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INC.**



**THE CRAW-KAN  
CONNECTION**



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***Using the same fiber optic technology that provides you with superior telephone service, Craw-Kan is proud to unleash digital cable television and Quicknet high speed Internet access.***

To ensure the best in customer service, installation and repair, Craw-Kan is providing digital cable television and Quicknet Internet access in a deliberate and thorough manner on a town-by-town basis.<sup>1</sup> Currently Craw-Kan digital cable and Quicknet is available in **rapidly expanding areas**. We are providing digital cable television and our broadband Quicknet Internet access in the following towns: Girard, Arma, Arcadia, Cherokee, Weir, Mulberry, Bronson, Uniontown, Pleasanton, Prescott, Hume, Purcell, Edna, Asbury, Amoret, Amsterdam, Galesburg, Walnut, Hepler, Brazilton, Farlington, Columbus and Bartlett. Sound like something you are interested in? Imagine the possibilities! Digital cable television clarity, surf the Internet, and talk on the phone all at the same time. Please call our business office at 620-724-8235 or 800-362-0316. <sup>1</sup>Digital cable requires a distance of 4000 feet or less from a telephone hub. Quicknet Internet requires a distance of 15,000 feet or less from a hub. Call the business office for distance limitations [if you are beyond the reach of our Quicknet DSL, please see the following announcement.](#)

## ***CRAW-KAN LAUNCHES NEW HIGH SPEED WIRELESS INTERNET FOR MOST OF CRAWFORD COUNTY !***

Now you can stop using your old dial-up line and enjoy the high speed of our new wireless internet service! Rural customers surrounding Girard, who are outside the reach of our DSL, have been testing and enjoying this high speed service for several months now and the response has been fantastic! **"It's like coming out of the dark ages"** said one customer. Call now to order yours today or to get your name on the list for upcoming areas.



With this exciting new service we offer:

- ✓ **Always on Internet Connection!**
- ✓ **Up to 20 Times Faster Than Dial-up!**
- ✓ **NO EQUIPMENT TO RENT OR BUY!**
- ✓ **Local Service, Staff and Help Desk!**
- ✓ **We Deliver High Speed Internet to Unserved Rural Areas!**
- ✓ **Craw-Kan Has Served SE Kansas & SW Missouri for More Than 50 Years!**

Call 1-800-362-0316 Today and **SAVE THE \$100 INSTALLATION FEE!**

(One year service agreement required)



## **Board Members visit the new Central Office**

Top left: Members enter the front entrance. Plans are to pave the parking spaces and add landscaping this summer. Construction is about 90% complete. The members were impressed with the new facility. It was built to withstand almost any kind of weather we may have in Crawford county.

Above: Dave Diskin, Plant Manager, explains future expansion opportunities of the new switch room. (That's Dave pictured under the worker's ladder).

Left: Dave explains the new fire suppression system. The system is designed to almost instantly distinguish a fire without injuring personnel. Pictured are Board Members Frank Dunnick and Wilda Pentola.



## **It's Tornado Season again!**

We've all heard or read about this before but it bears repeating as a safety reminder for all of us!

**Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes and/or severe thunderstorms are possible over a wide area. Be Alert!

**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been spotted or is shown by radar. Take cover now! A basement or underground shelter is best.

**No basement? Go to the interior of the lowest floor - to a bathroom or closet. Stay** away from windows. Get under something sturdy.

**Mobile homes are not safe during strong winds and tornadoes. Go** to a community shelter. A ditch or a culvert offers more protection than a mobile home.

**Cars and other vehicles are not safe in a tornado! Seek** indoor shelter if time permits. If you are in open country seek shelter in a culvert or ditch.

**Office building, hotels, and malls: Find** the designated shelter, the basement or center of the building on the lowest level. Stay away from large open rooms, windows, and upper stories.

To learn more about tornadoes and prepare for severe weather season, contact the local emergency management office in your area, or the Kansas Division of Emergency Management at (785)274-1409.





## Springtime Spells Busy

Jerry James  
General Manager

Springtime has arrived and as happens each year Craw-Kan has aggressively started utilizing the warmer weather and longer daylight hours to get an early start on construction projects by both Craw-Kan's construction crew and the outside contract crews. Craw-Kan's construction crew will place approximately 85 miles of reinforcement and maintenance type infrastructure in 2005 and the Mastec contract crew will place approximately 107 miles of fiber and copper. Add to this an additional 6 AFC digital subscriber loop carrier sites and we have a very busy spring and summer planned.

The digital video and DSL high speed internet projects continue to expand. Most Craw-Kan served towns will have the digital video by late 2005. It has been an intensive project but one well received by our members. The other long term project just starting is the 700 Mhz wireless high speed internet. Crawford County will have wireless internet available in the more rural areas by, hopefully, late May. This appears to be a very popular option. Watch for the advertising.

The new Central Office construction is nearing completion. Then the really tedious and important work of transferring equipment and services from the old C.O. to the new C.O. will begin. Remember most of this transfer will be accomplished without any interruption of services. A tall task requiring up to 3 years to accomplish but your dedicated employees and staff already are preparing plans and time-line schedules to make the transfer of equipment successful.

As always, we are here to serve our customers and provide our services at the least cost possible.

Thanks for your patronage and enjoy the busy Spring.

Our business office will be closed in observance of the following Holidays in 2005

- Memorial Day - Monday May, 30th
- Independence Day - Monday July, 4th
- Labor Day - Monday Sept. 5th
- Veteran's Day - Friday Nov. 11th
- Thanksgiving - Thursday Nov. 24th
- Christmas - Monday Dec. 26th



This is a reminder that the Kansas No-Call Act is a state law that allows Kansas residents to register their home telephone number as being "off limits" to certain types of sales calls. Any telephone solicitor that calls a telephone number on the list after the enforcement date for that phone number is subject to civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation. For more information on the types of calls that are prohibited or allowed or if you wish to be on this list, you may register on the internet at [WWW.DONOTCALL.GOV](http://WWW.DONOTCALL.GOV) or call toll free 1-888-382-1222

Prepaid calling cards are available at the business office. These convenient cards cost \$8.00 and are good for 100 minutes. Get them for your college students or take them on your next trip.

### TIME AND TEMPERATURE

Time and temperature is available in all Craw-Kan Exchanges. Please dial the local telephone number below for your current time and temperature. You do not have to dial 1+.

Amoret 925-9813	Devon 829-9813	Lawton 643-9813
Amsterdam 267-9813	Edna 922-9813	McCune 632-9813
Arcadia 638-9813	Farlington 362-9813	Mulberry 764-9813
Arma 347-9813	Foster 832-9813	Pleasanton 352-9813
Asbury 642-9813	Fulton 857-9813	Prescott 471-9813
Bartlett 226-9813	Galesburg 763-9813	Purcell 525-9813
Brazilton 395-9813	Girard 724-9813	Savonburg 754-9813
Bronson 939-9813	Hallowell 597-9813	Uniontown 756-9813
Cherokee 457-9813	Hepler 368-9813	Walnut 354-9813
Colony 852-9813	Hiattville 547-9813	Weir 396-9813
Columbus 674-9813	Hume 643-9813	W. Mineral 827-9813
Crestline 389-9813		

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#### Business Office

200 North Ozark, Girard, Kansas  
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Subscribers 1-800-362-0316

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# Things to think about Before Buying a Video Security System

Somewhere between a baby monitor and commercial video surveillance, installing a video security system in your home offers peace of mind beyond what mechanical locks and wireless sensors can provide. Answer the front door without opening it, or watch your children play in their rooms or the backyard—all from the TV screen or anywhere in the world via the Internet.

**Steps:** **1.** Plan which areas you want to have monitored. Exterior doors are a logical spot, as well as landscaped areas where intruders can lurk. Inside the house, consider monitors for rooms occupied by children or elderly residents. **2.** Monitor entries with a video door phone system. Most include a weatherproof camera with an infrared lens for night vision. Look for cameras that tilt or pan to show a broader area than a door peephole can. Many systems have two-way microphones. **3.** Consider extra features such as motion sensors, dome (overhead) cameras and a device that automatically takes time- and date-stamped snapshots when a visitor presses the doorbell—creating a record of who comes while you're not home. **4.** Decide how you'll view images. Basic systems include a 4-inch (10 cm) black-and-white monitor and two cameras; upgrade to get larger and/or color monitors and more cameras. **5.** Link the system to one or more televisions so you can see who's at the door without leaving your couch. Connect a VCR to record what the camera sees; network with a personal computer to view images from one or more cameras at the same time. An Internet connection lets you view the images from any Web-enabled device. Password systems let you open your front door remotely to let in guests or repairmen. **6.** Create an intercom system with closed-circuit TV access by adding Web cams and monitors. Each system—wired or wireless—has a few transmission limitations. Some only receive signals within a limited distance. Signals generally travel farther when they're in the line of sight instead of traveling through walls. For more information or to receive a free quote, please call us at 620-724-8235 or 1-800-362-0316.

*Don't forget about our medical alert phones. With just a push of a button help is on the way. It can even remind you when to take your medicine! We can also connect optional devices like smoke detectors, intrusion alarms, etc. for a very low cost mini security system.*

## DIGITAL SATELLITE SYSTEMS



If you are unable to receive our cable service, please call us for more information, or log on to DirecTV.com to view programing information, then call us for professional installation.

Contact *Craw-Kan Communication Systems for information or to order a system call 620-724-8235 or 1-800-362-0316*

## SECURITY SYSTEMS

Our technicians can install a system which will monitor fire, smoke, holdup/panic, intrusion/burglary, water or medical emergency. In less than a minute the alarm is received at our professional monitoring service. We currently monitor a large number of systems. Also available are **remote camera surveillance systems** for businesses or residents



**NEW! Medical Alert Phones! With just a push of a button, help is on the way!**

Call us for a quote

724-8235 or 1-800-362-0316

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