



This month, I thought I'd go back to the Windows XP topic & here are a few tips to help make your computing experience with the newest Microsoft operating system even easier and more convenient.

1 & Remove highlights from newly installed programs. Perhaps it's just me, but I find the highlights on newly installed programs a tad bit annoying. For those of you who agree, here's how to remove the setting. Open the control panel and look for the Taskbar and Start Menu Properties control panel. Double click to open, then click the Start Menu tab. Next to the selected Start Menu checkbox you'll find a 'Customize' button to change advanced options for the new and improved start menu. In the resulting 'Customize Start Menu' dialog box, select the advanced tab & right above the listing of available start menu items you'll find an option to 'highlight newly installed programs' just waiting to be de-selected. Hit OK, then apply on the Taskbar & Start Menu Properties window & that's it!

2 & Delete files immediately & without sending to the recycle bin. Want to delete a file without going through the hassling of emptying the recycle bin? Just hold down the Shift key and press the delete key & then click 'yes' to confirm that you want to permanently delete the file.

3 & Change icon spacing. If your computer is like mine, you've got plenty of icons cluttering up your windows. There comes a point when they all seem to run together, making it really difficult to find the one you're looking for. Luckily, it's easy to increase the distance between icons. First, open the Display control panel. Next, click on the appearance tab and look for the advanced button in the lower right portion of the window. Now with the advanced appearance dialog box open, look for icon spacing (there will be one for horizontal spacing and one for vertical spacing). Change the space to whatever you desire and organize your files!

Have a great month! Remember to keep those letters and questions coming & email me at whiz@kanokla.com.

The Whiz



**KanOkla Relay For Life Team
Presents Family Fun
July 19, 2003
At KanOkla Headquarters
100 KanOkla Ave, Caldwell, KS**

Wacky Golf
On KanOkla Grounds
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
ages 5-12....\$2.50
13 and up....\$5.00
9 Holes per ticket

Fishing Tournament
At KanOkla's Pond
Fish from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
\$5.00 Per Person
One Pole Per Person
25¢ per lb of fish kept
Limit 4 fish per person

Concession Stand will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and beverages.
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SWOOSHÖÖ.SPLASH!

These sounds will be heard, along with screaming, as the kids of Hardtner enjoy the new slide at the pool. The Hardtner Youth Initiative Youth Group recently received funds from the Turner Foundation to improve the community for youth. The youth group then applied to the KanOkla Community Development & Assistance Program for \$10,000 to improve one of the community's greatest assets, the Hardtner Swimming Pool. The group's goal was to help keep the Hardtner Swimming Pool as a vital part of their community and to possibly bring youth from surrounding communities to the pool.



At the pool's dedication, the youth held up a sign that thanked the Turner Foundation and KanOkla. Chance Sterling, president of the group, was the first to go down the slide. As he broke through the sign, he released several colorful balloons. Lucas McNally then went down as

KanOkla's representative. Anyone from the youth group was then allowed to follow. Even though the water was very chilly, several youth braved the cold to experience the thrill of the new 17-foot slide.

Pam Schneider, KanOkla's Member Relations/Economic Development Representative, was there for the dedication and stated, "I'm proud that KanOkla could help the Hardtner Youth Initiative Youth Group with this project. The youth of Hardtner should be applauded for the work they have done on this and other projects for their community."

KanOkla Baby Boom

KanOkla has recently had a baby boom! We have been blessed with six babies in the last seven months, five boys and one girl. The names of our stars on the front page are Caden Keller, Uncle Sam (alias Chris Blubaugh), Rhett Nance, Kadyne Eves, Jadon Brown, Sydney Boese, and Carson Hall.

FRS Youth Tour 2003

KanOkla Telephone sponsored an educational trip to Washington, D.C. for two area students, Lindsey Fitch, daughter of Kevin and Lori Fitch, South Haven, KS and Blair Aldridge, daughter of Richard and Barbara Aldridge, Manchester, OK, from May 31 to June 4, 2003. Leon Dreiling, KanOkla's Drafter/CAD Operator, escorted these two young ladies to Washington, D.C. This was the ninth annual youth tour hosted by the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS).

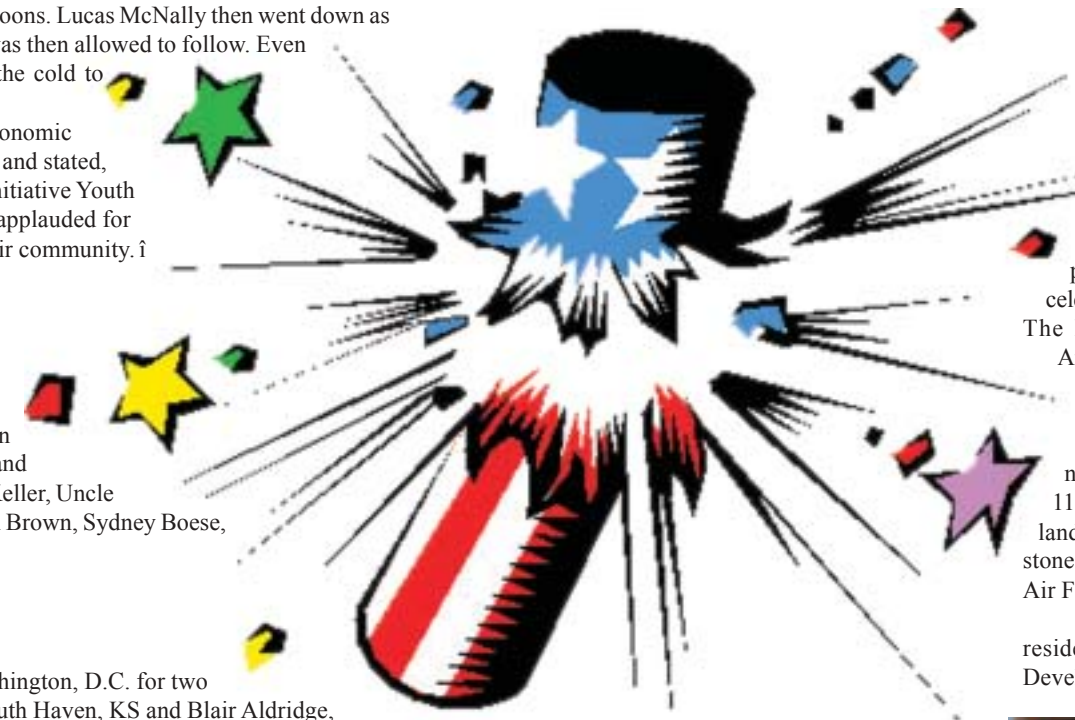
This youth tour brought together 96 high school juniors, from throughout rural America, to Washington, D.C. for a four-day educationally and culturally enriching experience. Seventeen adults from various Telco's throughout the country were there to chaperone these 96 students.

As a chaperone I had a great time with the students. It was a good feeling to see all these students together for the first time having fun and sharing their way of life with other students their age from a different part of the country. A couple of my favorite parts of this tour: It could be a once in a lifetime trip for some students. trip were going to Mass in St. Joseph's Chapel in the National Cathedral on Sunday and watching the changing of the guards in the Arlington National Cemetery on Monday. Visiting the memorials was rewarding as well. You just can't grasp how huge these structures are until you are on the steps or at the base of the structure. The memorials that we went to see were the Lincoln and Roosevelt memorials as well as the Iwo Jima and the Vietnam memorials and the Korean memorial.

Pictures were taken in front of the White House and on the steps of the Capitol Building. We toured Mount Vernon where George Washington lived. We ate dinner at the Fish Market on Sunday, ESPN Zone on Monday and lunch was served at the Hard Rock Cafe on Tuesday. We visited museums on The National Mall, which included the Smithsonian. We also visited the Supreme Court Building and the Library of Congress. There were also educational sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

Lisa Lopinsky, FRS Director, Kate Brown, Program Director, and Victoria Rumsey, Administrative Assistant, as well as the rest of the FRS Staff should be commended for a job well done in arranging this youth tour. This was my first trip to Washington, D.C. and I thought everything went very well. I would encourage all eligible juniors each year to sign up for this tour. It could be a once in a lifetime trip for some students.

~Leon Dreiling



Who is a Star in your Community?

KanOkla is looking for nominees for the second annual Community Service Award. The award recognizes those people in our communities who are always lending a helping hand, by giving of themselves. The KanOkla Community Service Award will be based on the significance and extent of the nominee's service to the community. To be eligible to receive this Award, the nominee must:

- Be a KanOkla Telephone subscriber
- Have contributed through leadership, creativity, dedication, self-motivation, and/or commitment to better the community.

Take a look around your community to see whom you would like to nominate. Nominations are due August 1, 2003. For an application, contact the KanOkla business office at 620-845-5682 or 611.

T-37 Jet Finds a Home

The Jet Lions Club has been working on the Jet Memorial Park for several years. This was a huge undertaking for a community of 150 people. Memorial Day weekend they celebrated with the dedication of the park. The Memorial Park is a memorial to American Veterans who were killed and the ones in service from Jet, OK.



The park began with five mural panels depicting the history of Jet. The next phase of the project was to add a T-37 Jet on a pedestal but with the crisis of 9-11, the pedestal stood empty. The Lions Club continued to work on the park by adding landscaping, lighting, a sprinkler system, walkways and a granite Veterans memorial stone. Just over a week before the dedication, the T-37 made its way to Jet from Vance Air Force Base in Enid, OK.

The Lions Club raised the money from donations of current and former Jet residents, a Hunt and an auction. They also applied for the KanOkla Community Development & Assistance Program to match the funds they had raised. KanOkla has approved three applications over the last three years to help with this project.



Greg Aldridge, KanOkla's General Manager/CEO, attended the dedication and commented that, "The Lions Club of Jet has done a tremendous job with this project. The Memorial Park is a beautiful gateway to the community. KanOkla is proud to be a partner with the Jet Lions Club in their goal to better their community."

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Schwerdtfeger Seeking Re-election in November

Sue Schwerdtfeger is the director for Hardtner-Capron and will be seeking re-election for District Six. She is originally from Protection, KS where her parents still reside and farm in the area. Sue lives in Capron with her husband Mark who produces alfalfa and operates a custom hay business.

Sue received her B.S. degree in accounting and has been working in the cooperative system for 20 years: 2 years with the Farm Credit System and 18 years with the Dacoma Farmers Coop. She is currently the Controller/Assistant Manager at Dacoma Coop. During that time the cooperative has grown from a single location to 5 locations with sales in excess of \$16 million. Sue also serves on the Woods County E-911 board having recently completed one year of service.

Elected in 1997 she had the distinction of being the only woman currently serving on the KanOkla board. When asked why she wanted to be re-elected, Sue said that she felt her background and experience gives her some insight into the ins and outs of managing a cooperative. She also expressed concern about the turnover on the board that the cooperative is facing due to the mandatory term limits. There will be a minimum of five directors out of nine with two years or less experience by the end of 2004. Continuity of management team has been one of KanOkla's strengths. I believe it is critical to retain as much experience on the board as possible.

When asked about the changes that have taken place while serving on the board, Sue stated, "The emphasis has shifted from traditional telephone services. We have been aggressively seeking ways to generate revenue in non-regulated lines of business. This includes providing Internet to our customers and wholesale Internet to companies outside our service area, as well as expanding the products and services at the technology store. Your cooperative is attempting to reduce its dependence on cost recovery mechanism."



KanOkla Trivia

The winner of the KanOkla Trivia was Wanda Jeffries of Mayfield. Wanda called in with the correct answer of "iBlock Party" which was the theme of the 2003 KanOkla Town Meetings. She received a \$25 KanOkla Buck Certificate. Congratulations Wanda!

This month's trivia is from last month's Chatter. If you should know the answer to the question please call us at 620-845-5682 or 611. Your name will be put into a drawing for a \$25 dollar KanOkla Buck Certificate. Good Luck!

The question is: How many years in service?

The KanOkla Store will be celebrating how many years in service?

***For more details check out the KanOkla Community Calendar at www.kanokla.com.**

July, 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 KanOkla Relay for Life Fishing Derby/Wacky Golf starting at 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Demolition Derby in Caldwell starting @ 6:00 p.m. held at the Rodeo Grounds.
27	28	29	30	31		
August, 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Barber County Fair-Hardtner, KS	2 Barber County Fair-Hardtner, KS
3 Barber County Fair-Hardtner, KS	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Summer County Fair-Caldwell, KS	15 Summer County Fair-Caldwell, KS	16 Summer County Fair-Caldwell, KS