner, \$11,000. 214-7857

1999 Dodge Dakota SLT 4X4 ext cab, 131K, \$4,000 obo or trade. Vented tailgate \$50 obo. 567-9073

2007 Dodge 3500 H.D. 4X4 crew cab, flat bed, under 60,000 mi. 383-2231

2009 Ford Escape XLT, 4X4, V-6, garage kept. 567-3187

1957/58 Ford Pickups, short bed, \$3,000 for both. 273-1845

2 ton truck/dump bed, \$1,000. 918-866-2468

1946 Ford 1 ton classic with dump bed, excellent shape. 273-0330

1998 Pontiac Sunfire, automatic. 273-1059

Farm

16 hole grain drill, 10' grader, 6' H.D. brush hog; misc. farm items. 918-866-2468

Re-bar, drill stem, sucker rod, a lot of different kinds of steel pipe, corner post, stretch post, gate.

382-5045

Square hay baler, Oliver 620, \$500. 454-0510

Earthquake #43 post hole digger, 8" auger, never used, \$250.00. 564-4679

80 HP, MF, 12' JD disc, 3-16" plow, \$9350. 481-6825

1-15' Bat-wing rhino brush hog, good shape, stump jumpers, \$3,000. 918-759-1111

44' hay float, 20" Dayton, 2 winches, \$3,000 obo. 452-3094

2 John Deere garden tractors, 10 steel concrete forms, 1 land leveler. 631-1505

Leftover septic pipe, \$25 for all. 4 cattle panels 5X10 \$50 each. 279-3638

2005 Zetor tractor #6441 with 125 hrs, front end loader, open cab, 4-wheel drive,. 214-8399

Briggs & Stratton Elite series generator on wheels, 3500 running watts/4800 starting watts, new cond, \$400 obo. 279-2656

Calico 3 horse slant combo stock trailer with tack room, 16 in. tires, like new, \$4495. 240-4438

Metal wheel work wagon \$150, Lister plow \$60, Harrah \$40, 25' windmill, baker, fan off \$500, spring rake \$150. 273-6581

Pets/livestock

Anatolian/Pyrenees puppies, born 8/26/12, all white, short long hair, \$50 each. 626-6936

ABCA Border Collie puppies due 1st week of October, 566-9243

Top quality Herefords for sale, several young pairs, bulls and bred heifers. Overstocked \$1200-\$2000. 598-3540

Angus bulls, reg. Limousin bulls & Hfrs. Blk polled, gentle. 474-2018 or 279-3398

Bantam roosters \$3 each, Guineas \$6 each. 273-0817

Black & polled LimFlex heifers & bulls. 8 bred cows. Good genetics and disposition. 620-4861

Young pullets \$7 each. 598-2577

Misc

Need a used 235x15 tire. 273-0817

Tons of boys clothing 12 mos.-10 & shoes. Circular saw \$10. 567-9073

Oster deluxe bread and dough-maker, nearly new w/instructions, \$125 obo. 382-2520

Full size mattress set, \$10, complete futon bed \$75, Serta perfect king size mattress only \$50. 566-9872

3 older TV's, free, color, 29 in, 22 in, 16 in. 454-3157

Springfield 67F 20 ga. Pump, \$125, Remington 1100 12 ga. w/extra slug brl, \$300, Remington 870 12 ga, \$225. 964-4141

2 burial lots side by side Wetumka cemetery \$400 ea + transfer fee. 580-336-7947

Lowery mx-1 electric organ, does not play. Free for moving. 918-617-0347

Books, clothes, kitchen items, furniture, jewelry, camera, purses and shoes. 432-8064

Antique bed & dresser \$100, boat trailer with new tires \$135, flatbed trailer 4x8 \$65, split firewood, \$55 rick. 382-1444

Craftsman 5600 portable generator, used once \$500. Want to buy Franciscan Starburst dishes. 878-4777
Antique claw foot bathtub.

Single axle, metal, two compartment dog or utility trailer. 273-5877

Pickup shell for a Ford Ranger will fit 94-present, good shape, Cayman green, \$150. 313-1725

2 sets of encyclopedias free published in 1954 and 1976-77. 380-8378

Complete Santa suit, \$100. Crocheted name doilies \$5 per letter. Leroy lettering set, Casio key lighting organ w/stand. 258-2117

Fireplace insert, propane, almost new, Coleman furnace, odds and ends. 273-4576

Raw Alpaca fleece blanket, \$15/lb. 2nds available too, many colors. Alpaca manure by pound. 567-2404

Kenmore lg cap electric dryer, \$100. Graco 5 in 1 sleep system model 4605W, \$100. Hydraulic motorcycle jack, \$90. 202-5615

Whirlpool W&D, \$200. 13" tire set/4, \$30, electric plate warmers, \$20. 275-3419

Small child's bed Thomas the Train, mattress and matching toy chest \$150. 567-3117

Tricycle, 2 girls' bikes, and outdoor toys for best offer. Books for young children. 380-8378

13" Pirates of the Caribbean TV, digital and color \$75. 273-1059

Deer processing. 598-2577
Wood for sale. 964-3168

Battery operated 12V Bombadier Traxter for 3-7 yr. olds \$75. Ricar sweeper \$50. 273-4853

Bicentennial men's boots, 9.5, blue w/accents 1776-1976 \$299. 550-5034

SA MI905 bayonet w/scabbard \$189. 1880 Liberty head silver dollar medallion on chain \$49. 659-0305

Clover hay for sale, no weeds, 4x5.5, approx. 1000 pounds. 932-1286

Square bales prairie hay \$6. Seasoned firewood \$45 rick. 598-5860

3x3x8 Bermuda mix. 383-2178

Bed rail, extends to 42", and pivots down \$40.00. 964-5257

2 - 6X16 W&W trailers. Large round hay bales \$50.00, wire-tied bales \$5.00. 830-2201