



# "Phone Chatter"

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## From the Editor's Desk.....Louise DeWitt *Business Department Manager*



KanOkla Country has been through a difficult few weeks, and as I write this, some of our members are still without electricity at their homes. Some time ago we talked about, and endured, El Nino, La Nina, drought, extreme heat, and most recently the worst ice storm in many years. Going home to candle light or a kerosene lantern at

first, then perhaps utilizing a gas powered generator, and then actually having our electricity return certainly takes us through generations of innovation and technology. Today I read about the future, a timeline of things that might happen within the next 18-20 years, predictions of high-tech clothes that can grow warmer when the temperature drops, or clothes that fight odor and bacteria, scientists are a step closer to preventing genetic disorders, instant electronic diagnosis of illness, cars powered by hydrogen fuel cells, personal wearable health monitor, crime and terrorism mainly computer based, life expectancy of perhaps 130 years, wristwatch cameras, electronic wallpaper that adjusts to the mood of the home's inhabitants and reduces background noise, highest-paid movie star is synthetic, ninety-five percent of people in advanced nations computer literate, kitchen rage caused by electronic gadgets. Is that enough predictions of future technology for one article?

The point is that we are living in a time that can be very exciting. Yes, our world has always been a planet with many serious issues, and our great country and its people have always, and will always deal with those issues. On a very positive note, there are so many fantastic "gadgets" and electronics that can make our lives fun, challenging, and yes easier. We can stay in touch with others, affordably, we can search the World Wide Web in the comfort of our living room, we can create great things on our digital camera and our home PC, we can learn from a distance. And we have a great source of knowledge about this technology at our Headquarters Office and KanOkla Store. From the notes that we get on our surveys, and comments from our customers, many of you are utilizing the technology that's available to you and you're looking to the **very best** for technology and communications advice, your KanOkla service technicians and computer and internet service technicians. We're happy to help you with your communications /technology needs. Enjoy the technology.

KanOkla Easter Egg Hunt!  
March 29th and 30th  
There has been some fun changes...look inside this Chatter for the details.



## Thieves Disrupt Telephone Service During Ice Storm *Ed Bernard/Network Administrator*



Well, I guess we all made it through the ice storm that hit Southern Kansas and Northern Oklahoma. I hope that everyone is on the road to recovery from all of the damage. Our hats are off to our service technicians, who during the power outages braved the icy roads to maintain our standby generators at numerous sites in Kansas and Oklahoma. We know what a sacrifice it was for these men and women to leave loved ones at home, without heat or lights, but that is what KanOkla is all about, unwavering

support to our customers. We hope that you appreciate the fact that these people risked their lives to maintain your ability to call for emergency help during the time of crisis. **We had several incidents, which really, disturbed me.** During the power outages KanOkla had two standby generators stolen. One was at the remote site just across the Oklahoma state line, south of Kiowa, KS, the other occurred northwest of Braman, OK, at the Blackwell Lake. These generators were chained



*Traveling to different Central Offices.*



*At a Central Office location*

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**PHONE CHATTER**

A member newsletter published by the  
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**SURVEY WINNER...**

Vicki Ingram – Braman, OK  
 Vicki won a KanOkla Buck  
 Certificate for \$25.00.  
 Congratulations!



KanOkla wishes you  
 and your family a  
 happy and safe  
 Easter!

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and padlocked, but some very ignorant people decided that they needed the generators worse than the customers, whose phone service depended on the back up power source.



What really gets me is the fact that these thieves value a \$700

generator over a human life. These offenses could have resulted in someone losing life, due to the fact that they could not call out for help during their time of need. There are numerous state and federal laws prohibiting the destruction and deprivation of telephone equipment and service. Please note that the people responsible for these acts could be charged with numerous crimes, and in the event of a loss of life, more serious charges could be filed. We will be posting signs at these remote sites stating that any theft, destruction, or malicious acts that could cause these sites damage are considered federal offenses and will be turned over to the FBI, OSI, or the KBI for investigation. Please help us protect human life by reporting any suspicious activity that you might observe, on or around these sites, to your local authorities.

Remember, the lives that you may save could be that of loved ones or even yourself.

**KanOkla's Annual  
 Easter Egg Hunt**



Bring your  
 Easter basket!

**Saturday, March 30th  
 10:00 a.m.**

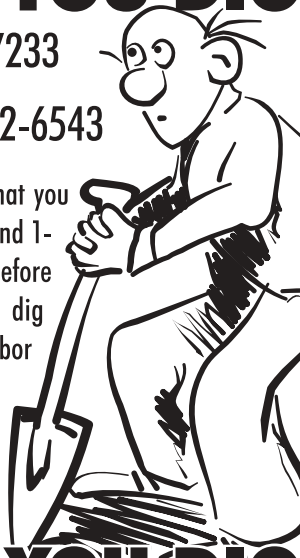
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 ages up to & including 8 years old

# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

In Kansas, Call 1-800-344-7233  
(KS ONE CALL)

In Oklahoma, Call 1-800-522-6543  
(OK ONE CALL)

It is a state law in Kansas and Oklahoma that you call 1-800-344-7233 (DIG-SAFE) in Kansas and 1-800-522-6543 (CALL OKIE) in Oklahoma before digging or doing any excavation. If you dig without calling: You can be billed for all labor and material charges. It costs a lot to repair a cable. It doesn't cost anything to locate a cable. Be safe and call for a locate today BEFORE you start to dig. THANKS!



# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

## KanOkla's

# 1st Annual FLASHLIGHT



## Easter Egg Hunt

KanOkla is adding a whole new twist to its annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year, children 9-12 years of age can hunt for Easter eggs by flashlight on Friday night, March 29th at 8:30 p.m. at the KanOkla headquarters. Bring your Easter basket...KanOkla will provide the flashlights! **Remember...only 9-12 year olds!**

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

KanOkla's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be as usual

at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30th for children ages up to and including 8 years old. So bring your Easter basket and plan to attend KanOkla's Easter Egg Hunts!



### KanOkla Internet News



Before I begin with this month's collection of tips and suggestions, I'd like to stress that this column is directly affected by your input. If you have any questions about how things work, why things work a certain way, or anything internet related –

please drop us an email to [whiz@kanokla.com](mailto:whiz@kanokla.com). We're always ready to hear from you, and always ready to help answer your internet inquiries!

#### Disorganized Favorites?

If it wasn't one of your New Year's resolutions, it probably should be! Don't delay – it's easy to organize your favorites. Here's how: While in Internet Explorer, choose FAVORITES located on the menu bar. Drop down and choose "ORGANIZE FAVORITES..." This will open the "Organize Favorites" dialog box. Now you can click buttons to create new folders, rename "Favorites, move Favorites" into existing folders, or delete book marked web pages from your list. When you are finished, click your cursor arrow on the "Close" button.

#### Don't Be Attacked By Viruses – Update Your Definitions!

So you've got a virus scanner installed, but that doesn't mean that you're fully protected. Virus scanning software works by checking each file against a list of known viruses – virus definitions. As new viruses are written and spread across the internet, your virus scanner won't know about them unless you update your definitions. I would recommend updating your definitions weekly, or even better, setting your virus software to do it automatically! The settings are different for each software package – check the preferences and look for an Auto Update feature.

#### Web Site Download Times – Sometimes Fast, Then Sometimes Slow?

When you're accessing a web page, you are actually pulling image and html files from a web server across the internet. Many websites, especially those that have a high number of visitors (sometimes with thousands of visitors accessing the same files simultaneously) have trouble keeping up with all the visitors (imagine opening a thousand files simultaneously on your home computer!).

#### CC & BCC – What They Mean & When To Use Them:

CC (which stands for Carbon Copy) and BCC (which stands for Blind Carbon Copy) are very similar to the TO field, as they both allow you to address emails to extra recipients. The CC field, allows you to send a message to the original recipient (in the TO field) while sending an exact copy (carbon copy) to anyone in the CC field. When the message is read by the recipient, they can look at the header of the message (the portion that shows who the message is from, when the message was sent, the subject of the message, etc.) and see who else received the message. The BCC field does exactly the same, only the original recipient (in the TO field) doesn't know who else received the message.

If you have any questions or comments about anything I've addressed in this month's issue, don't hesitate to let me known at [whiz@kanokla.com](mailto:whiz@kanokla.com).

Thanks, & have a great month.

- The Whiz



KanOkla Family is proud to announce the marriage of Ed Bernard, Network Administrator, and Rosie Watts, Capital Credits/Membership who were married on January 13, 2002.

Congratulations Ed and Rosie!

## KanOkla Telephone Association Scholarships Available



Applications available  
January 1st - March 31st, 2002

Available through your school  
counselor or call 620-845-5682.



### Attend A Town Meeting Near You

Mark these dates and plan to attend a meeting near you. Receive updated information on your phone company and enjoy a great meal. Hope to see you there!

**March 5, 2002**, evening meeting held at the **Geuda Springs** Community Center.  
**March 8, 2002**, evening meeting held at the Methodist Church in **Braman, OK**



Attention High School Juniors  
*Win an all-expense paid trip  
to Washington D.C.!*  
**2002 Youth Tour**

KanOkla Telephone Association, Inc. will be sponsoring a Kansas and Oklahoma high school junior, of member families, to attend the 2002 NTCA Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Applications are available through your school counselors or call 620-845-5682.

**“An experience of a lifetime!”**

### Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp



For: Children ages 6-14

When: Saturday, April 6, 2002

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Garfield County Fairground Pavilion, Enid, OK

Topics covered will be grain entrapment, anhydrous ammonia safety, tractor rollover, ATV use, animal safety, power tools safety, and various other safety procedures. A fee of \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 per family includes lunch; snacks, a camp T-shirt and an information packet will be provided to every participant.

Application forms can be picked up at your local coop and schools. For more information contact camp coordinator Brenda Sidwell at 1-580-496-2408.



Wayne Kufus, KanOkla Director for District #4, donated \$100.00 to the South Haven Township Library. The South Haven Township Library celebrated its 65th Birthday on January 26, 2002.

### Look what's happening in KanOkla Country!

**South Haven Township Library Stew & Chili Feed—South Haven, KS**  
March 10, Sunday. 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. South Haven Community Building.

**Town Auction To Benefit The Fire Department—Braman, OK**  
March 23, Saturday. Starts at 9:00 a.m. until ??? Fire Department at 302 Broadway. They will have a concession stand.

**Easter Egg Hunt—Hardtner, KS**  
March 30, Saturday. Starts at 10:00 a.m. City Park.



### Bucks for Books



#### Attention all KanOkla Country Youth Groups!!!

Collect KanOkla directories and receive 50 cents for each. This is a great opportunity to earn money for your group. Organize, teamwork, and watch the dollars multiply. Take advantage of this great money making program!

Do you wish you had Caller ID (where you can see who is calling you before you answer the phone), or Voice Mail (where people can leave you messages), or Touchtone (where you can dial faster), or Call Waiting (where you never miss a call), or Three-Way Calling (where you can talk to two people at the same time), or Automatic Recall (where you can call back the last person that called you), or Automatic Call Back (where it will try a busy number for you for thirty minutes), or Call Forwarding (where you can forward the call to where you are), or one of our many other calling features? Then now is the time to add any calling feature(s) during March because you get **THREE MONTHS FREE** plus **FREE ACTIVATION!**

Certain restrictions apply, so call KanOkla at 611 (inside of KanOkla Country) for details!

Enjoy this recipe from Hershey's! Look up great recipes and ideas at [www.hersheys.com](http://www.hersheys.com).

#### Reese's® Peanut Butter & Hershey's® Kisses® Pie

- About 42 HERSHEY'S Kisses® Chocolates, divided
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 packaged crumb crust (6 oz.)
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup REESE'S® Creamy or Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 1 tub (8 oz.) frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed and divided

#### Directions:

1. Remove wrappers from chocolate pieces. Place 26 pieces and milk in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100%) 1 minute; stir. Microwave 30 to 45 seconds or just until melted and smooth when stirred. Spread evenly on bottom of crust. Refrigerate about 1/2 hour.
2. Beat cream cheese in medium bowl until smooth; gradually add sugar, beating well. Beat in peanut butter. Reserve 1/2 cup whipped topping; fold remaining whipped topping into peanut butter mixture. Spoon into crust over chocolate. Cover; refrigerate about 6 hours or until set.
3. Garnish with reserved whipped topping and additional chocolate pieces. Cover; refrigerate leftover pie. 8 servings.



This photo was taken in KanOkla Country. If you can correctly identify the location call us at 620-845-5682 or 611 and be eligible to win a \$30.00 KanOkla Buck certificate.

**Good Luck!**



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**money** **SAVE**  
**TONS OF IT**  
**THIS MONTH**  
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**Get It FREE For 3 Months**  
**Plus FREE Activation!**

Offer valid March 2002 only. Certain restrictions apply. Six month commitment on any added feature required. Call KanOkla at 611 for more information or to sign up.