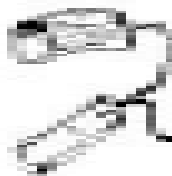


**CRAW-KAN
TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE
INC.**



**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.

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