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2012 Customer Appreciation

County Fair Time

Craw-Kan supported local 4-H families in Cherokee, Bourbon, Linn, and Crawford counties by purchasing live-stock.

Board of Directors

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2013 Craw-Kan Scholarship Recipients

Brytton Strickler
Crest (Colony)

Austin Eggbert
Girard

Victoria Sears
Hume

Sammy Brooks
Northeast (Arma)

Karesa Lewis
Pleasanton

Audey Hamblin
Southeast (Cherokee)

Paige Stainbrook
Uniontown



Craw-Kan Scholarships

We are proud to announce the winners of the 2013 Craw-Kan Scholarships. A college bound senior student from each high school located in a Craw-Kan Telephone exchange was selected and awarded a \$500 scholarship to be used in pursuit of their educational goals. Winners were selected by Craw-Kan's board of directors based on academic achievements, extracurricular participation, and civic involvement.



2012 Craw-Kan Scholarship recipient
Mason Coffman, Pleasanton.

Congratulations to 2013 Craw-Kan Scholarship winners!

Customer Appreciation Day

Our annual customer appreciation day is scheduled for Friday September 13th from 11 am- 2 pm. Once again, the Craw-Kan grill-masters will be firing up the charcoal and serving up a local favorite, Schroeder's sausages! Let us show you how much we appreciate your patronage with a free lunch including grilled sausages and burgers, chips, and drinks. Radio station KKOW 96.9 "The KOW" will be doing a live remote, spinning some country tunes, and helping us give away some cool prizes! In the past we have given away Branson trips, Branson show tickets, KC Royals tickets, shirts, hats, and lots more. Don't miss out! We love our members and we want to say THANK YOU! Come have lunch with us and let us say thank you! And YES we WILL also be grilling onions again this year.



Can't Make It For Lunch?

If you can't make it to join us for lunch, make sure and tear off and mail us the back page of the newsletter (the address block section) to be entered to win a \$25 Chili's Gift Card! To be entered to win, remove and mail the back flap of the newsletter by October 1st 2013 to:



Craw-Kan Telephone
Customer Appreciation Drawing
PO Box 100
Girard, Kansas 66743

National Do Not Call Registry

Managed by the Federal Trade Commission, the DNC registry gives you an opportunity to limit the telemarketing calls you receive. After you place your telephone number on the Registry, most telemarketers will be required to remove your number from their call lists and may not call you. However, you may still receive calls from political organizations, charities, telephone surveyors, or companies with which you have an existing business relationship.

You can register by calling toll free 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236), from the number you wish to register. You may also go to www.donotcall.gov if you have a working email address. Registration is free.

Online Bill Pay



Call our office today at 620-724-8235 to setup online bill pay for your account to have the convenience of paying after hours.

Hepler Rodeo

Craw-Kan sponsored the Mutton Bustin' event at the 2013 Hepler Ruritan Rodeo with a grand prize of an 8gb iPod Touch. Many area kids competed in the event and were entered in a drawing to win the iPod supplied by Craw-Kan. Look for the winner in our next newsletter.

Faster on Fiber

Residential fiber to the home customers can now get up to 50 Mbps with CK Web Ultimate. Call our buisness office to upgrade!

Craw-Kan Director Positions

Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative has a board of nine directors each serving a three year term. Elections are staggered, according to our By-Laws whereby three director positions are up for election each year at the Craw-Kan Annual Meeting held in October. A nominating committee, appointed by the current directors in August, will meet in early September to make nominations for the three positions to be voted on at the Annual Meeting of Members in October. Voting at the Annual Meeting is by secret ballot. The By-Laws allow nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting and any member desiring to vote for a candidate nominated from the floor at the meeting shall write in the name of such candidate beneath the candidates nominated by the committee. Each voting member of the Cooperative present in person at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for three candidates. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes at such meeting shall be declared elected as Directors. For more detailed information on the election of Directors see Article IV of the By-Laws in the front of the Directory.

The Craw-Kan By-Laws state in Section 4.3 “Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a Director of cooperative who:

- Resides in the geographic area served by the Cooperative.
- Is not an employee of cooperative or in any way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or maintaining communication facilities. However, the Board may grant exceptions for 'de minimus' competing enterprises.
- Is not closely related to an incumbent Director or an employee of Cooperative.
- Whose election would not establish a majority of directors to represent any one exchange area.
- Whose election would not establish a majority of more than one director to represent either the rural or urban areas.

If you would be interested in having the nominating committee consider you for nomination, your application will be presented to the nomination committee. Please send the following information to the General Manager, P.O. Box 100, Girard, KS 66743 **no later than September 1, 2013**:

Information Required:

Name, address and telephone number.
Work experience.
Short paragraph stating why you would be interested in being a director.

Local Service Rates For Telephone Service

Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is a telecommunications provider who provides basic and enhanced services within its service territory. Basic services are offered at various rates depending on the state and location where you receive service. Customers have access to long distance, directory assistance, and operator service providers of their choice, at rates established by those carriers. Emergency 911 Services are provided and a surcharge is assessed at governmental rates. If you have any questions regarding the Company's services you can visit the business office located at: 200 N. Ozark St., Girard, KS 66743 or by calling 800-362-0316.



Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook to learn about our web exclusive deals and to be eligible for special giveaways not available anywhere else. facebook.com/crawkan

SEK Classifieds

Craw-Kan has officially launched **SEK Classifieds at sekclassifieds.com**. The idea was simple; launch a website to put together area buyers and sellers and give them the added benefit of displaying their listings directly to Craw-Kan CKtv SEK Classifieds Channel 15 automatically - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We have recently taken it a step further and partnered with Hometown Girard to add SEK Classifieds listings to the printed newspaper as well as online at hometowngirard.com. SEK Classifieds has nearly 350 registered users, and new items are listed daily. SEK Classifieds



is completely FREE! Check it out! www.sek-classifieds.com and search for SEK Classifieds on Facebook.



Crawford County Sheriff’s Department: Technology Overhaul

In recent months, **Craw-Kan has worked very hard** to help provide a number of technology solutions to the Crawford County Sheriff’s Department in an effort to streamline the way they use information technology. Incoming Sheriff Dan Peak is committed to full deployment and utilization of technology in the completion of his department’s mission. We have completed a number of projects ranging from a new website to providing repair services for deputy laptops. Here is a list of a few of the projects we have completed for the Sheriff’s department.

- Installed a high-speed facility-wide managed wifi network
- Set up and host new departmental email system
- Provide server co-location services for department owned servers
- Engineered and installed closed circuit inmate monitoring system
- Designed new public website www.crsoks.org
- Designed employee internal communications website
- Manage and maintain servers, PCs, laptops, and network equipment
- Provide general IT support and training
- Installing network for inmate visitation kiosks
- Installed and configured new commercial grade firewall for the department

Lifeline

You may be eligible to receive a discount on your monthly local telephone bill through the Lifeline Program. You are eligible if you receive any of the following: Food Stamps, General Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Medicaid, United Tribes Food Distribution Program, BIA General Assistance, Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (only those meeting its income qualifying standard), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Free School Lunch Program, 135% of the Federal Poverty Level. For more information about the Lifeline Program, call your local telephone service provider. Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. customers may call 800-362-0316.

Med Alert

A Craw-Kan Medical Alert Phone is a must for elderly or disabled persons. In an emergency situation, the wearer simply pushes the easy to access button on the neck pendant, and the medical alert telephone instantly dials a list of up to four telephone numbers. Emergency 911 services, a loved one, a trusted friend, or all three can be dialed. Call today for details!

Call Before You Dig
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Missouri 800-344-7483
Oklahoma 800-362-0318