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KanOkla Networks is Committed to Assisting Our Communities

KanOkla is pleased to offer several programs to help sustain our member communities.

- The Community Development & Assistance Program is a dollar for dollar match of funds raised for a specific project. These projects have benefitted fire departments, cities, fairs, parks, schools, libraries, etc.
- In 2011 the School & Library Assistance Program was added so schools and libraries wouldn't have to compete for community funds.
- The City Assistance Program for Unsafe Structures was added in 2015.
- Potential grant opportunities may be available.
- There are other avenues that KanOkla can help in growing our communities through local commerce.
- Revolving Loan Funds - 0% interest loans for up to ten years available to qualifying community and new/existing business projects. We administer these funds in partnership with USDA.
- Grow Our Own - Help entrepreneurs gather resources, create a business plan and look into funding opportunities.

KanOkla's board recently approved a revolving loan fund for Christine and Ryan Mayo to open a bakery/coffee shop on Main Street in Caldwell. Christine's favorite form of art is baking. She is very creative and detailed oriented. She stated, "To me, Pekarna will be something in town that all ages can enjoy-but also something that this younger generation is lacking in town-a place for them to congregate." The Mayo's plan to bring a modern charm in the bakery/coffee shop to the historic downtown of Caldwell. We are proud to be working with them to make their dream come true. We wish them luck in their new venture. Check out the Pekarna FB page at facebook.com/PekarnaCoffeeandBakery.

Redefining Rural Technology

Eric Eaton, Marketing Manager

Pam Schneider, Chief Business Dev. Officer

KanOkla Internet is Growing!

In 2002, KanOkla Networks developed a fixed wireless internet network to offer a new service outside the traditional phone footprint. That area was Medford, Oklahoma. Since then, the tower numbers have continued to increase. Currently there are 46 towers supporting over 3,400 Internet subscribers.

As the need and uses for more bandwidth grows, so does the demand on the equipment. The Internet Technicians are monitoring each tower, the amount of bandwidth utilized, capacity for each tower, growth opportunities, as well as equipment to offer the best Internet experience over a wireless connection.

The latest addition to the service area is new towers in An- dover and White Water. Also 2 towers added to help the Yoder and Haven areas. To see if you qualify, check out the coverage map at KanOkla.com.

As always, a site test at your location is free, free equipment and unlimited data usage. Check out the new contract plans at http://www.kanokla.com/broadband-wireless-internet, offering more speed for less money. To get on the schedule, call 866-526-6552 or email support@kanokla.com.

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The 2018 KanOkla Tailgate was another success for Caldwell and South Haven football fans. The grillers, Michael Harding, Paul Shore, Brian Lewellen, and Josh Lee grilled and flipped 528 hamburgers. They handed off to the “line of assembly” consisting of Marcy Bredengerd, Barb Schlottig, Lacy Turek, Karla Davis, Debbie Koch, Leah Sparks-Eakes, and Kim Reilly to place cheese, and wrap in record time. The hamburgers were handed off to football fans with a KanOkla frisbee by Eric Eaton to complete the play. There being no intentional grounding or fumbles all 528 hamburgers were touchdowns! Kim Reilly, Public Relations Coordinator

Gayla Hudson Retires
After 27 years, Gayla Hudson has retired as Executive Assistant at KanOkla Networks. Gayla’s career began in August of 1991 as a Front Desk Receptionist. While in this position, Gayla learned the basics of the telephone industry very quickly. Gayla reflected, “the minute you walk into those front doors as an employee, you have stepped into another world. Most people don’t think about a rural telephone company actually working on national and international levels. I know, I didn’t!”

Gayla worked the front desk for three years before being hired as Executive Assistant, working with then General Manager/CEO, Greg Aldridge, and the Board of Directors. Gayla and Greg worked with many board members through the next 22 years, all of whom brought many different ideas and perspectives to the company. Gayla became an invaluable asset with her years of experience at KanOkla, organizational knowledge, and honest personality.

Following Greg’s departure, Gayla worked for the new CEO, Dana Pierce, for two years before his retirement in early 2018. She then was there for the beginning of Jill Kuehny’s role as the CEO of KanOkla Networks. She stated, “I learned so much from each one of these leaders. They each brought their own style and skills to the executive office, and I take with me a lot of what they taught me about this industry and the business world in general.” Gayla will now be concentrating on her growing grandchildren and their activities in school and athletics. She stated she can’t wait to begin the South Central Border League ‘travel destination’ club! Gayla also plans to do some traveling with family and friends, finishing some long-delayed yard and home projects, and enjoying weeks full of Saturdays!

Gayla remarked, “I have always been thankful that KanOkla came into my life, and I always will be grateful for the opportunities it afforded my family for the past 27 years. Thanks to my professional career, I have met many people and established some great friendships, both at KanOkla, and across the United States. It has been a wonderful 27-year experience filled with many memories. Now it’s time to make some new memories!”

The company is grateful for the dedication and knowledge Gayla brought for so many wonderful years. Everyone at KanOkla Networks wants to wish Gayla all the happiness and excitement that retirement can bring.

Leah Sparks-Eakes, Executive Assistant