

### KanOkla Trivia No. 5 Let's Try A Patriotic Mystery Photo

The winner of the Chatter Trivia was Shari Carothers of South Haven, KS. She called in with the correct answer of KanOkla Matching Funds, Scholarships, and Youth Tour, which are the three programs KanOkla offers to enhance our communities. Shari received a \$25 KanOkla Buck Certificate. Congratulations Shari!

This month's mystery photo is located somewhere in KanOkla Country. If you should know the location of this American Flag 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!



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### We have a \$50 Winner!

Lee Selmat of Wakita (Renfrow), OK won the drawing for paying his bill by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. He won \$50! Congratulations Lee!

### Windows XP Tip of the month - Speed up your computer by turning off search indexing.

Windows XP contains a built in mechanism for searching files in a faster manner - by using an internal database of every file on the system. This works great on fast systems - especially for users that do a lot of searching on their local file system. The downside of this innovative feature is that a process runs in the background monitoring and cataloging your system - on slower systems, this process can cause a slight speed decrease. Here's how to disable system indexing and reclaim a little extra speed out of your PC: Open My Computer so that local hard drives are displayed; right click on the C: drive and choose



Properties. In the resulting window, look for the Allow indexing service to index this disk for faster searches at the bottom of the window - uncheck the option box. Next, hit OK - system will then ask if you'd like to apply to all folders and subfolders - choose the option to apply to all folders and subfolders and hit OK. The system will now change attributes on all files and subfolders of your C: drive to disable indexing.

### Tip - Flat Screen Monitor Care

Flat screen LCD computer monitors have gained tremendous popularity lately as a result of low energy consumption, space saving designs (you'll no longer have to dedicate 40% of your computer desk for your monitor), and quickly dropping prices. For more information on flat screen monitors (prices start at under \$375), stop by or call the KanOkla Store today - 800-KANOKLA. Here are a few random tips on keeping that new flat screen computer monitor clean (for those of you who have already upgraded).

\* Use a clean, lint-free, absorbent cotton cloth to remove the residual glue that may remain when the protective film is removed from the display. \* Apply a small amount of isopropyl 70% alcohol to the cloth and remove the residue if the screen is still not clean. Use the alcohol sparingly and remove it completely when finished. Use a clean, lint-free, absorbent cotton cloth to remove surface dust. Apply light pressure to remove the dust. \* Do not use chemically treated dust cloths on the display case or LCD screen. \* Do not use acetone, toluene, or harsh solvents. They can damage the polarizer and display case. \* Do not saturate the cleaning cloth with alcohol. Liquid that drips on the glass may seep into the display case and collect in the enclosure.

\* Do not allow water or other stains to stand on the unit. Wipe these off immediately to prevent damage to the display case and screen.

Have a great month! Remember to keep those letters and questions coming - email me at [whiz@kanokla.com](mailto:whiz@kanokla.com).

The Whiz



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**CHATTER**

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 KanOkla Telephone Assoc., Inc.

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**Our American Flag**

Dear Flag of our Country whose stars and whose bars  
 Call all her seed to defend her  
 God help us to be true to the red, white and blue  
 Her Principals never surrender.

Red signifies hardiness and valor  
 White signifies purity and innocence  
 Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice

The 50 stars represent the 50 states and the 13 stripes represent  
 the 13 original colonies.

**Excellence in Leadership to Legislative Day**

**Excellence in Leadership**

KanOkla's board of directors is unsurpassed in their commitment to being  
 the best directors in the telecommunications industry. Each year, the  
 National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) gives out  
 Excellence in Leadership certificates to directors and employees who  
 have outstanding three-year records of participation in NTCA's educational  
 seminars and conferences. For 2002, the following current directors received  
 a certificate: J.C. Feist, Jerry Johnston, Dave Lowe, and Sue Schwerdtfeger. I  
 can certainly testify, as I've said before, that all of your directors work hard  
 when they go to a conference. They are fully committed to the success of your  
 telecommunications company.

**Legislative Days**

In this Chatter, there is an article about KanOkla visiting the state capitols.  
 We sponsored a lunch for all of our legislators in each state. We had  
 previously sponsored a day here at KanOkla every other year, but  
 decided this year to take it to them. They are very busy, and it's  
 very hard to get most of them together here in Caldwell on the  
 same day. The main purpose of the meetings was to get to  
 know each of them in a face-to-face meeting, so that they will  
 feel more comfortable in contacting us when there are rural  
 telecommunications issues/bills they are considering.  
 (Especially bills that affect south central Kansas and north  
 central Oklahoma.) Our members (bosses) are many of  
 the same voters (bosses) they have, so we have much in  
 common!

Greg Aldridge, CEO/General Manager

**Being True to the Red, White, and Blue**

It has been two plus months that have gone by with Iraq Operation Freedom. It has made me sit back and reflect on what we truly have here  
 in America and what we all take for an absolute. I watched our Armed Forces on television marching on and through Iraq and into Baghdad like it was  
 a movie sequel, each day building with anxiety not knowing the outcome or obstacles our troops would face. These past weeks have been one emotional  
 roller coaster ride. The outrage of the treatment of our American Soldiers who were P.O.W.s and the disrespect to the brave soldiers who died for the  
 cause. My heart swelled with pride as I watched our Armed Forces use such precision from their training, preparation on a well-devised plan, and  
 accomplish what they set out to do. The great news of the successful rescue mission of Jessica Lynch and the seven P.O.W.s later rescued  
 from a house in Samarra. My eyes filled with tears and felt heaviness in my heart when I saw the flag draped caskets of the soldiers that  
 paid the ultimate price for a cause he or she believed in.

So as you reflect on this Memorial Day make sure you thank a veteran for the sacrifices he or she made for you and your  
 country. To all veterans of war and the United States Service Men and Women now serving, we salute you and thank you.

It was our plan to list the names of KanOkla Country servicemen but was reluctant to because of the possibility of omitting  
 a name or two. We have decided to support our troops by putting together care packages to send to the troops from KanOkla  
 Country. If you would like to help, either bring in or mail your items to KanOkla, 100 KanOkla Ave., Caldwell, KS 67022.  
 Some items they ask for include adult size thick disposable washcloths, eye drops, ear wash, medical items (Motrin, Tylenol),  
 slim jims, pepperoni packages (vacuum sealed), gum, Chex Mix, tuna, smoked sausages, dry soup mix, sweetened drink mixes,  
 deodorant, razors, toothpaste and soap. Thank you for being true to the Red, White, and Blue.

KanOkla CSR/Member Relations Assistant~Kim Reilly

**KanOkla visits Capitols**

KanOkla's directors and employees recently visited the Kansas and Oklahoma State Capitols. Over lunch, thoughts and  
 ideas affecting the people in our mutual areas were shared. Information on KanOkla was given to the legislators and contact  
 information so that they may contact KanOkla with any questions concerning the welfare of our communities.

At the Kansas State Capitol, Senator Greta Goodwin, Representative Bill McCreary, and Representative Joe Shriver attended  
 the luncheon. Attending the Oklahoma State Capitol luncheon was Senator David Myers, Representative Elmer Maddux, Senator  
 Robert V. Milacek, Representative Dale DeWitt, and Kay Seymour, Executive Vice President of OTA (Oklahoma Telephone  
 Association).

Greg Aldridge, KanOkla's CEO, stated, iKanOkla feels it is very important to keep the line of communication open with  
 our elected legislators. They need input from their constituents to make educated decisions on the many issues facing  
 rural America.

**Graduation Specials!**

For only \$999.95 you can get a top of the line computer!

The KanOkla Store also has gift cards on sale!

Buy a \$50.00 gift card for only \$40.00!

Or buy a \$30.00 gift card for only \$25.00!

Stop by today!

KanOkla Headquarters will be  
 closed Monday, May 26, 2003 to  
 observe Memorial Day. KanOkla  
 would like to wish you a safe holiday.

**KanOkla's Block Party**

This year, KanOkla's theme for the town meetings was a block party. At town meetings  
 held in Bluff City, Mayfield, South Haven, Hardtner and Goltry, subscribers entered and walked  
 down KanOkla Avenue to visit several booths. KanOkla employees setup booths with information  
 such as capital credits, scholarships, youth tour, matching funds, DSL, locating cable, and central  
 office. After visiting with KanOkla employees at each booth, subscribers were entered into a  
 drawing and then enjoyed a meal.

At each town meeting a stainless steel barbeque tool set was given away. The winners of  
 the tool sets were Cam Pekrul of Goltry, Millie McGregor of South Haven, Daryl Heasty of  
 Mayfield, and Beverly Worthington of Bluff City. After all town meetings were held, all the names  
 were put together and Joyce Tenclve of Mayfield was the winner of a propane barbeque grill.



*Thanks to KanOkla for the barbecue grill given away recently  
 after I had registered at the Mayfield meeting. What a surprise it was  
 and it is very appreciated.*

*Thanks also to all KanOkla employees who work hard at making  
 our telephone company the best. Our service is unequalled.*

*A serviceman even left the Mayfield Meeting and repaired a  
 cut phone line so our neighbors would have a phone though the linemen  
 were told to wait until the next day as they had a cell phone they were  
 using.*

*Again, thanks. We truly appreciate our well-managed company.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joyce Tenclve*

Sign up for Country Class Package during April and we will  
 give you a 2.4 GHz Motorola cordless phone!

Call today and sign up!

**NON-PAY DISCONNECT  
 911 WILL STILL WORK**

It's happened to the best of us once or twice - we don't get the phone bill mailed  
 off in time. The bill is misplaced or the dog eats it, whatever the circumstance is the  
 phone gets shut off for non-pay. To ensure and promote public safety with the help of  
 switch translations we have enabled the 911 and 611 services on non-pay disconnects. I  
**CAN NOT STRESS ENOUGH** when you have dialed 911 and you are getting help on  
 the way **DO NOT HANG UP** because they will not be able to call you back! We have  
 enabled 611, which is a toll free call to the KanOkla business office when dialed in KanOkla  
 Country. We hope you never have to use the 911 services but with the warmer weather  
 coming on and more activity you never know. I apologize for any inconvenience and  
 hope this will help you feel a little safer when your telephone is temporarily shut off for  
 non-pay.

P.S. Just a reminder if you pay your phone bill by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month you are  
 automatically entered in the drawing the first of each month.

KanOkla Telephone Central Office Tech~Greg Dvorak

**\*For more details check out the KanOkla  
 Community Calendar at [www.kanokla.com](http://www.kanokla.com).**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26 Memorial Day Veteran's Service @ 10:00 a.m. @ Hardtner Cemetery. The Braman Area Chamber of Commerce and Ag. Will be holding a huge Nike and Adidas apparel sale and Yard Sale starting @ 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. @ Kanza Travel Plaza (Exit 332 on I-35)	27	28	29
J u n e , 2 0 0 3				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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<b>H a v e a b o u n t i f u l a n d s a f e 2 0 0 3</b>				
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19

**Survey Winner is**

Don Minor of South Haven, KS was the Survey Winner.  
 He received a \$25 KanOkla Buck Certificate. His name  
 was drawn for completing and returning the mailed  
 survey.

Congratulations Don!



*Memorial Day  
 May 26, 2003*