



This month I'd like to discuss cookies ñ not the kind that are best out of the oven, but the computer kind that are created when browsing the Internet.

A cookie is a piece of text that a web server can store on a user's computer. Cookies allow a web site to store information on a user's machine and later retrieve it. The pieces of information are stored as name-value pairs. A good example - a web site generates a unique ID number for each visitor and stores the ID number on each user's machine using a cookie file. When you open a cookie file from your computer, you'll see that each of these files is a simple, normal text file. You can see which web site placed the file on your machine by looking at the file name (the information is also stored inside the file).

The vast majority of sites store just a user ID, but a site can store many name-value pairs if it wants to. A name-value pair is simply a named piece of data. It is not a program, and it cannot do anything. A web site can retrieve only the information that it has placed on your machine. It cannot retrieve information from other cookie files, nor any other information from your machine. A web site can only receive the data it has stored on your machine. It cannot look at any other cookie, nor anything else on your machine.

Cookies work in the following manner (I'll be using a visit to amazon.com for example): You type www.amazon.com into your browser, your browser contacts Amazon's server and request its home page. When the browser does this, it will look on your machine for a cookie file that Amazon has set. If it finds an Amazon cookie file, your browser will send all of the name-value pairs in the file to Amazon's server along with the URL. If it finds no cookie file, it will send no cookie data. Next, Amazon's web server receives the cookie data and the request for a page. If name-value pairs are received, Amazon can use them. If no name-value pairs are received, Amazon knows that you have not visited before. The server creates a new ID for you in Amazon's database and then sends name-value pairs to your machine in the header for the web page it sends. Your machine stores the name-value pairs on your hard drive.

Cookies have evolved because they solve a big problem for the people who implement web sites. Web sites use cookies in many different ways:

- * Determining how many people actually visit the site. It turns out that because of proxy servers, caching, concentrators and so on, the only way for a site to accurately count visitors is to set a cookie with a unique ID for each visitor. Using cookies, sites can determine how many visitors arrive, how many are new versus repeat visitors, even how often a visitor has visited.

- * Sites can store user preferences so that the site can look different for each visitor (often referred to as customization). For example, if you visit msn.com, it offers you the ability to change content/layout/color. It also allows you to enter your zip code and get customized weather information. When you enter your zip code, the info is added to the MSN cookie file and then allows the page to be customized for your unique ID when re-visiting the site.

- * E-commerce sites can implement things like shopping carts and iquick checkout options. The cookie contains an ID and lets the site keep track of you as you add different things to your cart. Each item you add to your shopping cart is stored in the site's database along with your ID value. When you check out, the site knows what is in your cart by retrieving all of your selections from the database. It would be impossible to implement a convenient shopping mechanism without cookies or something like them.

That's all for this month ñ 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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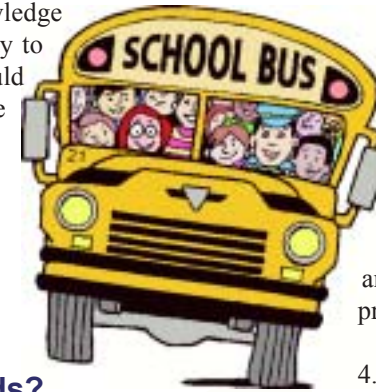
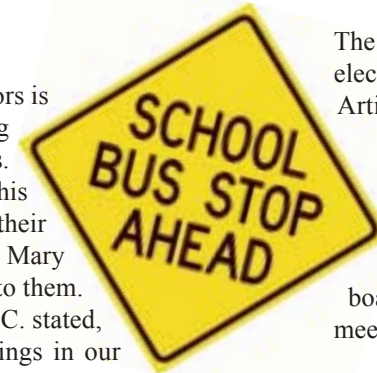


J.C. Feist Seeking Re-election

The KanOkla Annual Meeting is only two months away and election for directors is one item on the agenda. There are three director positions to fill. J.C. Feist is seeking re-election for Director at Large and two positions are vacated due to term limitations. J.C. and his wife, Mary Jo, live in the Manchester area and currently live on the land his Granddad Feist homesteaded. Farming and equipment sales have always been a part of their life. They have three children, Therese, Joe, and Frank, as well as seven grandchildren. Mary Jo and J.C. enjoy being with their kids, grandkids, and family, as family is number one to them.

When asked what changes he had seen while serving on the KanOkla Board, J.C. stated, "The many changes include the extensive use of cell phones, the addition of fiber rings in our territory, the Internet availability to our members, and our computer store. KanOkla strives to stay ahead of the technology curve for our members, yet still service our members that enjoy our traditional core services."

When asked why he wants to be re-elected to the KanOkla Board, J.C. replied, "I believe I gain more knowledge about our company and this industry each year, which helps me be a more effective board member. The opportunity to serve and represent our members is one that I take seriously. If it weren't for our KanOkla members, our company would not exist. If I can be of assistance to you, our members, or if you have ideas that can better serve our members, please do not hesitate to call me."



IMPORTANT PROXY VOTING INFORMATION FOR 2004 ANNUAL MEETING

The November 5, 2004 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 have made the decision to follow the KanOkla's proxy voting procedures, that were initiated last year during the annual meeting and election. It has simplified and clarified the process of using a proxy:

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 4, 2004. 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 4, 2004. 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.)

Please direct your questions to me, Rosie Bernard, your Capital Credit/Membership Representative.

~Rosie Bernard, Capital Credit/Membership Rep.



Proposed Bylaw Amendment Options To Be Voted On At Annual Meeting

The KanOkla Annual Meeting is fast approaching, and the board and employees have been working for some time preparing for it. As Pam wrote in the August Chatter, there will be three director elections held this November, along with the following bylaw amendment options presented by the board for your consideration.

The three districts are Braman, Caldwell/Renfrow, and Director-At-Large. Because of term limits, the Braman and Caldwell/Renfrow seats are open this year. (Jerry Johnston and Dave Lowe will be retiring.)

As presented at this year's town meetings, the board is asking you to approve the following changes to the bylaws:

1. Vote by mail after the Annual Meeting.
 - a. There will be no change to nomination process before the Annual Meeting and we still take nominations from the floor.
 - b. Unfinished and New Business would still be presented at the Annual Meeting. (minutes, reports, bylaws proposals, etc.)
 - c. After the Annual Meeting concludes, we will mail ballots to every member, eliminating the need for proxies. (Ballots will be mailed to a separate agent, and election results announced by mail.)
 - d. These changes allow every member to be heard, whether or not they are able to attend, and would eliminate vote counting at the Annual Meeting!
2. Strengthen director qualifications by adding the following:
 - a. Potential directors must reside within the district for at least two years prior to nomination, and it must be his or her principal residence for 9 months out of each year as director.
 - b. Directors cannot be an employee or close relative of a director or employee.
 - c. Directors cannot be employed by a competing business, even another telephone coop.
 - d. Each year, each director must attend at least 11 board meetings, one continuing education meeting, and one strategic planning session.

The complete bylaws as proposed will be mailed to every member at the same time as the meeting notice. Be sure to put November 5th on your calendar and have your voice be heard. If you have any questions about the director elections or the bylaws, please feel free to contact your district director or me.

~Greg Aldridge, CEO/General Manager

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Anthony Weston Chaney Receives Scholarship

The Oklahoma Telephone Association Foundation (OTAF) was formed in 1993 for the purpose of helping students pursue their academic careers in higher education. In 2002 the Foundation Board of Directors revised the criteria. Scholarships in varying amounts will be awarded to successful applicants who are dependents of employees of Oklahoma based telephone companies. It is intended that such scholarships, available for full-time students attending Oklahoma universities, four and two-year colleges and post secondary career technology curriculums will be awarded.

Anthony Chaney received an OTAF scholarship for the fall semester. He is the son of KanOkla employee Andy and Sandy Chaney. Anthony is attending Northern Oklahoma College this fall pursuing a career in Mechanical Engineering. He attended Oklahoma State University as a freshman. While at OSU Anthony and other freshman classmates were assigned a mechanical engineer project. The team built a rocket glider, which it was, a true team effort. The project consisted of paper work, plus calculating the airtime versus the weight and then to construct the project. The team's effort paid off as they won the competition beating the senior class.

Anthony stated his dad had been a big influence on his passion for building projects. His plan for the future is to land a great job following graduation. He has been offered a job in England after graduation. Anthony currently works at Shepherd's Oil Company. He enjoys working on his jeep and building gadgets with his dad. We wish Anthony a bright and successful future.

~Kim Reilly, Member Relations/Economic Dev. Assistant



Anthony accepting scholarship from KanOkla's CEO/General Manager, Greg Aldridge.



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

September 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14 Blood Drive noon to 5pm at Braman Town Hall.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
October 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Goltry Community Pig Roast at Goltry Gym 5:30pm
3 Fall Soup & Chili Dinner 11:30am-1:30pm at South Haven Community Building	4	5	6	7	8	9 Caldwell Oktoberfest-City wide garage sale and chili/salsa cookoff. Geuda Fest Shoot Out 10am at 718 S. 2nd Street.