



This month, we've got two quick Windows XP tips to help make your computing experience easier and more productive.

1 – Secure Your Computer With A “Lock Icon”

Secure your computer by locking it whenever you're away from your desk - to create a quick means of securing your computer, place a shortcut on your desktop to lock your computer.

1. Right-click an open area of your desktop, point to New, and then click Shortcut.
2. In the Location box, type %windir%\System32\rundll32.exe user32.dll, LockworkStation
3. Click Next, in the Name box type a name for the shortcut such as, Lock Computer, and then click Finish.

2 – Batch Rename Photos or Files

Alright - you've shot a ton of pictures at Grandma's 90th birthday with your digital camera, but after downloading, every picture has a non-descriptive, consecutive number (00000001.jpg) for it.

In Windows XP, you can easily rename the series and remember it for what it is!

1. Click Start, and then click My Pictures or whatever folder in which you've saved the pictures.
2. Switch the view from the default Filmstrip to Thumbnails by clicking the Views button on the toolbar.
3. Select all the pictures you want to rename by highlighting the last picture you want, then press and hold the Shift key as you move your mouse over them until you include all to be renamed, ending with the first picture in the list.
4. Right-click the first picture, and then click Rename.
5. Rename the first picture (for instance, Grandma90.jpg), then click in the white space next to one of the pictures.

Just like magic, all the pictures will be renamed in sequence, Grandma90.jpg, Grandma90(1).jpg, Grandma90(2).jpg, and so on!

This tip can also be used to rename a batch of any files, not just picture files.

That's all for this month – remember that if you've got an Internet or computer related question, send it to whiz@kanokla.com and you might see your question in next month's article.

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KANOKLA COULD HAVE YOUR POT OF GOLD!

EVERY TIME YOU USE A PER USE CALLING FEATURE YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR **\$50!**

ALL THESE FEATURES ARE ALREADY ON YOUR PHONE! THERE IS NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED FOR USE!

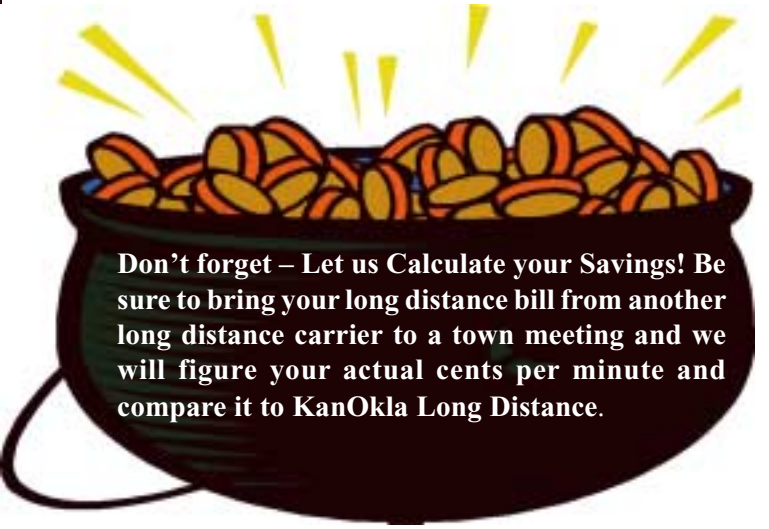
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Luck of the Irish

- We have a \$50 Winner**
- Leland German of Manchester, OK won the drawing for paying their bill by the 10th of the month. Congratulations Leland!
- Survey Winner**
- Connie Netahla, Harper, KS Congratulations! Connie won a \$25 KanOkla Gift Certificate for returning survey.



Don't forget – Let us Calculate your Savings! Be sure to bring your long distance bill from another long distance carrier to a town meeting and we will figure your actual cents per minute and compare it to KanOkla Long Distance.



Landline Versus Wireless

The following was borrowed from another rural telco's newsletter, and we thought it was worth repeating here:

As convenient as wireless telephones are to use when we're out and about, the fact is they cannot compare to landline local telephone service in many ways. Although wireless service does have a useful place in our lives, the landline service from KanOkla is a locally operated, quality, regulated service. Unlike the wireless carrier, KanOkla commits dollars to building networks that provide many additional services and support to the communities it serves.

The poor quality of wireless communications is well known. While we are prone to put up with problems while we're driving or at the store, it's not really what we need when we want to have a good, old fashioned conversation. Nothing can compare with the excellent quality of the landline phone system in the United States. Landline use is regulated, meaning there are qualities and service standards put in place by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Wireless is not regulated, and the FCC has no control over quality pricing.

The wireless industry acknowledges that quality will not improve in the foreseeable future. The competing wireless companies currently do not use the same technology, making sharing between markets and constant roaming a problem. Industry experts feel the situation will get worse before it gets better, due to the expanding use of wireless and the nonexpansion of the already overloaded network. There also is the very real possibility of privacy invasion. Your conversations are not secure on a wireless phone.

911 services seriously are compromised when using wireless. The global positioning system is not yet able to locate emergency calls made from cell phones. If you choose to make your home wireless and an emergency occurs where you are unable to communicate, serious time may be lost before you are located. All emergency 911 calls should be made from a landline.

Faxes and computers need a landline to work. Many people who thought they would go completely wireless find it impossible, if they want up-to-the minute technology in their home.

Not only do landlines offer more security in an emergency, they are more reliable. You also help support your local community when you use your landline phone. Dollars from the cost of your KanOkla telephone service get invested back into the communities, through network upgrades, school programs and community involvement. So remember, when you use your landline phone, it is more reliable and secure. Plus, you're supporting your local community.

~Courtesy of Central Scott Telephone (Eldridge, Iowa) and OmniTel Communications (Nora Springs, Iowa).

Voice Mail Set Up

www.managemyphone.com

User Name: 10-digit phone number (ex: 1234567890)

Password: Last 7 digits of phone number (ex: 4567890)

Choose User Information "Edit" to change user name and or password

To Make Changes to Account Settings

1. Click on "Voice Mail"
2. Click on "settings" tab
3. Choose "notifications Options" or "Distribution Lists"
4. Click on " Save Changes"

Meet Zack Turner

Meet Zack Turner, he traveled from British Columbia, Canada and settled in Medford his seventh grade year. Shortly after graduation Zack joined the U.S. Marines where he was a Combat Engineer. A Combat Engineer is the first to arrive at the place of battle. They work mainly with demolitions, but also build bridges, airstrips, roads, and whatever it takes for the troops to be able to maneuver easily while there. It is one of the most dangerous jobs in our armed forces.

Zack is a Help Desk Tech for the KanOkla Store and also does website design. He received his Associates in Computer Animation at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.

Zack resides in Medford, Oklahoma and shares his residence with his faithful companion "Loki", a one-year-old Malamute. His hobbies include reading, watching movies, listening to music, and drawing. He also enjoys any kind of sports, camping, fishing, and hunting.

We are very fortunate at KanOkla to have Zack's talent and expertise.



KanOkla's Matching Fund Program...

A Huge Success...Again!

In January of 2001, the KanOkla Economic Development Committee designed a program to provide area communities an avenue to enhance the quality of life, safety, or other causes that assist community growth and sustainability. The KanOkla Board of Directors pledged \$100,000 in matching funds to the program in the years 2001, 2002, and 2003. A total of 94 applications, with 76 approved, have been received over those three years from communities in KanOkla Country.

In 2003, the following communities have been able to enhance their communities with KanOkla's Matching Fund Program. The Hardtner Volunteer Fire Department was able to purchase a refurbished fire truck for the city and Hardtner has also added a covered slide to their swimming pool. Geuda Springs is working on restoring a historic building for a museum. Bluff City has added new windows to their community building. South Haven is making updates to their community building and was able to buy books for the school library. Caldwell's Alumni added an electronic billboard to the front of the new school addition and TJ Sokal Lodge painted their hall. Goltry purchased new banquet tables for the gym, added a new fence to the front of the Karoma Cemetery, and added Christmas pole decorations. The community of Braman has added lighted crossing guards near the school and has purchased a greenhouse for the AG program. Jet continues to work on their beautiful memorial park and various repairs are being made at the Jet Senior Citizen building. Manchester is finishing an addition on the city building for the volunteer fire department. These are just a few of the various projects and there are several more in the works.

KanOkla is excited about helping these groups and others by matching the money they raise to better their communities. Because of the success of the KanOkla Matching Funds Program, the KanOkla Board has committed another \$100,000 in matching funds for the year 2004. For more information on this program, contact Pam Schneider at KanOkla 620-845-5682.

Fast Cash with Bucks for Books!

Is there a youth group in the area that would like to make some fast cash? Take the opportunity to collect KanOkla Directories and turn them in for cash. KanOkla will pay fifty cents for each KanOkla phone book. KanOkla has paid \$2,576.50 in the past four years to our area youth groups. Organize your youth group now and be ready to collect...2004 KanOkla Directories will be arriving in April!

Youth Groups who have collected:

Methodist Youth Group-Caldwell, KS
 Trail Blazers 4-H-Caldwell/South Haven
 Caldwell Ball Association-Caldwell, KS
 Medford 4-H-Medford, OK
 Central Christian Youth Group-Caldwell, KS
 Goltry God Squad-Goltry, OK
 Redwing 4-H-Mayfield, KS
 Freeport Presbyterian Youth Group-Freeport, KS
 Troop 851-Anthony, KS
 Timberlake Music Group-Jet, OK
 Braman 9th Grade-Braman, OK
 Assembly of God L.I.F.E.-Caldwell, KS
 South Haven Christian Youth Group-South Haven, KS

New Department For KanOkla

KanOkla has been blessed with an excellent workforce dedicated to keeping KanOkla competitive in its industry. Our employee base currently stands at fifty. This is more than double the amount we had in 1991, when our headquarters was moved from Anthony to Caldwell.

Of course, increased growth also means an increase in employee-related issues. From employee recruitment, training, and retention to important employee benefit programs, human resource issues continue to be more and more complicated, as does business in general. Companies must have a firm grasp on such areas as group health and corporate insurance, employee wellness programs, and performance management.

As a result of our growth and the ever-increasing need to care for and pay proper attention to our valued employees, KanOkla's CEO and Board of Directors recently established a Human Resources Department. I am extremely pleased to lead that department as Human Resources Manager. In that capacity, I am also fortunate to be working with two outstanding HR Assistants, Jill Mattingly and Ruth Dermid, both of whom have several years experience working with human resource issues.

I have held a special interest in the area of human resources for many years, having spent seven years as Personnel and Safety Director for Acme Foundry and six years as Business Manager for Dr. Robert Morgan's medical clinic. At KanOkla, I have spent the past fifteen years already overseeing KanOkla's human resource functions, but now it is a separate department.

Jill, Ruth, and I are really enjoying our new team and the challenging work at hand! The opportunity to serve KanOkla's terrific team of employees is highly rewarding, and we hope our efforts will make a real difference.

~Louise DeWitt, Human Resources Manager



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3rd Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 9, 2004
 Starting at 8:30 p.m. for ages 9-12
 KanOkla Headquarters
 Flashlights will be provided
 An adult must accompany children



Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 10, 2004
 10:00 a.m.
 KanOkla Headquarters
 Ages up to and including 8 years old
Come and enjoy the fun!

March 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16 Geuda Springs & South Haven Town Meeting starting at 5:30 at Geuda Springs Community Church Activity Center	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Capron & Hardtner Town Meeting starting at 5:30 at Hardtner Methodist Church	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
April 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Daylight Savings Time	5	6	7 Bluff City, Danville, and Freeport Town Meeting starting at noon at Bluff City Senior Center	8 Manchester & Waldron Town Meeting starting at noon at Manchester Community Center.	9 KanOkla Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt 8:30 p.m. at KanOkla Headquarters	10 KanOkla Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 at KanOkla Headquarters Hardtner Chamber Easter Egg Hunt at the Hardtner Park 10:00
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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