



Is it time to choose a new browser? When you think of browsing the Internet, what's the first icon you look for? For most, it's been a familiar "big blue 'e'" that's conveniently located on your computer's desktop - Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE). But there's a relatively new alternative available that could provide a better browsing experience AND help protect your computer.

The first non-beta version of Mozilla Firefox, a new browser produced by a group of volunteer software engineers called the Mozilla Foundation, was released as a free download (available at [www.mozilla.org](http://www.mozilla.org)) in November 2004.

Web users eager for an IE alternative have scooped up more than 20 million copies by January, quickly nibbling at Microsoft's share of the browser market. Studies vary, but one market researcher reported that from December 1 until mid-January 2005, IE's market share dipped 1.5 percent while Firefox's rose 0.9 percent to 5 percent. Considering that Internet Explorer's share was 95.5 percent in June 2004 and stood at 90.3 in January 2005, it's clear a change is underway.

So what's behind the switch? It can be explained in part because of the frustration with IE. Hackers have long exploited IE's security flaws, necessitating Microsoft to issue software fixes via its Windows Update website. In fact, the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team reported last June that computer users should consider switching to an alternative browser to avoid IE's security flaws.

Firefox is considered more secure, meaning spyware and adware are more easily kept at bay. Also, Firefox doesn't support VBScript and ActiveX controls, hackers' virus transport of choice when attacking Microsoft projects. On the downside, no ActiveX support means websites using ActiveX cannot be displayed properly in the Firefox interface.

In addition, it seems computer users are finding Firefox the first truly viable Internet Explorer alternative. There are other browsers available, but their market share has long languished in the low single digits. Firefox has a lean download size, a mere 6.2 megabytes (MB), compared with IE's up to 75MB, which includes features and add-ons from Microsoft's business partners that few want.

Once installed, Firefox's big selling points are easy-to-navigate features and a tabbed browsing interface, which lets you open multiple websites in one window—each accessible with a single click—rather than opening a new window for each website.

Another powerful feature is the highly-flexible customizable search bars built into the interface, allowing you one-click access to search engines and even non-search websites (such as eBay and Amazon) that can be easily added and removed.

Go ahead and find out for yourself - point your current browser to [www.mozilla.org](http://www.mozilla.org) and find out for yourself if Firefox could be your new favorite web browser.

**KanOkla Annual Meeting  
November 4, 2005**

Caldwell High School Gym  
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Business Meeting at 7pm

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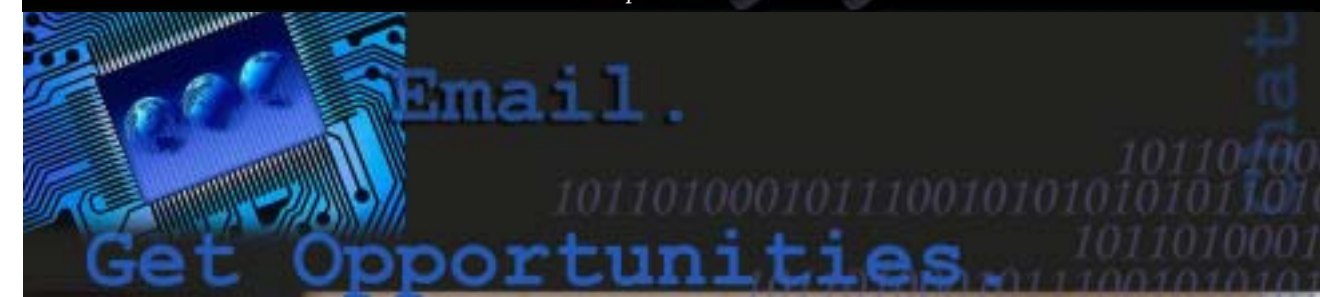
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**Survey Winner**

S.C. Fischer of Jet, OK  
won a \$25 KanOkla Gift Card  
for returning the survey.  
Congratulations!

**We have a \$50 Winner**

Timothy Reynolds  
of Danville, KS  
won the drawing for paying  
his bill by the 10th of the month.  
Congratulations!



**Bannister Seeking Re-election for District Three**



Scott Bannister is currently the KanOkla Director for District Three and is seeking re-election to represent the Corbin and Mayfield area. Scott is presently the Vice-President of Caldwell State Bank. Scott and his wife DeAnne reside on a farm in the Corbin area. DeAnne is a homemaker and helps her father, Bill Oathout, with the farm southwest of Caldwell that was homesteaded by her great grandfather during the Cherokee Land Rush. Scott and DeAnne have three children: Robbin, a freshman at Kansas State University, Abbey, a sophomore at Caldwell High School, and Callie, a first grader at Caldwell Elementary.

Scott enjoys volunteering at his church and in the community. He likes to fish, hunt, and work in the yard and garden. He enjoys watching football and he keeps special attention on the Kansas State Wildcat football team.

Scott has been an active member of the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce for six years. He currently is serving on the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce Heritage Park Committee. Scott is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Wellington, Kansas and has served on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee for three years. He is an ordained elder and served for nine years on the Sessions of the Presbyterian churches in Colby and Garden City, Kansas. He is President of the Caldwell Lions Club (2<sup>nd</sup> non-consecutive term). He is also a member of the Kansas Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. He is a district member on the Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative-Members Helping Members/Operation Roundup Committee. Scott is a lifetime member of the Kansas State University Alumni Association.

Scott was asked what changes he has seen while serving on the KanOkla Board. Scott stated, "Over the last three years I have seen and been involved in the many ongoing changes at KanOkla. KanOkla has achieved 99% DSL Internet availability to our KanOkla territory customers. We continue to plow in more miles of fiber optic cable each year to provide advanced high tech services now and in the future to our members. We have expanded our wireless Internet business in both KanOkla and non-KanOkla service areas. Recently, we cut our long distance and Internet rates and bundled these products to allow even greater cost savings to our members. Our wholesale Internet business has grown approximately 54.5 % in the last three years adding approximately 3,055 new Internet customers. In March of this year we entered into a new partnership with Pioneer Enid Cellular and Sprint to re-enter the cellular telephone business and provide much needed improved service and coverage for our KanOkla members and customers. The improved network in the KanOkla service area should be completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2006 and the entire project is scheduled for completion in approximately the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007."

When asked why he wanted to run for re-election for District Three, Scott commented, "I will be completing my first three year term as a director on the KanOkla board and my first year as the President of the board. I am extremely excited in the direction KanOkla is going. The current board, CEO, management team, KanOkla employees and the nature of our business, make KanOkla an exciting and dynamic organization to be involved with. People ask me why I devote so much time to being on the KanOkla Board; first of all, it would not be possible if I did not have the support of my family and the owners, President, employees and customers of the Caldwell State Bank. KanOkla members have made an investment in my training and education to serve on the board, and I would like the opportunity to continue to use my training, educations, and abilities, along with the other directors and management team, to guide and direct KanOkla in the ever-changing world of telecom and technology. I also realize the importance of KanOkla to our member communities and employees. In my opinion, we must keep KanOkla on the cutting edge of technology, we must continue to grow, and at the same time we have to keep KanOkla on sound financial basis by being fiscally responsible."

**WHAT ARE CAPITAL CREDITS?**

**HOW ARE THEY EARNED?**

**WHO GETS MY CAPITAL CREDITS WHEN I DIE?**

Do you know the answer to these questions? You should, because they affect you financially!!!

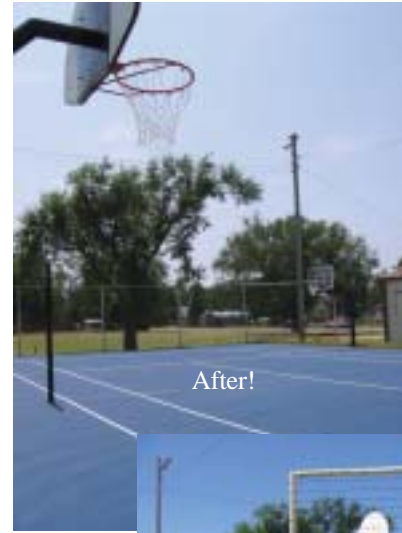
**WHAT ARE CAPITAL CREDITS?** They are your portion of the profit of the Association. The Association is a cooperative. Capital credits are explained in the by-laws, which can be found in your KanOkla Telephone Assn. phone book under Article 7 Sec 1&2.

**HOW ARE THEY EARNED?** Each year your share of the profit is figured by comparing your *Patronage* to the *Margin* of the *Association*. Each time you use your phone you are making business for your phone company and building your Capital Credits. This *Capital* is then deposited into your Capital Credit Account, where it stays until the Board of Directors authorize payment of the refund.

**WHO GETS MY CAPITAL CREDITS WHEN I DIE?** Your heirs-at-law or to whom you have assigned your capital credits to. Completed paperwork must be presented to the Board of Director for payment and by their approval it is paid in a lump sum. It does not automatically go to your spouse.

**SO**, if you want to designate who receives this lump sum of money you need to do a Life Estate Reserved Assignment. I can send paperwork to you for signatures and completion or you can stop by the office at 100 KanOkla Ave anytime to do the assignment.

~ROSIE BERNARD, CAPITAL CREDIT/MEMBERSHIP REP.



After!



Tennis/Basketball court before...

**Hardtner Focusing on the Future**

When the South Barber Middle School closed, the Hardtner community accepted the closing as a challenge to look at the opportunities that acquiring the building could bring to the community. The first step was to establish The Hardtner Community Foundation as a 501c3 non-profit organization. The foundation was established to become the parent company for the Turner Youth Initiative, the people of Hardtner, and the surrounding area.

Before acquiring the building, the foundation established a fund to be used to continue the upkeep of the lawn, general maintenance, equipment, insurance and development for the building. A pledge drive was started with the Turner Youth Initiative pledging \$10,000, the KanOkla Community Development & Assistance Program granted \$10,000, and pledges from various other individuals.

The Hardtner Community Foundation was able to purchase the building and provides management of the building now called the Hardtner Community Center. Their mission statement is: "The Hardtner Community Foundation will partner with residents of Hardtner and the surrounding communities to promote economic development, provide community services, and support recreational activities.

During this time, various community members and the Turner Youth Initiative began exploring various ways to put the building to use. In July of 2004, the first community foundation board meeting was held. The building was divided into community service rooms and economic development rooms.

The community service rooms now include a room designated for a community kitchen, a community meeting room and the gym. The gym has been used for the Open House Carnival, the alumni banquet, a small business fair, a dodge ball tournament, the United Methodist Valentine Dinner, a school play by home schooled children and three funerals.

In the economic development section, there is a room for babysitting, Jamie Sternburger has "Barefoot Friends" art studio and gallery, the Hardtner Alumni Museum, the Hardtner Food Bank, the Hardtner Chamber of Commerce, Star Roberson has "Stars Above & Beyond" craft room, Sandy Pierce has the SLP Fitness Center, and the Hardtner Family Physicians with Dr. Sid Stranathan and Rita Bonetti ARNP.

The Turner Youth Initiative has "Our Place" in the basement with a TV, video games, comfy chairs and couches and a weight machine. They had a Super Bowl Party and occasionally have a movie night.

The 2005 project was to provide more recreational facilities for the youth of the community. The foundation applied for the KanOkla Community Development & Assistance Program to redo the existing outdoor basketball court. The project expanded the basketball court to offer tennis, volleyball, badminton, roller hockey, paddle tennis and basketball.

Future plans are to air condition the gym and add a community learning center. It is truly amazing that a small community of approximately 180 people has focused on using a building as large as the school for the community and as an economic development tool.

~Pam Schneider, Member Relations/Economic Development



**2005 Annual Meeting**

It's hard to believe, but KanOkla's 2005 Annual Meeting is less than two months from now. Most of the meeting will be handled the same, with one major difference: director elections will be held by mail.

Don't let this discourage you from attending the Annual Meeting on November 4! The following items still take place at the meeting:

- Nominations are being handled the same as before. Committees will present their nominees, and nominees from the floor will be allowed.
- Nominees will have the opportunity to give a speech.
- Unfinished and New Business will be presented. (Minutes, financial reports, etc.)
- A delicious meal will be provided, along with prizes and local entertainment.

The meeting will then be adjourned, and ballots will be mailed to all KanOkla members within ten business days. Biographical information about each nominated candidate will also be included in the mailing. The ballots must then be received by Kennedy and Coe in Anthony, Kansas on or before 5:00PM on December 7. As soon as the results are known, members will be notified by mail, and the new director terms will begin January 1.

This new process allows every member to vote on the candidates, and eliminates vote counting at the meeting. The official meeting notices will go out in October. It will still be an informative and enjoyable evening, so I hope you can join us.

~Greg Aldridge, KanOkla CEO



Hardtner Community Center



**Jennifer Celebrates 10 Years!**

Jennifer Brown celebrates ten years with KanOkla. Jennifer is currently the Billing Representative. She oversees billing operations such as transmitting/retrieving billing information, the balancing of daily cash, and answers any customer questions concerning their bill.

Jennifer and husband, Jimmy, live on a farm west of town, which was the home place of her grandparents. Jennifer's most important job title is "Mom" as she is the mother of three children, Justin, Jadon, and Jacelyn.

**Justin Celebrates 5 Years!**

Justin Mayo, alias "The Whiz", celebrates his five-year anniversary this month with KanOkla. He is the Application Systems Analyst and Designer, which he modifies and designs systems for various Internet use to meet the needs of our customers. He also analyzes advertising, gives ad design direction, and makes recommendations. Justin gives input for any help desk problem solving.

Justin and his wife, Kara, reside in Bluff City, Kansas with their two girls, Micah and Delaney.



Jenni and Kelly

**KanOkla Wedding Bells**

Jenni Zitsch, Help Desk Coordinator, married Kelly Conrady on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at The Candlelight Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Jenni and Kelly Conrady enjoyed a honeymoon while at Las Vegas. They reside in Caldwell, KS where they are redecorating their two-story home. Congratulations Jenni and Kelly!



Justin and Kara

September 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Geuda Springs Slate Valley Baptist Church-Garage Sale 8am-2pm
18	19	20	21	22	23 Braman Bash Festival & Alumni Reunion-all day event	24 Braman Bash Festival & Alumni Reunion-all day event
25	26	27	28	29	30	
October 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Geuda Fest all day event in Geuda Springs, KS Oktoberfest in Caldwell, KS 9am-2pm Goltry Pig Roast at the Goltry Gym 5pm