



Trading Spaces.....the rest of the story!

Last month we began the story of how Brad and Robbie Rieger of rural Oklahoma flew to New York City to participate in the Trading Spaces new show, Town and Country. The Town and Country series takes a couple from a big city and has them decorate a room in the country, during the same time, the country couple will decorate a room in the city.



The New York City couple was Jim and Liz Connley of Manhattan. They have two children ages two and six. I went to visit Robbie to see how their living room turned out. The Riegers asked that the living room be practical and rustic. The Connleys worked with Trading Spaces decorator Frank Bielec and carpenter Faber Dewar. They built a new coffee table, framed the doors and windows with barn wood, and built an entertainment center and picture frames out of barn wood. I'm sure Frank had a hand in crafting a wreath out of old, rusty barbed wire. The Riegers also got a new couch, several accessories, and a new dining room table and chairs. A set of new curtains and pillows were sewn. All this is set in a room freshly painted in the color "wheat". Robbie is happy and feels comfortable with what they got.

In New York City, Brad and Robbie worked with Trading Spaces decorator Laura Day and carpenter Carter Oosterhouse on the Conley's bedroom. A curtain in an open loft apartment partitions off their bedroom.



room and becoming friends with Jim and Liz Connley. She enjoys keeping in touch with them by email.

Be sure and tune in to TLC's Town and Country show to see the Rieger's home on Saturday evening, June 4th.



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Survey Winner

Sue Boatright of Mayfield, KS won a \$25 KanOkla Gift Card for returning the survey. Congratulations!

We have a \$50 Winner

Emil Severin of Goltry, OK won the drawing for paying his bill by the 10th of the month. Congratulations!




KanOkla Scholarship Winners Announced

In 1994, KanOkla began their scholarship program in an effort to offer young people from rural areas the chance to pursue opportunities in higher education. This is the twelfth year for the KanOkla Telephone Scholarship Program. The program offers eight \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors whose parents are members of the Cooperative. Out of the twenty-four applications received, this year's recipients are: Skyler Boatright of Argonia High School, Cayla Potts of Caldwell High School, Maly Almond of Caldwell High School, Kellen Hughes of South Haven High School, Kalli Lathers of South Haven High School, Greg Panach of Braman High School, Rod Heasty of Wellington High School, and Joshua Worman of Timberlake High School.



University. With this degree I hope to eventually become accepted as an agent for the FBI."

Cayla Potts is the daughter of Thomas Potts of Flagstaff, AZ and Lisa Tyler of Caldwell, KS. She was also awarded one of the KanOkla Telephone Kansas Academic Scholarships. Cayla will be pursuing a career as a Medical-Nurse Practitioner at the University of Kansas. "My plan is to attend the University of Kansas, get my nursing degree and go on to get my nurse practitioner's license. I would like to work in a rural community if the opportunity is available," wrote Cayla.



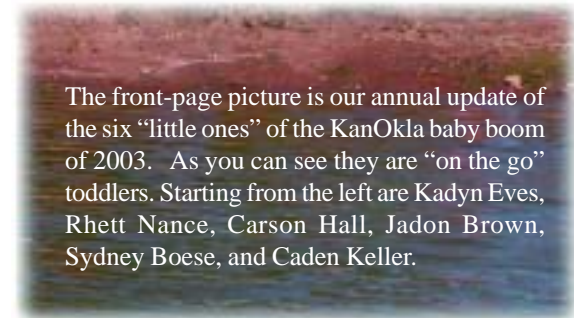
Graphics. She wrote, "I feel that I have a solid educational goal in my immediate future. I know the importance of a higher education."

Kellen Hughes is the son of David and Kelly Hughes of Braman, OK. He was also awarded one of the KanOkla Telephone Oklahoma Academic Scholarships. Kellen is planning to attend Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi to study Marine Biology. "This has always been a dream of mine that I know I will fulfill. Knowing the difficulty of going to this school is what has pushed me throughout my educational career. I am proud to say that I always work hard in school and always strive to do my best," he wrote. Kellen represented KanOkla at the 2004 FRS Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.



bachelor's. After all my schooling is finished I would love to find a job in the area, so that I can stay close to my family and friends."

Greg Panach is the son of Jim and Beverly Panach of Braman, OK. He was awarded the KanOkla Telephone Oklahoma Vocational Scholarship. Greg is planning to study Welding at Cowley County College. "My educational goals are to obtain an associate's degree in applied science from Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas. After I receive my associate's degree, I hope to work in an area that will lead me to owning my own welding shop," wrote Greg.



The front-page picture is our annual update of the six "little ones" of the KanOkla baby boom of 2003. As you can see they are "on the go" toddlers. Starting from the left are Kadyne Eves, Rhett Nance, Carson Hall, Jadon Brown, Sydney Boese, and Caden Keller.

Rod Heasty is the son of Daryl and Debbie Heasty of Mayfield, KS. He was awarded the KanOkla Telephone Kansas Random Drawing Scholarship. Rod plans to attend Kansas State University. He wrote, "My educational goals when I enter college are: 1) to obtain a degree that will allow me to succeed in life, 2) maintain a 3.5 GPA, 3) to be involved in numerous extra-curricular activities in college."



Northwestern Oklahoma State University to pursue a career in Microbiology and Pediatric Neurosurgery. "I have chosen a career in Pediatrics because I have a soft spot for children. I had a little brother born with spinal bifida who died. I want to help kids to be able to experience their childhood," wrote Joshua.

KanOkla congratulates all the scholarship recipients and hopes these \$1,000 scholarships help them achieve their goals! KanOkla is proud of the quality of youth found in our rural communities and wish them all the best of luck in their college plans.



KanOkla Community Service Award

KanOkla would like to request that area clubs or organizations nominate someone from their community for the 2005 KanOkla Community Service Award. Last year's winner was Karen Sturm of Caldwell, KS.

It was evident by the number of applications we received last year that we have several worthy individuals whom have given their time and talents to make our communities better places to live. Please take a few minutes to nominate that one person whom is a great volunteer, leader, and worker.

It is a great opportunity to honor these individuals, and also the communities in which they live. Call Pam or Kim to get an application for the 2005 KanOkla Community Service Award. Applications are due August 1, 2005.



2005 PRIMO Scholarship Winners Announced

PRIMO (Public Relations Independent Marketing Organization) and KanOkla Telephone offered three \$500 scholarships to any undergraduate student attending an accredited Kansas university, college, or technical school.

Preference was given to students majoring in Marketing, Public Relations, or any telecommunications field. KanOkla received five PRIMO scholarship applications. The top two applications were then sent to the PRIMO scholarship committee. The committee had a total of twenty-three applications from thirteen independent telephone companies across Kansas to choose from.

Pam Schneider, Member Relations/Economic Development Representative for KanOkla served as chairperson on the PRIMO scholarship committee. She stated, "The committee was thrilled with the response we received in the fourth year in offering the PRIMO scholarships. I'm proud that the youth of our communities are working towards a higher education and that KanOkla is willing to back this program."

The winners for the fourth annual PRIMO \$500 Scholarship are as follows:

- Andrea Inslee of Sharon, KS. Andrea plans to attend Kansas State University. She will be an incoming freshman majoring in Business Marketing. SC Telcom of Medicine Lodge is her local telephone company.
- Dustin Hatfield of Wamego, KS. Dustin will be an incoming freshman at Kansas State University. He will be majoring in Information Systems. Wamego Telecommunications Co., Inc. is his local telephone company.
- Lindsay Schneider of Caldwell, KS. Lindsay will be a senior at Emporia State University. Her major is Information Resource Studies. KanOkla Telephone Association is her local telephone company.

FRS Awards Scholarships

The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association's (NTCA's) Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) awarded 25 scholarships valued at \$2,500 to rural youth across the United States.

NTCA is the premier association representing 600 locally owned and controlled telecommunications cooperatives and commercial companies throughout rural and small-town America. KanOkla Telephone of Caldwell is a member of NTCA and had agreed to provide a \$500 scholarship match to the Foundation's \$2,000 if one of the winning students was from this area.

"We are thrilled to offer this program to the seniors in our area. It is one of our objectives to assist our young people with the resources to continue their education," said Greg Aldridge, KanOkla's CEO/General Manager.

A list of winners is available at www.frs.org.

Foundation for Rural Services



Alan Celebrating 20 years!

Alan Van Horn will celebrate his twentieth anniversary with KanOkla in June. Alan is System Administrator, which means he oversees the operation of all the Central Offices in the KanOkla service area. Alan, along with his department, maintain the switching, transmissions, data circuits, and upgrade of equipment. He is also responsible for managing the KanOkla Headquarters computers and networking. Alan's expertise allows KanOkla customers to have top-notch communication services.

Alan and his wife Angie reside in Anthony Kansas. Congratulations, Alan!

ALERT...SCAMS ARE REAL

At any given moment, there is somebody out there who is trying to get somebody else's money through less-than-honest means. Here are a few safety tips regarding solicitors:

- Do not give out personal information by phone or Internet unless you know who you're talking to.
- If you are contacted by anyone soliciting bank or credit card information, ask the solicitors whom they represent, what their addresses are and if they have a phone number so that you can verify who they are.
- Individuals and organizations engaged in legitimate business will not object to providing this information.
- Remember, it's your identity and credit you are protecting.



If the deal offered sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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