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WELCOME

TO ALL ATTENDEES: Everyone must register to attend any event during this convention. You will need your ID Badge for entrance to all functions including the general sessions.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Opening Reception and Registration
Location.....Garden Terrace
 Versailles (Weather Backup)
Sponsor Sprint – Relay Oklahoma

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

7:00 a.m. Golfer's Breakfast
Location.....Branson Hills Golf Course
Sponsor Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

8:00 a.m. OTA Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament
Location Branson Hills Golf Course
 Shotgun Start
Sponsor Beverage Cart – UNITEL

9:00 a.m. Tour for Non-Golfers
Sponsor Medicine Park Telephone Company

12:00 p.m. Golfer's Luncheon
Location.....Branson Hills Golf Course
Sponsor Chickasaw Telephone Company

5:45 p.m. Associate Members Meeting
Location.....Edinburgh/Versailles

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Suppliers' Reception & Showcase
Location.....Edinburgh/Vienna/Versailles

Wi-Fi Sponsor..... FWA, Inc.

Children's Event
Sponsor Canadian Valley Telephone Company

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018

Wi-Fi Sponsor..... FWA, Inc.

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Suppliers' Showcase and Buffet Breakfast
Location.....Edinburgh/Vienna/Versailles
Sponsor Totah Communications

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. First General Session
Location.....Windsor
Sponsor Cherokee Communications
Welcome – OTA President, Larry Jones

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Washington Update , Net Neutrality Impact on RLECs and
Nationwide Number Portability
Moderator: Mark Gailey
• Bill Burdach, WTA
• Brian Ford, NTCA
• Geoff Feiss, USAC

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Morning Break Refreshments
**Co-Sponsors..... Medicine Park Telephone Company
NECA**

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. FCC USF/ICC Order Impacts on RLECs
• Chad Duval – Moss Adams

DRAWINGS TODAY DURING GENERAL SESSION MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

11:45 a.m. OTA MEMBERS MEETING – Larry Jones, President
Election of OTA Board Members

11:55 a.m. ITPA Meeting

2:00 p.m. ATA Board of Directors Meeting
Location.....Naples

7:00 p.m. Beware the Ghostball

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018

Wi-Fi Sponsor..... FWA, Inc.

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

OTA Board of Directors Meeting
Location.....Naples

**Co-Sponsors..... Dobson Technologies
KanOkla Networks**

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast
Location.....Innsbruck

Sponsor Carnegie Telephone Company

9:00 a.m.

Second General Session
Location.....Windsor

**Co-Sponsors..... BTC Broadband
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OTA President Larry Jones, Presiding

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Electric Cooperatives Providing Telecom Services
Moderator: Ron Comingdeer

- Justin Zell – Clearfield
- Larry Frazier – Central Arkansas Telephone Co.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Morning Break Refreshments

**Co-Sponsors..... Pioneer Telephone Cooperative Inc.
Canadian Valley Telephone Company**

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Over-the-Top, Retransmission Agreements and Broadband Trends
• Dan Buchanan, National Cable Television Cooperative (NCTC)

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

State Support Funds
• Ron Comingdeer, Ron Comingdeer & Associates
• Larry Frazier, Central Arkansas Telephone Co.

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6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Hospitality Hour
Location.....Innsbruck

Sponsor Cherokee Communications

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ITPA Silent Auction (During Hospitality Hour & Banquet)

7:00 p.m.

Banquet & Awards Ceremony
Location.....Windsor

Sponsor Chickasaw Telephone Company

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The Oklahoma Telephone Association Hall of Fame was established in 1991. Its purpose is to honor those individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service and devotion to the Oklahoma local exchange telephone industry.

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1991 Jewel Callaham Everett "Doc" & Ruby Dobson Cecil Elliott Ernith & Lela Belle Gailey Royce Gaunt Allowe Hand Johnny Hollis Frank Morrison O.H. & Minnie Mullen Marvin Osborne Hugh Straughn Murle & Mildred Tutty Irene Witter Truman Wood	1993 Zeine & Margaret Goatcher Tom & Addie Sheard Isadore & Gloria Sheinbein W.O. & Ruth Young	2002 J.B. "Sonny" Bright Ron Comingdeer Jesse R. Gailey Bob Stafford Jim Williams	2007 Gary D. Burke George Frazier Parker J. Hightower	2013 Mark Gailey
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			2012 Paul Cooper Lynn R. Merrill Dr. Kay H. Mount	2018 Dale Burke Lyn Johnson

BILL BARNES AWARD

The Bill Barnes Award was established in 1988. This award is presented to an individual "dedicated to the enrichment of the telephone industry's professional knowledge for the advancement of customers' welfare, for his participation in honest telecommunications enterprises, to his commitment of service before profit, to public welfare above all other considerations, and for divine guidance in professional competency, initiative, leadership, mature sound judgment, and in all endeavors."

Mr. Barnes was an executive with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and spent many years working with the Oklahoma independent telephone industry. He was lost prematurely due to a fatal heart attack. This award is named as a tribute to him and his contributions to the Oklahoma telephone industry.

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1988 Frank Morrison	1996 Don Strube	2004 Robert "Bob" Stafford	2011 Carolyn O'Hair
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