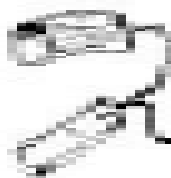




**CRAW-KAN
TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE
INC.**



**THE CRAW-KAN
CONNECTIONS**



SEVEN NOMINEES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Three directors will be elected for a term of three years each. Below is a brief description of each nominee. We would like to point out that additional nominations may be made from the floor by any member.

BARRY BEDENE*



Barry Bedene is a resident of the Arma, Kansas exchange. Barry has operated the Bedene Funeral Home in Arma for 32 years. He has been the past president of the Rural Fire District #2 for Arma. He serves on the board of the First State Bank of Arma and has served on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Funeral Directors Association. Barry is a former member of the Arma City Council. He was appointed for two terms on the Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts by Gov. Finney and then reappointed as president of this board by Gov. Graves for two more terms and most recently reappointed as vice-president of that board by Gov. Sebelius. Barry is a member of the Scottish Rites in Fort Scott; the Masonic Lodge in Arma and the Mirza Shrine in Pittsburg. He has been on the Craw-Kan Board of Directors for the past 21 years. Barry also serves on the Craw-Kan Communication Systems Board as the vice-president.

JAMES O'TOOLE*



Jim O'Toole is a rural resident of the Girard, Kansas exchange, living at Greenbush. Jim is the senior partner of O'Toole Construction Inc., which has been in business 40 years. He also has a farming and cattle operation. He has served on the RCD Board, church council, water board and held various offices in the Brazilton Ruritan Club and is a member of the Kansas Land Improvement Contractors of America. He is a township trustee and a past member on the board at Westridge in Girard. Jim has been on the Craw-Kan Board for 18 years and has served as its president. Jim also has been a member of the Craw-Kan Communication Systems Board

WILDA PENTOLA**



Wilda Pentola is a rural resident of the Farlington, Kansas exchange. Wilda is a native of Girard attending both grade school and high school in Girard. She attended Pittsburg State University receiving her B.S. in 1966 and after receiving her Masters she went on to complete her Ed.S, which is the Educational Specialist degree. She taught school in Carl Junction, Girard and Erie and then worked as the Technology Director at the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center. Wilda accepted a position as Regional Account Manager with Apple Computer Inc. in Kansas City in 1990. She retired from Apple in July 2002. Wilda currently serves on the board of WestRidge, an assisted living community and on the board of the Hospital Dist. #1 Foundation. She has served on the Craw-Kan Board for the last 3 years.

DENNY HEIDRICK**



Denny Heidrick is a resident of the Girard, Kansas exchange. Denny graduated from Girard High School and continued his education at Pittsburg State University. In 1975, Denny opened a Western Auto store in Fort Scott, KS and in 1980 expanded to a larger location and opened Heidrick True Value. He is a member of the St. Michael Catholic church in Girard. Denny was a past president of the Girard Housing Authority board, past president of Fort Scott Jaycees and currently vice president of Fort Scott Kiwanis. Denny feels the past 30 years running a retail business plus being a member of the True Value Hardware Cooperative would give him the experience to make the decisions that would best serve the members.

DAN SMITH**



Dan Smith is a resident of the Girard, Kansas exchange. Dan and his wife Debbie have lived in Girard for the past 21 years where they raised their three children. He attended the University of Arizona. Dan was a New Jersey police officer for ten years before moving to Kansas. He has been a Kansas State Trooper for the past 21 years. He has served on the Girard City Council for ten years, the Girard Recreation Commission prior to that. Dan has been a Girard High School baseball coach for seven years.

PLEASE BRING YOUR REGISTRATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

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CHRISTINA R. VULGAMORE**

Christina R. Vulgamore is a resident of the Girard, Kansas exchange. She attended Girard Schools and graduated from Girard High School. She then received a Degree in Radiology. Christina then left the health care field and went on to graduate from the Kansas Bankers Association Advanced Schools of Banking. She now is the Assistant Vice President of Girard National Bank. Christina has served two terms on the Girard Chamber of Commerce Board. She is currently serving as Treasurer. Christina is a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and is also serving as Treasurer and member of the Finance Committee.



GARY WIMMER**

Gary Wimmer is a resident of Fulton, Kansas. Gary and his wife Sheila have lived in Fulton since 1980 where they raised their four children. Gary has been a Craw-Kan member for 25 years. He is a graduate of Pittsburg State University with three degrees. He was Superintendent of Schools at Jayhawk USD #346 for 20 years. His public service included working with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Kansas State Alliance for Arts Education, and the Linn County Children's Coalition. Currently he is serving on the Fort Scott Community College Alumni and Friends Association Board.

* Nominee was Nominated by Petition

** Nominee was Nominated by Nominating Committee

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If you do not have one of our long distance plans - think of the value and service you could get from your very own Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative. You can call in directly to our customer service representatives and discuss your long distance service. No menus to punch through and you get a live person answering the telephone at the business office. All the long distance is billed right on your local telephone bill and whatever we bill on your telephone bill you will earn patronage capital credits. Does any other long distance company pay you back for using their long distance service? Check out the plans below and choose which one is right for you.

Option 1 - 250 minutes of direct dial, nationwide long distance calls from home for \$25.00 per month (**10¢ per minute**). Pay just 10¢ a minute on all long distance calls over 250 minutes.

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Where else can you find such great rates AND earn patronage capital credits? So, what are you waiting for? Call the business office numbers below and start using your flat rate calling plan immediately.

Please call the Business Office for more information!

Local 724-8235

Toll Free 800-362-0316

LIFELINE PROGRAM

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 Families, Medicaid, United Tribes Food Distribution Program, BIA General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (only those meeting its income qualifying standard), Free School Lunch Program, 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. For more information about the Lifeline Program, call Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. at 800-362-0316.



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 or call toll free 1-888-382-1222



Fall Is Near

Jerry James
General Manager

The cool mornings and changing colors are a sure signal fall is near. Hope you have had a nice summer and accomplished all those outside chores you had planned.

Fall also brings Craw-Kan's Annual Meeting which will be held in the Girard High School cafeteria October 25, 2005 at 7:30 PM. As always, we look forward to seeing and meeting several of you again this year.

The 2005 outside plant contract will be complete late October or early November. This project allowed Craw-Kan to add fiber and copper to areas that were running short on capacity. The new central office switch building is complete except for landscaping and asphalt work in the parking areas. Now comes the time consuming movement of equipment from the existing building to the new building. After all is complete it will be much better having the switch in a secure environment hopefully out of Mother Nature's reach.

Craw-Kan's Board of Directors and Employees constantly strive to provide the most current services available at the least possible cost. This allows members to benefit from the Cooperative structure by accruing capital credit allocations. The more services a member utilizes, the more Capital Credits that member participates in. The Cooperative spirit continues and is alive and well in rural America. Thank you for your support and patronage. See you at the Annual Meeting.



In August this year at the Crawford County Fair's Craw-Kan booth, hundreds of people signed up to win two televisions. The lucky Craw-Kan subscribers shown here were the winners. Shown above left is Dee Waugh with the first prize of a 27" television and shown above right is Marvin Boore with the second prize of a 20" television.



Pictured above is the new Girard central office building on Summit Street. This new building houses the central office switch, which is the host switch for many of Craw-Kan's exchanges. The new building will provide sufficient room for our current and future services offered. The moving of equipment and transferring of lines is underway, along with landscaping the front and side of the building.

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.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

- Q. Can I have my child, relative or neighbor vote in my place?
A. No, Craw-Kan's bylaws do not allow proxy voting.
- Q. Can an administrator or a person with power of attorney vote?
A. Yes, providing the member has the proper credentials at the time of the Annual Meeting registration.
- Q. If I own a business and have a residence, may I have two votes?
A. No, if you are the sole owner then you are considered one member and therefore, have only one vote. However, if you are in a partnership or a corporation then that business will have one vote and you would have one vote.
- Q. If I have a residence in two different exchanges, do I have two votes?
A. No, since you are one and the same member for both residences, only one vote is allowed even though it is different exchanges.

CRAW-KAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

Headquarters Girard, Kansas 66743

Board of Directors

Roger Doue, President	Arma
Jay Stewart, Vice-President	McCune
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Jim O'Toole, Director	Girard
John Kovacic, Director	Girard
Barry Bedene, Director	Arma
Terry Kunstel, Director	Arcadia
Wilda Pentola, Director	Farlington
Bob Gladson, Director	Farlington
Jerry James, General Manager	Arcadia

Business Office

200 N. Ozark, Girard, KS

Local Craw-Kan Calling area	(620) 724-8235
All Other Kansas and Missouri Subscribers	1-800-362-0316
Internet Help Desk	Local 724-8838 1-888-362-2316

Repair Service

Local Craw-Kan Calling area	(620) 724-8238
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**YOU ARE INVITED TO
CRAW-KAN'S
53RD ANNUAL MEETING**

All members are invited to attend the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative. The Annual Meeting Brochure and Notice of Meeting is attached to this Newsletter.

If you have never attended the Craw-Kan Annual Meeting, why not come out Tuesday, October 25, 2005 and see how your cooperative works. The Annual Business Meeting will take place as well as election of three directors. We have gifts for each member and door prizes will be awarded. We will also have refreshments and some special entertainment. Furthermore, the President will make a special announcement of capital credits which will be paid to our members in December.

Registration begins at 5:30 pm.

OCTOBER IS CO-OP MONTH

There are more than 48,000 cooperatives in the United States generating in excess of \$500 billion in economic activity. With cooperatives serving almost 40 percent of all Americans, cooperative members comprise a significant percentage of the national electorate.

COOPERATIVES



Businesses People Trust



**CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS TO
BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS**



Again this year, your President will make an announcement at the Annual Meeting concerning the amount of capital credits which will be distributed this year.

Only through close monitoring of costs and careful management can your Cooperative declare profits in spite of competition and increased costs of material and labor.

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**ELECTION
OF
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**COMING EVENT
ANNUAL MEETING
GIRARD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

DOOR PRIZES



**OCTOBER 25, 2005
7:30 pm.**

