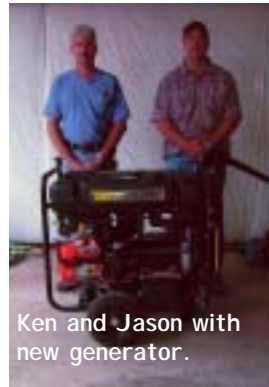
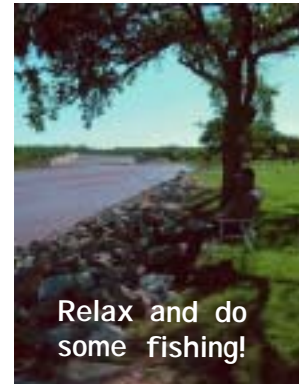


“Fall”ow the Road to the Jet Area

KanOkla offered to make a community book for our KanOkla communities earlier this year. The book contains information that may be helpful to a new resident in the area, such as local businesses, what the area has to offer, and what numbers to call to establish utility services. KanOkla's outside Tech for the Goltry, Jet, and Nescatunga area, Phillip Carroll, and I traveled the area and took pictures. With this assigned task, I had the privilege to meet some of our customers'put names with faces, and see some of our communities.



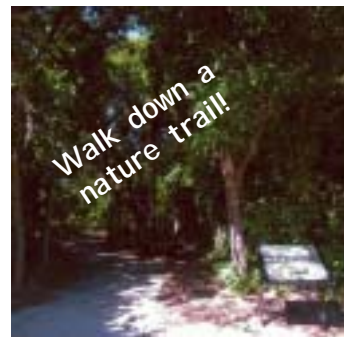
Ken and Jason with new generator.



Relax and do some fishing!

The first stop of the trip was the Jet Lumber Company where Ken Brewer, Sandra Price, and Miracle, the dog, greeted us with warm smiles and Miracle's wagging tail. I understand the Lumber Company is not only a business, but also the community's central meeting place where planning, ideas and brainstorming take place. I asked if it was possible to take a picture of the fire trucks in front of the fire station. Jason Caywood, City of Jet employee, happened to be at the lumberyard and assisted with this request. Ken, Sandra, and Jason are part of the Jet Volunteer Fire

Department. The Jet Fire Department is very impressive. Their department includes a Brush Rig, Mini Pumper, Rescue Truck, Tanker, and a City Pumper. Ken explained the hard work and the many training hours put in by the 14 men and one-woman fire team. He also stressed the challenge of keeping the fire equipment and trucks updated. The accessories and equipment such as the bunkers, defibrillator, and the SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) packs are far from being cheap. Ken stated the annual Mother's Day Dinner, grants, and KanOkla matching Funds have been a big factor in helping purchase necessity items. KanOkla Matching Funds had a part in helping purchase the SCBA packs, city tanker, and the generator. The generator has a double duty. It can be used for on site emergency situations and can also generate electricity to the Jet Community Building in case of electric power failure to the area. Homeowners of Jet may receive cheaper insurance rates as the Jet Fire Department went from an eight rating to a six. This in itself, is a great accomplishment and says a lot for the Jet Fire Department. Ken stressed on how the Jet Fire Department is a strong unit and work very well together. Ken and



Walk down a nature trail!

Jason expressed their gratitude for what the KanOkla matching funds has done for the department.

I came across some hard working, determined people who are taking on business ventures in the area and are busy cleaning, remodeling, and giving the area a new look. I plan to return in October to take a picture of their finished product. The area is full of beauty the lake

with the wildlife, hiking trails, bird watching, crystal digging, fishing, and the campgrounds. We are all guilty of being so busy and involved with our everyday life we don't take the time to enjoy what is truly around us we take it all for granted. So do yourself a favor, take the time and go enjoy the day at the Great Salt Plains Lake and the surrounding area.

~Kim Reilly-Member Relations/Economic Dev. Assistant



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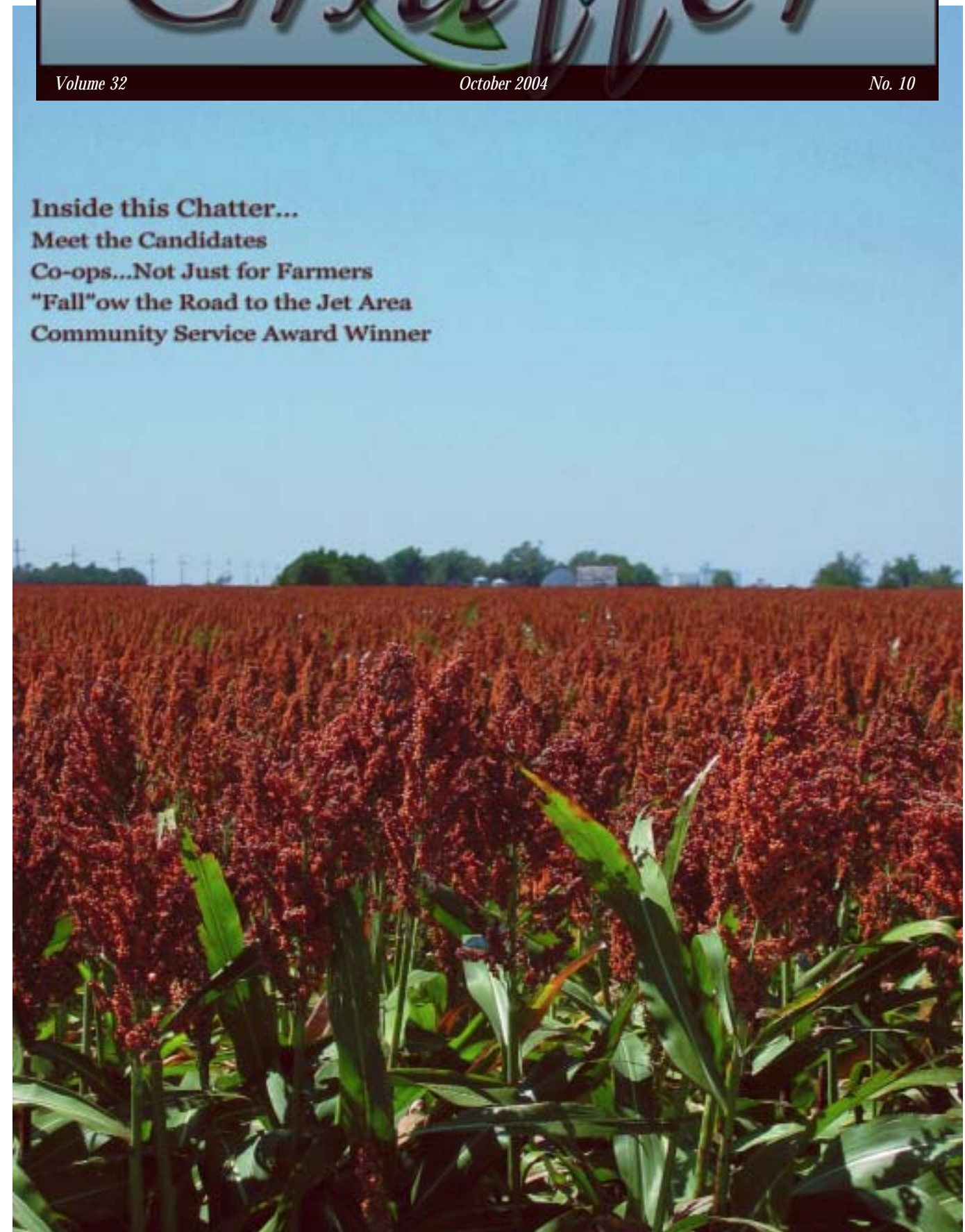
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The District Five Nominating Committee for the KanOkla Board of Directors has nominated the following: Maryilyn Johnston, Harold LeValley, and Ilene Madrigal.



Marilyn Johnston was born and raised on a farm in the Braman area. She graduated from Braman High School and went on to Northern Oklahoma College to receive an Associate of Science Degree. She married Jerry while still in college. At the age of 50, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Accounting from Oklahoma State University.

Retired from the family grain elevator business, Marilyn now spends time in community service. For fifteen years, she has served on the finance committee at the Braman Methodist Church, has served on the Braman School Board since 1988 in various roles such as president, vice-president and clerk, and serves as vice-president on the Blackwell Hospital Foundation.

Marilyn and Jerry have been married for 49 years. Their family includes a daughter, J.J. Stevak, her husband Ed and grandson Taylor; a son, Craig, his wife Sara and grandchildren Ashley and Colin; and Marilyn's mother Lila Wilson. Family time and reading the Bible are very important to Marilyn.

When asked why she wanted to be on the KanOkla Board, she replied, "I believe it is important to keep KanOkla financially strong and delivering exceptional service to our members. I bring a knowledge of rural telephone issues and strong management, board and financial experience to the District Five Braman board position that will enable me to fully participate in those critical board decisions that will impact KanOkla's future."

Harold LeValley is an Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Blackwell High School. He attended and graduated from Braman schools. He earned a B.S. from NWOSU at Alva in Education and later a Masters of Education. Harold and his wife, Janell, are both employed with the Blackwell Educational System with Janell teaching Home Economics. They have two sons: Adam, who resides in Ponca City, OK and Josh, who just finished a tour of duty in Iraq and will be going to Officer Cadet School.

When asked why he wants to run for the KanOkla Board of Directors, Harold replied, "I have been around KanOkla most of my life with my Uncle Kenneth LeValley being a retired KanOkla employee. I would like to be a part of the continued telecommunications development of KanOkla. I am very interested on the technology side and feel KanOkla has kept up if not more than the larger telephone companies." He commented how great it was for him and his wife to have the opportunity through Internet to communicate with their son, Josh, while he was stationed in Iraq.

Harold is the Chairperson of Trustees of the Methodist Church in Braman. He is also a Minuteman for Kay Electric Cooperative. A Minuteman is a member of an advisory group, which is appointed by the board member of the district. Janell and Harold are remodeling a three-story house—a do-it-yourself project. When time allows, Harold enjoys hunting, fishing, and golfing.



Ilene Madrigal and her husband Jesse have lived in the Newkirk/Braman area since 1970 and moved to Braman in 1987. Ilene and Jesse have shared a lifetime of projects, owning and operating a denture clinic, raising Labrador Retrievers and Arabian horses, farming and operating a commercial fish farm while raising a family of five: Milinda, Mark, Yvette, Amber, and Jesse II. Ilene and Jesse also have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ilene earned an Intensive Business Certificate from NOC at Tonkawa, OK. She later returned to NOC majoring in English. In 1993 she graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Associate of Arts Degree. She has experience as a bookkeeper in Loan Servicing, as a Receptionist-Cost Estimator, as a Clerk-typist, and as a Senior Cashier in finance departments. For the past 28 years, she has been the Office Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the family owned corporation. Ilene is self-employed as a Reiki Practitioner and Massage Therapist. She is also a published author. Poetry and creative writing are her passion. She also spends time volunteering at the Veterans Administration Nursing Home. Ilene is a member and treasurer of the Blackwell XI Sigma Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

When asked why she wants to run for the KanOkla Board of Directors, Ilene stated, "It is my commitment to be a readily available member of the board who will listen to the questions and ideas of the membership. I would be a fair and honest representative and present these matters to the other members of the Board for consideration."

The District Eight Nominating Committee for the KanOkla Board of Directors has nominated Kim Miller of Caldwell.



Kim is a graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture. He joined The Stock Exchange Bank of Caldwell in 1977 and was appointed President in 1997. Kim serves on the Board of Directors of The Stock Exchange Bank, on the Board of Trustees of the Sumner County Hospital District #1, is a Caldwell Area Chamber of

Commerce Past President and serves on the Chamber's Economic Development Committee, and is a member of the USD#360 Site Council. Kim's favorite hobby is fly-fishing in Colorado.

Kim and wife, Peggy, are the parents of two grown sons, Nathan and Ryan. Peggy is the Department Head of Laboratory and Radiology Services at the Sumner County Hospital District #1. Nathan is a Kansas State University Graduate currently working as a Marketing Representative for Hawthorn Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife Mandy live in Omaha, NE. Ryan is a senior at Kansas State University. Kim and Peggy are members of the Central Christian Church where Kim serves as an Elder.

When asked why he wanted to be elected to the KanOkla Board he replied, "I chose to be a candidate for the District Eight position of the Board of Directors because I would like to ensure that the patrons of KanOkla continue to enjoy the best in communications technology. I recognize and strongly support the positive economic impact that KanOkla has on its communities, and will work to further enhance this commitment. Communications technology is an ever changing field, and I look forward with enthusiasm, to the challenge that this creates."

As of this date, two candidates have announced their intention of running for Director at Large: Jim Curl and J.C. Fiester. Mr. Fiester was featured in the September Chatter.

Jim Curl of Braman, OK, will be nominated from the floor for the KanOkla Board Director at Large position.

Following graduation from Braman High School, Jim attended Northern Oklahoma College graduating with an Associate of Arts Degree and went on to the University of Central Oklahoma graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Jim was a graduate of the OSU Agriculture Leadership Program in 1986.

Jim taught for six years at Braman and South Haven before becoming a full-time farmer and seed salesman. His wife Cathy is the Kindergarten Teacher for South Haven Schools, USD #509. They have twins, Christa and Patrick, who are in the 7th grade at South Haven Jr. High.

Jim served on the Blackwell Rural Water Board and the Braman Board of Education. He is studying No-Till Farming, experimental planting with new crops such as canola, trying various lengths of maturity in established crops, and has a special interest in wind energy and how it might apply to our area. Jim also volunteers as a basketball coach for the South Haven Recreation Association for 3rd-6th grade girls and boys.

When asked why he wants to be elected to the KanOkla Board, he replied, "Teaching for six years, farming since I could pull the hand clutch on a 730 JD tractor, serving on other boards and finally graduating from the OSU Leadership course brings me to this point, it is time for me to pull on my education and experience and give something back to this area I care for. KanOkla should continue on course for all of its members and search for the best products and technologies to utilize. As your at-large board member, everyone's hometown would become my hometown with a pledge of fair representation for all."

Co-ops..... Not Just for Farmers



In our area, most people think of the co-op as the local elevator where you take your wheat, corn or milo, or a place where you might purchase tires or fuel. In fact, there are several other businesses in this area run as a cooperative. One of these businesses is your local telecommunications

company, KanOkla.

A cooperative is a business with certain unique characteristics. KanOkla is unique because we are owned by the people we serve. Organized in 1951 as a cooperative, KanOkla was started by a group of people wanting to provide themselves with a needed service—telephone service. Thus KanOkla began as a cooperative, which is voluntary and operated for the benefit of its member-owners.

November 5, 2004, KanOkla will hold its Annual Meeting. Each member-owner is invited to attend and enjoy a great meal, vote on board of directors, vote on amendments to the bylaws, hear how KanOkla is working for you and the chance to win some great prizes.

During October, thousands of businesses and millions of Americans will celebrate National Cooperative Month. This is recognition of the power of people to provide goods and services for themselves by working toward a common goal. For more information on co-ops visit www.co-opmonth.org.

~Pam Schneider-Member Relations/Economic Development



Karen Sturm Honored!

KanOkla is proud to announce the selection of the 3rd Annual KanOkla Community Service Award. Karen Sturm of Caldwell, KS is the 2004 recipient of the award.

Award selection is based upon the significance and extent of the nominee's service to the community. The panel considers the relevance of these activities to sustain, enhance, improve the quality of life or safety, or which assist community growth and sustainability, within the geographic boundaries of KanOkla's regulated telephone service area.

The Delta Chi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Caldwell, KS, nominated Karen for the KanOkla Community Service Award. They wrote, "Karen gives of herself and her time to benefit the people of Caldwell, and exemplifies the qualities of love, faith and courage. Her dedication to our community is second to none. Karen currently is President of the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce and has been its Tourism Director for the past several years. She is Caldwell's representative to the Kansas Cattle Town Coalition, International Chisholm Trail Association, South Central Kansas Region Tourism, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Caldwell Historical Society."

Because of her dedication, the community has benefited financially in numerous ways.

Karen is also an active member of Caldwell's United Methodist Church and she shares her faith and spiritual experiences through many facets of the church.

The Delta Chi Chapter also wrote, "Karen is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She is a volunteer doing anything she can to promote Caldwell. Most people are unaware of the time and effort she has unselfishly invested in Caldwell as she works quietly and purposefully. Caldwell was a well-kept secret; but, because of her dedication and commitment, our community has benefited greatly by all she has done and continues to do."

The KanOkla Board agreed with the Delta Chi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, that Karen's dedication to Caldwell is second to none. Congratulations to Karen! stated Greg Aldridge, KanOkla's CEO/General Manager.



Congratulations to...

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Also Congratulations to...

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Caldwell Health Fair 7am - 3pm at the Pavilion (former Nursing Home)	20	21	22	23 Mayfield Federated Church Fall Lord's Acre Auction & Dinner 5:30pm Auction 7pm at Mayfield Gym
24 Halloween!	25	26	27	28	29	30 Hardtner Community Foundation Grand Opening School Carnival 5pm at Hardtner School
November 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Corbin Turkey Supper 5pm Corbin Methodist Church Braman United Methodist Bazaar 5pm - Auction 7pm	4	5 KanOkla Annual Meeting 5pm Caldwell High School Gym	6 South Haven Lord's Acre Supper 5pm Auction 7:30pm at Methodist Church
7	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day KanOkla Office Closed	12	13 Geuda Springs Annual Hunter's Breakfast 5am at Geuda Springs Activity Bldg.