



When it comes to personal computing, speed is key ñ everyone wants their computer to load faster, pictures to draw faster, and files to download faster. The problem is, the more you use a PC, the more it tends to slow down. Over time, Windows-based PCs often succumb to a glut of start-up programs, Windows services, and hidden files and templates. Fortunately, a little house cleaning can go a long way in restoring pep to your tired PC. Whether itis sweeping out the Windows Startup folder, optimizing network settings, or using software to clean out the Windows Registry, there is a lot you can do to revive a struggling system. Some tips are easy to follow, such as simply restarting your system.

Here is a sampling of ways you can squeeze every last bit of speed out of your system, without shelling out for new parts (or even a new system).

**Reboot – Often**

Reboot! Windows can run uninterrupted for months at a timeóbut that doesnít mean it should. Depending on the applications and devices you use, Windows over time can grow progressively slower and less stable. Periodically restarting the system lets Windows get a fresh start, often freeing memory and other resources that ill-behaved software and hardware refuse to let go of.

**Take Out The Trash**

Windows saves everything, and I mean everything. Temporary files, browser cache, old program installation filesóyou name it, Windows is probably stashing it on your hard drive. Clear out the detritus with Windows XP Disk Cleanup. Click Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Cleanup to put the program right to work, scanning your drive and looking for files it can delete or compress. In the Disk Cleanup dialog box, check the items you want Windows to delete. You can also click the More Options tab to wring further efficiencies out of your PCófor instance, nuking all but the most recent restore point data, which is used to recover Windows from serious crashes. Run Disk Cleanup every month or so to prevent unused or unnecessary files from taking over your disk. If you want to keep a tight rein on Windowsí temp files going forwardóand improve your personal privacy, to bootódownload IE Privacy Keeper, a free little utility that makes short work of dusting clutter from your disk.

**Speed up menus.**

If the Windows Start menu and other application menus take a moment to appear on screen, you can speed things up by disabling shadows. Right-click an open area of the Windows desktop, click the Appearance tab, and then click the Effects button. Uncheck the Show shadows under menus check box. You can also uncheck the ðUse the following transition effect for menus and tool tipsí checkbox. This disables the fade effect that can sometimes add overhead to menu displays. Click OK and click OK again to adopt the new settings.

We hope these tips will help with your overall computing experience and your access to the Internet. Keep in mind that for any computer maintenance or repairs that might arise, we have a full staff of computer repair technicians available at the KanOkla Store. Weíre ready to assist with any of your computer upgrades or repairs ñ all at affordable rates.

Thanks and have a great week!

-The Whiz

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The winner of the mystery photo was Mona Scribner of Caldwell, KS. She called in with the correct answer, the barn being located on J.R. Carter Farm located by Highway 81. Mona received a \$25 KanOkla gift card.  
 Congratulations Mona!

**Survey Winner**

Robert and Mollie Watts of Hardtner, KS. They won a \$25 KanOkla Gift Card for returning the survey. Congratulations!

**We have a \$50 Winner**

Caldwell Pharmacy of Caldwell, KS won the drawing for paying their bill by the 10th of the month. Congratulations!



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## 2005 Ice Storm Vs. KanOkla DSL

As I write this, we are in the final stages of cleaning up after the 2005 Ice Storm. I would like to explain the interworkings of our remote switching cabinets, and the effect of commercial power outages on the DSL lines provided out of the remotes.

At one point, during the ice storm, we had 45 remotes without power. We were trying to keep 20 generators running at these sites to maintain the batteries, which the remotes are powered by at all times. The commercial power runs the rectifiers, which in turn keeps the batteries fully charged and the remotes on line. We also wired external strings of batteries into the remotes to extend service, in case a generator failed or was stolen.

As those of you that are subscribed to DSL know, the DSL is an always-on connection, verses your regular phone line, which is either on hook or off hook. The fact that the DSL is always on creates the situation of extreme battery drain if the commercial power is disrupted. The new Calix remote switching cabinets automatically disabled the DSL lines ten minutes after the commercial power had gone down to conserve power for your lifeline phone service. In the AFC remotes, we manually disable the DSL lines to conserve power.

We apologize for any service disruptions that you experienced during the storm, but please know that our service technicians and management personnel were on the job around the clock, during the storm and the aftermath, trying to keep all critical services up and running in case of an emergency.

As a member of the KanOkla cooperative, I personally would like to thank the men and women of the KanOkla team that put their lives at risk to maintain communication services to our members. Thanks also to their families for their support during this time.

If you see your local KanOkla Telephone people, please let them know that you appreciate their effort during the Ice Storm of 2005.

~Ed Bernard, Network Administrator



## Keeping Kids Safe On-line

If you have kids who are using the Internet, here are some rules that will help keep them safe. Go over the rules with your children and make sure they understand them, and then post them next to the computer where they will be working.

1. Kids should never give personal information to anyone: such as address, phone number, parent's work addresses/phone number, or the name or location of school without parent's permission.
2. Teach children to tell parents immediately of any information seen on the Internet that makes them feel uncomfortable.
3. Children should never agree to get together with someone they meet on-line without first checking with their parents. If the parents agree to the meeting, make sure that the child meets that person in a public place and brings a mother or father along.
4. Never send a person a picture or anything else without checking with parents.
5. Do not respond to any messages that are mean in any way or make the child feel uncomfortable. It is not their fault if they get a message that has a mean tone or makes them feel uncomfortable. Have children tell their parents immediately so that the parents can contact their service provider.
6. Don't ever give out passwords to anyone.
7. Be a good iNetizen.

(Article taken from the publication The Netlink of ENMR/Plateau Telecommunications of Clovis, N.M.)



Melvin Robertson celebrates 20 years of service for KanOkla. Congratulations Melvin!



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### Town Meeting Dates

South Haven Town Meeting - March 2, 2005 - South Haven Community Building-6:00pm  
Goltry Town Meeting - March 8, 2005 - Goltry Community Center-Noon  
Mayfield Town Meeting - March 10, 2005 - Mayfield Community Center-6:00pm

\*69 ñ Automatic Recall ñ Returns calls to the last number that called you, whether you answered the phone or not! This feature automatically redials the most recent incoming call or call attempt. If the line is busy, it will monitor the line for 30 minutes in an attempt to establish the call



Cameo LaRoe took the Valentine photo on the front page. She is from the South Haven area.

Thank you Cameo!

Be looking for this postcard with the date of the town meeting near you!



### Beginning of 2005 Keeps KanOkla "Remotely" Busy

Hi again, I will give you a little run down of what we have been doing in KanOkla Country. I think we have found out again how winter weather can slow us down. On the morning of Jan 5<sup>th</sup> we had 45 remotes without electricity. The men started hauling generators and batteries out to the remote sites and hooked them up. They continued fueling the generators and hauling batteries for three days and nights. The electric companies had quite a bit of help from other electric companies, even from other states. By Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> we had only one remote out of electricity in the Freeport-Danville area.

We have been working at setting up dates for the 2005 town meetings. We plan on having meetings at Danville, Mayfield, South Haven, Hardtner, and Goltry this year. We will be sending out notices of the dates as soon as we get them set. Plan on coming if you possibly can. We plan on cooking you a hamburger this year and having someone from every department there so you can see what we actually do.

The construction on the 2004 project is up and working, but the contractors have miles of clean up to be done. Our men have been hooking up the remotes, which means more of you can have a higher speed Internet. The contractors have started on the 2005 project. The contractors started at Waldron and will be headed toward Manchester. We will be offering high speed Internet to all of you by the end of 2005. Give us a call if you want more information on the projects

If you happen to come through Caldwell stop in and see us if you can.

~Dick Cantrell, Assistant General Manager



### KanOkla's Coloring Contest Winners

The random drawing winners for KanOkla's FirstLook Area Wide Directory coloring contest are Karlee Schmidt of Caldwell and Shelby Campbell of Anthony. Karlee and Shelby's names were drawn randomly from all the children who submitted a picture in the Color for Cash contest. Each of them will receive a \$50 cash reward. The KanOkla FirstLook Directory will include randomly selected colored pictures to be featured in the Yellow Pages section of its April 2005 issue.

Karlee's teacher, Mrs. Fitch of Caldwell Elementary and Shelby's teacher, Miss Carr of Anthony Elementary will each receive \$50.

KanOkla realizes that the children of Kansas and Oklahoma are one of our greatest assets. Therefore, we are proud to highlight the talents of our young artists. Be sure and look for their pictures in the KanOkla FirstLook Directory in April.



Karlee Schmidt and Lori Fitch.

February 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14 Valentine Give-a-way in Hardtner	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Mayfield Men's Annual Sausage Dinner 5pm-7pm at Mayfield Gym
27	28					
March 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 South Haven Town Meeting-6:00pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Goltry Town Meeting-Noon	9	10 Mayfield Town Meeting-6:00pm	11	12