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Increased internet use requires increased internet speeds

Have you noticed your internetconnected devices slowing down or lagging lately? If Santa delivered new devices to your house last month, you might now be realizing that more internet speed is needed to keep them all running smoothly.

PTCI has the fastest and most reliable internet around. We recommend having a speed of at least 100 Mbps, especially if you have many devices. This includes smartphones, computers, tablets, smart TVs, streaming media players, gaming consoles, smart home products, fitness trackers, and connected exercise machines.

If you're not sure what speed is right for you, give us a call at 580.338.2556. We'll help you choose the PTCI internet plan that best meets your needs.

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PTCI employees deliver Christmas cheer for children

PTCI employee contributions and PTCI matching funds given to the Christmas Cheer for Children program helped provide Christmas gifts for 37 underprivileged kids. The Christmas Cheer for Children program distributes gifts such as toys, clothing, and school supplies for children in need each year to enhance their holiday.

PTCI CEO Jana Wallace said, "Christmas Cheer for Children is a highlight for our employees. I am always amazed at the generosity of PTCI staff, and this year was no different, exceeding our goal with the biggest year yet! We love supporting these kiddos and an amazing organization."



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PTCI scholarship gives back to local students

PTCI values education, and every year we help 25 local high school seniors work toward their goals of obtaining college degrees. Over the past 29 years, PTCI has awarded over \$325,000 to area students. Each receives a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the university of their choice.

Part of PTCI's mission is to enhance the quality of life for our members and customers, and we feel a duty to do so. Awarding scholarships helps us meet that goal. These scholarships benefit our students and are an investment in our region. After graduating, many students return to the area to work and enhance our communities.

This year, area high school seniors have until January 31 to submit their applications online. The mobile-friendly process makes it easier for students to apply, and often use a school computer or cell phone to complete their applications.

Eligible students may apply at ptci. submittable.com until 11:59 pm on January 31, 2022. Recipients will be announced at a later date in the spring.

New business listing

Guymon Bellaara Boutique

580.625.1061

Time is running out to swap out your SIM card

PTCI's new cellular core is up and running to give you increased data speeds, less latency, and the best cellular coverage in the Oklahoma panhandle! And there are several convenient ways to make this quick and easy SIM swap:

- PTCI can ship the SIM card to you, free of charge, with step-by-step instructions on how to make the swap.
- If you've already received your SIM card but need help, click "Chat with us" at the bottom right of the website to chat with a representative, or call 800.562.2556 for assistance from a PTCI representative.
- If you need assistance, come into any PTCI store in the Oklahoma panhandle and visit one of our Customer Solutions Representatives.

Please note: You'll need to chat or call on a different device than the phone on which you're swapping SIM cards.

Also, if you have an iPhone 8 or older model, your phone won't work on the new network, so allow yourself time to come to one of our Oklahoma panhandle stores and get up to \$800 off a new phone. For iPhone users with newer phones, you can take advantage of this \$800 off an upgrade as well.

Samsung users will need to call PTCI at 580.338.2256 or visit www.ptci.net/SIM to complete a SIM card swap.

Prepare for cybersecurity issues

With a new year comes new tricks that hackers will use to try to access your valuable information. Here are some tips to help you be prepared:

- Create strong passwords. Good passwords are paramount for keeping your information secure. Keyloggers are malicious software designed to crack easier passwords. A unique password comprised of lowercase letters, capital letters, numbers, and symbols will help keep keyloggers at bay.
- Stay current with updates. Always keep your computer, smartphone, and other devices up to date. Software updates often come with new security patches that help make your devices less vulnerable to attack.
- Use virus protection. A good antivirus will help block any unwanted attempts to enter your computer's system. Ask PTCI about Tech Shield, which can protect your system from attack.



Celebrating Christmas in the panhandle

All across the Oklahoma panhandle, communities gathered to celebrate the Christmas season and PTCI was there to be a part of it. Annual celebrations including the Guymon Downtown Open House, Christmas on Douglas, and the Hooker Christmas Parade continued to bring us together, while new events like the Home for the Holidays Light display at Thompson Park add to the Christmas cheer.







Word search for January

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



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Luana Walker of Turpin is the lucky winner of our puzzle drawing. Luana will receive a \$20 PTCI bill credit. Congratulations!



REMINDER: Order honor roll t-shirts for 7th-12th grade students

It's the time of year when PTCI will reward your 7th through 12th grade honor roll students. This year we've returned to giving out a free, custom-made t-shirt for making good grades! Remind your children to order their t-shirt this month.

The deadline is Friday, January 28, 2022. Order forms will be at their school office. You can get more information through your school counselor or office personnel.







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