

KanOkla Store Expands Service Capability

The KanOkla Store located at 21 N. Main in Caldwell has undergone some changes over the years. The Store opened on Fourth of July weekend in 1998. At that time there was only one employee, Lance Eves, and the store hours were Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The KanOkla Store will celebrate five years of service in July 2003 with twelve employees serving customers Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Main Street location. Technical Support is provided Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 5:00 p.m. The KanOkla Store opened originally as a computer store. Today, the Store is iYour Local Technology Center offering computer sales, service and repair, digital graphic services, and convenience services (computer usage, copies, and faxes).

With the expansion of service and the growth from one to twelve employees, the need for more workspace had to be addressed. Recently help desk cubicles were added along with additional computer repair stations. The employees themselves have gone through changes also. Lance Eves is now the Data Systems Network Administrator, Justin Mayo is the Data Systems Network Specialist and Marsha Barnes is the Store Administrator.

Hidden inside the KanOkla Store is the factor that KanOkla is an ISP (Internet Service Provider) through dialup, DSL and wireless broadband. As an ISP, KanOkla provides the Internet network, technical support, billing, and email. This service is provided to other telephone companies as well as KanOkla's own members and retail customers. To date, KanOkla provides Internet service and technical support to over 6700 customers including our own.

We will strive to be the provider-of-choice by offering our customers superior value through the highest quality of products and service, stated Marsha Barnes, KanOkla Store Administrator.



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2003 Construction Plans from the Outside Plant Department

The proposed 2003 project plans will be as follows: We will install two remotes in the Corbin Exchange; one on the south side of the Wellington Lake and the other one will be installed one and a half miles west of the Chikaskia River on Highway 44. We will install fiber optic cable from the Geuda Springs central office to the South Haven northeast remote. There will also be some copper cable replacement in the Geuda Springs Exchange. We will install two remotes in the Geuda Springs Exchange; one north of town and the other one will be installed in the northwest part of the exchange.

We will also install a remote in the northeast part of the South Haven Exchange. We intend to install fiber optic cable from where we left off south of the state line south of Hunnewell to the Braman Central Office. We will tap off of this fiber to install cable to the cell site at the Kanza Travel Plaza. There will also be some copper replacement in the South Haven Exchange.

We propose to replace four AFC remotes with Calix remotes. They are as follows: the Mayfield southwest remote, the Danville remote, the Freeport southwest remote and the Manchester south remote. The reason for the replacement of the AFC remotes is because we need repeaters for the Calix ring so we have a protected path.

More construction news to come in future Chatters.



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Don White of Caldwell, KS won the drawing for paying his bill by the 10th of the month. He won \$50!
Congratulations Don!

Foundation for Rural Services



FRS Awards Scholarships

The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association's (NTCA's) Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) awarded fourteen \$2,000 scholarships to rural youth across the United States.

NTCA is a nonprofit association representing 550 locally owned and controlled telecommunications cooperatives and

commercial companies throughout rural and small-town America. KanOkla Telephone of Caldwell is a member of NTCA and had agreed to provide a \$500 scholarship match to the Foundation's \$1,500 if one of the winning students was from this area.

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With over 830 applications received, we are proud to be one of four regions submitting the largest number of applications. It is one of our objectives to assist our young people with the resources to continue their education, said Greg Aldridge, KanOkla's CEO/General Manager.

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KanOkla Headquarters and KanOkla Store
 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Office closed Saturday and Sunday
Help Desk
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 Monday-Friday Saturday
 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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 Noon-5:00 p.m.
COMPANY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
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 Or dial 611 inside the KanOkla Service Area.
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2003 KanOkla Scholarship Recipients Announced

This is the tenth year for the KanOkla Telephone Scholarship Program. This year the program offered eight \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors whose parents are members of the Cooperative. Out of the thirty six applications, this year's recipients include: Sara Lungren, Caldwell High School; Todd Rinehart, South Haven High School; Heather Johnson, Burlington Public School; Adam Beierman, Timberlake High School; Craig Betzen, South Haven High School; Camille Dark, Braman High School; Jason Dreiling, Caldwell High School; and Ashley Cochenour, Blackwell High School.



Sara Lungren is the daughter of Rod and Pam Lungren of Caldwell, KS. She was awarded one of the KanOkla Telephone Kansas Academic Scholarships. Sara plans to pursue a career in Health Care/Medicine at Wichita State University. Sara said, "I plan to attend a four-year university and obtain a degree in a medical field. There is a great need for Health Care in rural areas, and I plan to return to a rural area to help those needing that care."



Todd Rinehart is the son of Gregory and Priscilla Rinehart of South Haven, KS. He was also awarded the KanOkla Telephone Kansas Academic Scholarship. Todd plans to attend Wichita State University and pursue a career in Physical Therapy. He stated, "Being the sports fan that I am, I've decided I'd like to continue my education and pursue a career where I could be involved with the sports world for the rest of my life. Research into several fields has opened my eyes to countless careers that would enable me to do this."



Heather Johnson is the daughter of Mark and Elaine Johnson of Burlington, OK. She was awarded one of the KanOkla Telephone Oklahoma Academic Scholarships. Heather plans to major in Family Psychology at Oklahoma Baptist University. "In the fall of 2003, I plan to attend Oklahoma Baptist University and major in family psychology with a minor in pre-law. While in college I hope to maintain a high GPA and graduate in the upper half of my class," stated Heather.



Adam Beierman is the son of Harold and Patricia Beierman of Jet, OK. He was also awarded the KanOkla Telephone Oklahoma Academic Scholarship. Adam is planning to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University majoring in Engineering. Adam stated, "My educational goals are to receive a degree in engineering and maintain a high grade point average throughout college. I plan to enter a technology related field and work with electronics, which is something that has fascinated me since I was a small child." Adam represented KanOkla at the 2002 Farmland Youth Leadership Conference.



Craig Betzen is the son of Paul and Leann Betzen of Geuda Springs, KS. He was awarded the KanOkla Telephone Kansas Vocational Scholarship. Craig's plan is to attend Wichita Technical Institute pursuing a career in Computer Repair. "My goals for the future are to go to college and work in the electronics or computer field. I plan to achieve this goal by attending Wichita Technical Institution and getting a job to help me pay for my schooling," stated Craig.



Camille Dark is the daughter of Jerrold and Kay Dark of Braman, OK. She was awarded the KanOkla Telephone Oklahoma Vocational Scholarship. She plans to pursue a career as a Dental Assistant at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. Camille stated, "My church and family have helped me to develop into the person I am today. I want to go on to college to better myself so I can better serve God and my dreams. A college education is something no one can take from you." Camille's sister Haley was awarded a KanOkla Scholarship in 2000.



Jason Dreiling is the son of Leon and Pauline Dreiling of Caldwell, KS. He was awarded the KanOkla Telephone Kansas Random Drawing Scholarship. Jason plans to attend Westwood College of Technology in Denver, CO pursuing a career in Graphic Design. "I would like to pursue a career in graphic design because I believe that I have a passion for this area of work and know that I can succeed in it," stated Jason.



Ashley Cochenour is the daughter of Ron and Kim Shoffner of Braman, OK. She was awarded the KanOkla Telephone Oklahoma Random Drawing Scholarship. Ashley's plan is to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK. Ashley stated, "I want to pursue an advanced education because of my desire to achieve and to become a part of a field that I feel fits me so well. By furthering my education, I will be learning more about myself, those around me, and contributing to the well-being of others."



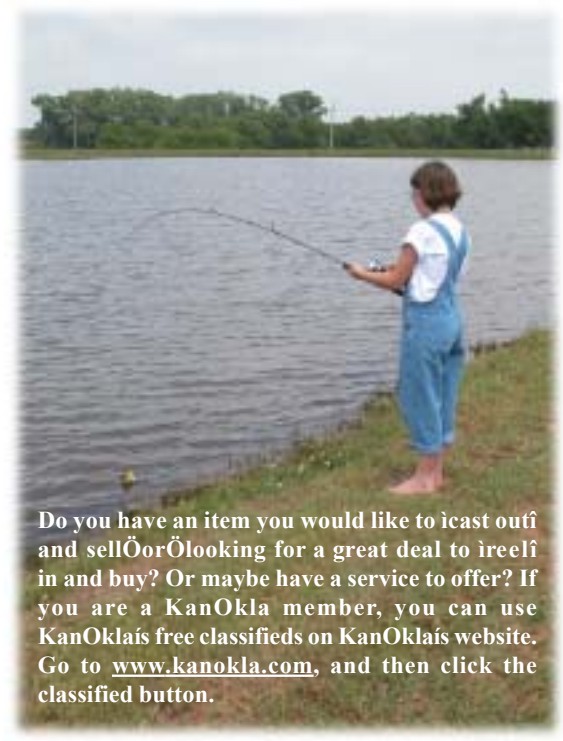
KanOkla congratulates all the scholarship recipients and hopes these \$1,000 scholarships help them achieve their goals! KanOkla is proud of the quality of youth found in our rural communities and wish them all the best of luck in their college plans.

Who Keeps Your Community Afloat?

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.



Do you have an item you would like to **leas** out and sell or **lo**oking for a great deal to **reel** in and buy? Or maybe have a service to offer? If you are a KanOkla member, you can use KanOkla's free classifieds on KanOkla's website. Go to www.kanokla.com, and then click the classified button.

KanOkla Reeling in Internet Service and Kay County Catches E-911

Hi again, looks like wheat harvest is getting real close. It's a busy time of the year in this part of the country. We have been busy down at the computer store adding more office space. When we decided to get into the computer and Internet business five years ago, we started it with a couple of employees. We have 12 full time employees plus a few part-time employees working at our new downtown business. We provide Internet and help desk services for several telephone companies plus an electric company partnership. We have installed wireless Internet systems in several towns. We serve over 6700 customers in Oklahoma and Kansas. We put together a booth in which we attend showcases across the country. If you are in the market for a computer or want Internet service, please give us a call. Or better yet, come and see us at our computer store. We are very competitive in prices plus we will work on your old computers. We have been attending several E-911 meetings in Kay County. The Kay County Commissioners and telephone representatives have traveled to every town and visited with people on how important E-911 is. Ronnie Freeman from SBC has shown videos and has had real live tapes or actual 911 calls at each meeting. We have been attending several E-911 meetings in Kay County. The Kay County Commissioners and telephone representatives have traveled to every town and visited with people on how important E-911 is. Ronnie Freeman from SBC has shown videos and has had real live tapes or actual 911 calls at each meeting. KanOkla provides telephone service to six counties in Oklahoma and none of them have full E-911 service at this time. Three counties have voted for countrywide E-911 and I hope the others will be soon to follow. If you have any questions on any of this, please give us a call. If you happen to come to Caldwell, stop in and see us. Dick Cantrell - Assistant General Manager

KanOkla Trivia

The winner of the Patriotic Mystery Photo was Paige Zulkoski of Caldwell, KS. She called in with the correct answer. Danville Coop at Bluff City is the location of the American Flag. Paige received a \$25 KanOkla Buck Certificate. Congratulations Paige! 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: What theme was used for the KanOkla town meetings?

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

June, 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
July, 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 KanOkla Store 5 year Celebration 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 21 North Main, Caldwell, KS.	4 Events going on in Braman, Hardner, Goltry, and Caldwell. Check our web site for details or call 611.	5 Goltry 100th Anniversary starting @ 8:30 a.m. All day and evening events.
6 Community Church @ Goltry starting @ 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 at the Goltry Gym.	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19



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