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Enjoy the benefits of being a cooperative member

PTCI is a local cooperative, not just a company. This means that PTCI is an organization that is democratically owned by its members. Cooperative members get a say in how an organization is run by voting for representatives to be put on the board of directors. PTCI members have the ability to directly impact the future trajectory of the cooperative to ensure that PTCI continues to serve our region's communication needs in the best ways possible.

Are you not yet a member? Now would be a great time for you to join the cooperative! All you need to qualify for membership is to subscribe to our landline and/or internet service and live in our Oklahoma service area. Signing up not only provides you with accrued capital credits, but also gives you cooperative voting rights and an invitation to PTCI's District and Annual Meetings.

If you're not sure of your membership status, call PTCI at 580-338-2556.



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Office Closure
April 2 – Good Friday



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TCEC and PTCI make a cooperative contribution to the YMCA. Pictured from left to right: Daniel Mesta, PTCI; Shane Nelson, YMCA Interim CEO; Leslie Kraich, TCEC.

Cooperatives donate to YMCA

PTCI and TCEC came together to donate \$5,000 to local Texas County Family YMCA. The YMCA of Texas County in Guymon is more than a gym, it's a community. Two local cooperatives, PTCI and TCEC, brought the seventh cooperative principle of 'Concern for Community' to life with their joint contribution of \$5,000 for the twelfth consecutive year to kick off the 2021 YMCA fundraising campaign. This helps fund after-school programs, sports programs, fitness classes, facility costs, and more.

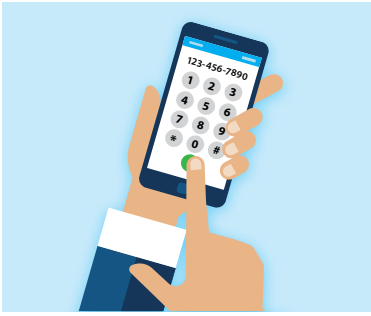
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Get ready for 10-digit dialing for local calls

In July 2020, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an order approving the designation of 988 as the 3-digit dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. To facilitate implementation, area codes in 37 states where the 988 prefix is a working prefix and which now use 7-digit local dialing must switch to 10-digit local dialing. This includes our 806, 719, and 575 area codes.

Beginning April 21, 2021, you should start dialing 10-digits for all local calls — the 806, 719, or 575 area code plus the 7-digit phone number. If you forget to do so during this transition period, your calls will still be completed. But starting October 24, 2021, you'll be required to dial 10-digits when making a local call. Failure to do so will prompt a recording, reminding you to redial using 10 digits.

In addition to changing your dialing routine, you'll also have to reprogram 7-digit local numbers to 10-digit numbers in any device that automatically makes calls for you, including:

- Speed dial feature on a phone
- Home security equipment
- Personal emergency response system

For more details, visit www.ptci.net.

New business listings

Hooker PCHC, Inc.	580-652-3601
Laverne Fat Daddy's	580-921-3663

PTCI completes customer survey

PTCI would like to thank all those customers who participated in our 2021 email survey. Your input will help pave the way this year in the areas of customer service, customer communications, and service offerings.

Customers continue to rate PTCI cellular and internet services as "good" to "very good." PTCI's Fiber to the Home conversions provide dependable, high-speed internet, enabling PTCI customers to better navigate through working from home and virtual learning which was prevalent in 2020. Be sure to check your inbox as PTCI will be sending out more short surveys in the coming months.

PTCI is committed to providing you with the dependable communication services you want at prices you can afford. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, call us at 580-338-2556 or visit www.ptci.net and click on "Contact us." You can also stop by one of our four stores located in Beaver, Boise City, Guymon, and Laverne.



Alexander Graham Bell made history on March 10, 1876

March 10 was selected as National Landline Telephone Day to honor the anniversary of the day Alexander Graham Bell transmitted his first phone call to Thomas Watson. By doing so, Bell rang in a whole new chapter in communications history.

If you say "landline" to a younger person, they may not know what you're talking about. So here's the definition: A landline is a phone that uses metal wire or optical fiber lines for transmission, unlike a mobile phone, which uses radio waves.

Whether you still have a landline in your home or just remember using one years ago, National Landline Telephone Day is the perfect time to reflect on its unique benefits. For example, landlines helped to keep families connected. When you called your cousin's house, you had no idea who was going to pick up. The phone might get passed amongst family members before it ended up with the cousin you called in the first place.

The dependability and call quality of landlines still make them a good choice for many households. To learn more, call 580-338-2556.





OPSU Head Baseball Coach Shawn Joy (right) and Jason Epp, PTCl, give the Aggie "Guns Up" salute at newly renamed Carroll Gribble Field.

PTCl sponsors OPSU athletics

Oklahoma Panhandle State University Head Baseball Coach Shawn Joy (right) was presented with a donation by PTCl's Jason Epp to help support naming of the baseball field, "Carroll Gribble Field" to honor the legendary Aggie coach. Donations will also go to help with improvements at the field and practice facilities. PTCl is proud to be a sponsor of OPSU athletics.

Word search for March



To be qualified for a drawing for a \$20 credit toward your PTCl services, mail your completed puzzle to: PTCl, Attn: Puzzle, PO Box 1188, Guymon, OK 73942, or drop it into the envelope with your monthly payment.

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GREEN	SPRING

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Jake Slatten of Forgan is the lucky winner of our puzzle drawing. Jake will receive a \$20 PTCl bill credit. Congratulations!

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Annual Directory Photo Contest

It's time to show off your talent! PTCl invites you to submit your best photograph for a chance to have your picture featured on the cover of our telephone directory! Details for entering your photograph:

- 1) The contest is open to amateurs, hobbyists, pros, and anyone anywhere in between.
- 2) Photos must be submitted in digital, jpeg format. No more than three photo submissions per contestant.
- 3) Photos must be a minimum of 300 ppi resolution at 8x12 inches. (Photos submitted with lower resolution are not judged. To obtain higher resolution, change your camera settings to a minimum of 2550 x 3300 pixels.)
- 4) Take a picture that captures the uniqueness of our area! Photos must be taken within our service area.

Email files to jason.epp@ptci.net or mail CDs/DVDs to PTCl, Attn: Directory Contest, PO Box 1188, 2222 NW Hwy 64, Guymon, OK 73942. **CONTEST DEADLINE: June 25, 2021**



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PTCI sponsors Texas County junior livestock show

In the photo at right, PTCI's Toni Mathis presents Ed Mueller, stock show board chairman, with a donation to the Texas County Junior Livestock Show. PTCI is proud to sponsor this annual event at the Texas County Activity Center and many other youth programs.



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