



KanOkla Internet News

Spam, as most of you know, is unsolicited e-mail sent to you ñ similar to junk mail that you receive in the postal mail. Here are a few tips to help you reduce the number of junk mail messages you receive.

Avoid replying to the sender with REMOVE in the subject line

Messages you receive may include instructions on how to remove yourself from future mailings from the individual or organization (such as to reply with REMOVE in the subject line). Unfortunately, many senders include these instructions in order to confirm that they've reached a working e-mail address, not to remove you from mailings. The best practice is to discard these messages without responding. Some messages contain a phone number to call, but many contain no information on how to stop future mailings. Often, if you reply to these messages, you find that the return address or phone number is invalid or is that of someone other than the real sender.

Avoid giving out your primary e-mail address

Guard your e-mail address just as you would your telephone number - your e-mail address is personal information you would give to friends, ðfamily, and business associates. Unless there is a specific reason to provide your e-mail address to someone, consider using a second e-mail address. Free services like Yahoo and Hotmail are great for filling out forms on the Internet ð such as information requests, special offer sign-ups, or service requests ð these might potentially lead to your address being sold or leased to other companies.

Add e-mail senders to the junk e-mail in Outlook Express

To eliminate all those i get debt free e-mails, follow these instructions below to have junk mail senders added to a junk e-mail list. Open your e-mail program (Outlook Express). Click Inbox. Select a message, and then right click on it. Click on Junk E-Mail, and then click Add to Junk Senders list or Add to Adult Content Senders list. To review or delete e-mail senders on your junk e-mail list. On the toolbar, click the Organize button. Then, click Junk Mail. Click the underlined phrase iclick here. In the second bulleted item, click Edit Junk Senders or Edit Adult Content Senders.

If you have any questions or comments about anything I've addressed in this month's issue, don't hesitate to let me know at whiz@kanokla.com.

Thanks, & have a great month.

- The Whiz

Back to School, Moving Forward

The Caldwell High School Alumni Association wanted to keep the information moving when they applied for the KanOkla Community Development & Assistance Program to purchase an electronic billboard. The billboard measures eight foot by four foot two inches with an LED grid made by Daktronics on the bottom half to display messages. The billboard is an asset to the front of the newly completed high school gymnasium. The messages on this billboard will keep the Caldwell community updated on the school's activities and many other activities.



The Braman Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture were concerned about the safety of their school children in Braman. The group applied for the KanOkla Community Development & Assistance Program to provide two lighted crossing guards for the Braman Schools on US Highway 177 as it passes by the school on the south as well as on the Broadway side one block west of the school. The Chamber of Commerce raised \$1,500 locally by fundraisers and donations to come up with their responsibility of 20% of the cost with KanOkla matching their money raised. The Chamber initiated the project with the State of Oklahoma and is working with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation on the installation of the school crossing lights.



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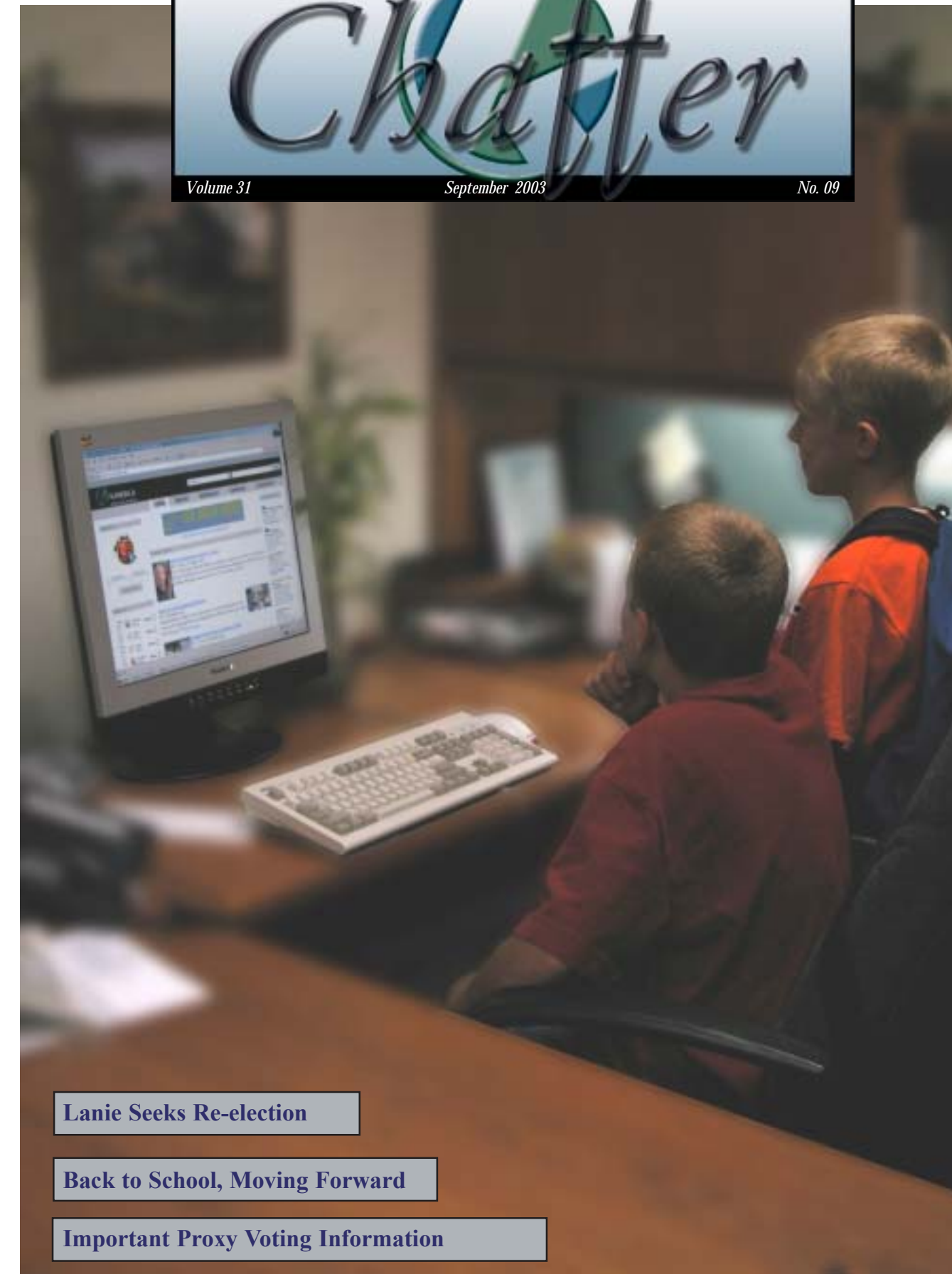
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2003 Annual Meeting Just Two Months Away

November 7th is the date set for this year's annual meeting of the members, and KanOkla directors and employees are already making preparations for it. Some changes have been made to the voting procedures for this year, which Rosie Bernard details in this month's Capital Credit/Membership article.

Elections for three of the nine districts will be on the ballot, along with the fiscal year report and some proposed updates to the bylaws. The three districts are: District One (Waldron/Manchester), District Two (Freeport/Danville/Bluff City), and District Six (Hardtner/Capron). The nominations were due September 1, but if you are interested in running for the director position from your area and would like to know what is involved with being a KanOkla director, please obtain a copy of the KanOkla Informational Guide for Potential Directors. (No one should consider running for a director position without first reading this material.) The guidebook is available at the main office in Caldwell, or we can mail one to any member interested.

The board is currently working on some proposed bylaw updates, and the details will be mailed to you next month. If you have any questions about the elections, proxies, ballots, or any other annual meeting procedure, please feel free to contact your local district director, the President of the board, Dave Lowe, or myself. Part of what has made KanOkla a premier telecom cooperative is your participation and loyalty. I look forward to seeing you on November 7th!

Greg Aldridge, CEO/General Manager



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IMPORTANT PROXY VOTING INFORMATION



The November 7, 2003 annual meeting is quickly approaching, and with it will come the opportunity for each member to vote on the election of directors and on other matters submitted to the members for a vote at the meeting. Membership meetings are covered by Article 3 of KanOkla's bylaws.

In this article, I want to direct your attention to Section 6 of Article 3, which covers a member's right to vote by proxy. The purpose of proxy voting is to give a member, who is unable to attend a membership meeting, an opportunity to vote at the meeting.

Article 3, Section 1, requires the Board to make adequate preparation for the annual meeting and, pursuant to this provision, your board of directors has made the following changes to KanOkla's proxy voting procedures, in order to simplify processing the proxies:

1. There will be no blank proxy forms. Each member will be mailed a proxy form with the member's name and certificate number printed on it. A proxy form cannot be reproduced because it will be printed on security paper.
2. The proxy forms will be mailed on October 7, 2003. If a member does not receive a proxy form, or if the one received is lost or destroyed, the proxy form can be replaced only if the member comes in person to KanOkla's main office, 100 KanOkla Avenue, Caldwell, Kansas, and shows a photo-id, and signs an Affidavit of Lost/Destroyed Proxy.
3. To complete the proxy form, the proxy-giving member (iproxy-giver) will choose another member, or an adult relative living in the proxy-giver's house, to be the iproxy-carrier, and will write the proxy-carrier's name on the blank line in the first paragraph of the proxy form, and will sign and date the proxy form at the bottom. The proxy-carrier will receive an additional ballot at the annual meeting and will vote on behalf of the proxy-giver. The proxy form is not a ballot. The proxy-giver should tell the proxy-carrier who and what the proxy-giver wants the proxy-carrier to vote for at the annual meeting.
4. After the proxy form is completed, it must be mailed or delivered to Kennedy & Coe, 124 West Main, Anthony, Kansas 67003, and received before noon on November 6, 2003. Kennedy & Coe will then validate all the proxy forms, and the appropriate number of ballots will be prepared for each proxy-carrier to pick up at the annual meeting.

A reminder to all members who agree to be proxy-carriers: no person shall vote as proxy for more than five (5) members. (Article 3, Section 6.)

As with any change, there will be questions and concerns, but the expectation is that this will be a better-organized and more equitable way for a proxy-giver to receive and use a proxy form. Please direct your questions to me, Rosie Bernard, your Capital Credit/Membership Representative.

Rosie Bernard, Capital Credit/Membership Representative



2003 Construction Project

The proposed 2003 construction project has now become a reality. Michels Mid-America Line & Cable, a division of Michels Corporation, in Topeka, KS was awarded the contract with the lowest bid. On August 18th Michels started installing vaults along existing fiber routes so we could start installing the Calix Remotes. Michels started installing the vaults while material was being brought in to construct this project. When enough material has arrived, Michels will start the conduit placement in Geuda Springs. David Sharp, Outside Plant Technician, is the primary Inspector on this project. He will oversee every phase of this construction project.

There will be approximately 27 miles of cable installed in the Geuda Springs, South Haven and Braman exchanges. These miles of cable and the remotes will all need to be installed and in service by the end of this year as per the contract. When this part of the contract is completed, Michels can then proceed to the next phase of this project. There will be approximately 100 more miles of cable to be installed and about 15 remotes to install by the end of May in 2004. We'll touch base on this part of the project in our next construction project update.

Stay tuned for more construction news in future Chatters.

Lanie Seeking Re-election in November



Randy Lanie is currently serving in the position of KanOkla Board of Director for District One, which serves the areas and members of the Waldron and Manchester exchanges. He is running for re-election at KanOkla's Annual Meeting in November.

Randy farms in the Manchester area with his wife, Kathleen. Kathleen is a farm wife, homemaker and a substitute carrier for the U.S. Mail. They are the proud parents of Nicki Klein, Emily, Lucy, Leah and Trent. Randy and Kathleen are very active in the community and with all the children's activities. They play a lot of sports!

Various boards and committees also take up Randy's time. He serves on the Ok-Kan Gin Co-op, the Grant County Cotton Co-op, and Saint Gregory's University. When asked why he wanted to run for re-election on the KanOkla Board, Randy said, "Serving on the KanOkla board is different than serving on other boards I have served on in the past. Those boards were farm related and I have some knowledge in that area. The KanOkla board requires knowledge of the communications industry in a high cost rural area. It took a while to learn the history of the company, corporate articles, by-laws, policy, telephone accounting, etc., and how the company is operated. By serving on this board I have gained valuable knowledge and experience from the meetings and educational seminars attended." Randy stated that he has seen many changes occur while serving on the KanOkla Board and that the industry continues to move at a very fast pace. "I would like to continue gaining this knowledge and experience and help make the decisions KanOkla needs to continue its success. It is personally satisfying to be part of a successful company, which provides an essential service to its customer-owners," said Randy.

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