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A time to give thanks

The staff and Trustees of PTCI would like to thank all of you who choose to do business with us. We're committed to providing the best products and services along with superior customer care.

It's because of our loyal customers that PTCI is able to give so much back to the communities we serve. Thank you for enabling us to:

- Provide college scholarships to deserving students each year.
- Give generous donations to our local Police, Fire and EMT services each year.
- Support our local school systems and student activities.
- Support local events such as Guymon Pioneer Days, Laverne July 4th Celebration, Beaver Cow Chip Celebration, Texhoma Fiesta Days, Boise City Santa Fe Trail Daze and more.
- Support projects for senior citizens.
- Support local food banks.
- Sponsor kid's sports teams.
- Invest in economic development.
- Be a leading employer in our communities.

Everything's better when we do it together! Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at PTCI.

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Office Closures

November 24-26 –
Thanksgiving Holiday



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Pumpkins at the Park offered fall fun to families

PTCI and TCEC held their fifth annual Pumpkins at the Park on Monday, October 3, at Thompson Park in Guymon. The event celebrates National Cooperative Month by inviting the Oklahoma Panhandle for a family night of fun by Sunset Lake.

Kids picked up pumpkins in just their size and decorated them for the contest. Free food and drinks were served to all, with fall-themed photos, games, and train rides also available. Throughout the evening, 850 pumpkins were handed out and more than 1,000 hot dogs and cookies were served.

Thanks to all who "carved out" time in their calendars to attend Pumpkins at the Park this year!





PTCI Scholarships give back to local high school students

PTCI highly values education. Every year, we help 20 local high school seniors work toward their goals of obtaining college degrees. Over the past 30 years, PTCI has awarded over \$325,000 to students in our area, with each student receiving a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the college 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, but are an investment in our region as well. Many students return to the area after graduating to work and enhance our communities.

This school year, local high school seniors have until January 31 to submit their applications online. The mobile-friendly process makes it easier for students to apply, as many students 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, 2023. Recipients will be announced in Spring 2023.

New business listings

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CALMETH, LLC 580.837.5551

Guymon

Gabs 2nd Bottle 580.338.4227

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Gigaverse eSports Tournament

PTCI's first annual Gigaverse eSports Tournament was held October 15 at the Texas County Activity Center and featured Halo Infinite and Rocket League. Teams traveled from as far away as Dallas, TX to compete against local community teams and local public school teams.

Taking first place in the Halo Infinite portion of the tournament were the Laverne Tigers with a 92-75 win against Dexterity in the finals. Dexterity wasn't an easy opponent, winning by at least 38 points against every other opponent they faced, but the Laverne Tigers brought incredible precision and map control to secure their victory.

The Rocket League portion of the tournament was won by an OKC-based team named Aim Lower, which went up against Picking Power in the finals. Aim Lower secured their 8-0 win by playing quickly and aggressively — a tactic Picking Power had previously used against Canute High School. Aim Lower's offensive domination earned them a comfortable victory.

Tournament MVP was Tyson Thompson of Aim Lower. Tyson won a GTX 3090 graphics card sponsored by TCIT out of Beaver, OK. Tyson's ability to sneak the ball into the goal and quickly out-maneuver opponents, as well as his excellent sportsmanship, earned him the MVP title.

PTCI will be holding the Gigaverse eSports Tournament again next year, and we look forward to hosting both returning teams and new challengers.



Word search for November

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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