



Enter the Annual Directory Photo Contest

It's time to show off your talent! PTCI 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 should be taken at the highest resolution of at least 300 ppi. (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.

CONTEST DEADLINE IS JUNE 23, 2023. Email files to jason.epp@ptci.net or mail CDs/DVDs to PTCI, Attn: Directory Contest, PO Box 1188, 2222 NW Hwy 64, Guymon, OK 73942.

Hampton and Hendrich head to D.C.

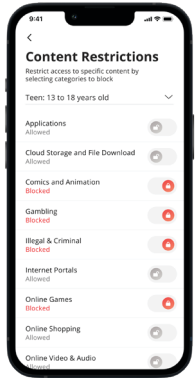
PTCI annually sends two high schoolers from the Oklahoma Panhandle to the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour. This year's winners are Hunter Hampton of Beaver High School and Carson Hendrich of Turpin. The two receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D. C., where they'll meet other students from rural communities across the U.S., explore some of our nation's historic monuments and museums, learn what's being done to ensure the future of rural America, and enjoy fun events.

ExperienceIQ™ lets parents restrict internet content via the PTCI WiFi App

PTCI's Whole Home WiFi includes the PTCI WiFi App and the enhanced parental controls of ExperienceIQ. The Restrictions feature within ExperienceIQ lets you control the type of content each user in your home can access on your internet connection.

Already have the PTCI WiFi App? Here's what to do:

- Within the PTCI WiFi app, locate and tap Restrictions from inside a People profile. You'll see sections labeled Content Restrictions, Applications, and Websites.
- The Content Restrictions filter prevents users from accessing entire sections of the internet. You can select from a pre-designated age group filters or create custom content restrictions to easily tailor appropriate content. You can also turn on Safe Search for Google and Bing, along with YouTube Restrictions directly from within the app at the profile level.
- In the next section, you'll find Applications. For each profile, you can block or allow access to specific applications. They can be blocked indefinitely, or a daily duration limit can be set. You can also simply toggle between Allow and Block at any time you choose.
- In the third section, you have the option to block or allow specific Websites. For example, if you notice that a user is spending too much time browsing specific sites, you can add the URL to block it.



With ExperienceIQ, it's easy to set content restrictions and manage your family's internet experience. The PTCI WiFi App also provides ProtectIQ, which works in the background to secure your home network at the system level whether you choose specific settings or change nothing.

Want to gain the benefits of ExperienceIQ with PTCI's Whole Home WiFi and the PTCI WiFi App? Sign up today and get it FREE FOR THREE MONTHS! Visit ptci.net or call 580.338.2556.

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 - Click "My Profile"
 - Click "Update My Printed Bill Settings"
 - Click "OFF" under "Printed Bill Status"
- Sign up for paperless billing from the app
 - Login to your account
 - Click "Settings"
 - Click "Paperless Bill Settings"
 - Toggle switch to green under "Paperless"



PTCI sponsored Texas County Junior Livestock Show

PTCI's Jason Epp presented Leigh Lindsay with a donation to the Texas County Junior Livestock Show. PTCI is proud to sponsor this annual event at the Texas County Activity Center, which showcases goats, pigs, heifers, steers, and lambs raised by local youth. PTCI also supports many other youth programs in our service area.

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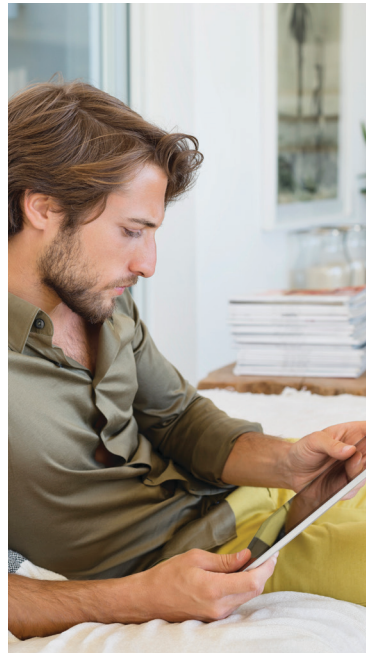
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Follow PTCI on social media

Are you following us on our socials? We're constantly sharing product news, promotions, and things that are going on in our service area. Win great prizes with one of our many social media contests or find links to our live streams. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.



District meetings completed and 69th Annual Meeting scheduled

Members of PTCI's Board of Trustees were reappointed at the following district meetings held recently:

- District 4 (Hardesty/Balko/Adams/Bryans Corner) – Scott Martin was reappointed.
- District 6 (Keyes/Griggs/Texhoma) – Charles Russell was reelected.
- District 10 (Hooker) – Rowdy McBee was reappointed.

Invitations to the 69th Annual Meeting — to be held on Thursday, April 13 — were recently mailed to members of the cooperative. There will be a meal, business meeting, cash prizes, and member giveaways. We look forward to seeing you!

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Office Closures

April 7 - Good Friday
April 8 - Easter Weekend
May 27 & 29 - Memorial Weekend

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Who can call numbers on the Do Not Call list?

Telemarketing is more prevalent now than ever, causing more than 246 million phone numbers to register with the national Do Not Call list. If you're on this list, you may have noticed that your registration only affected certain types of callers.

That's because the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), who administer the Do Not Call list, have limited jurisdiction. As a result, the following groups can still contact you:

- Political groups
- Charitable organizations
- Phone surveyors, when their sole purpose is to conduct a survey
- Companies with whom you have a business relationship — this includes anyone from whom you've made purchases; they can call you for up to 18 months after your last purchase
- Those who have received written permission from you

For additional details or to register your phone numbers (including both home and cell phone numbers), visit www.donotcall.gov. Most telemarketing calls should stop within 31 days of your registration.

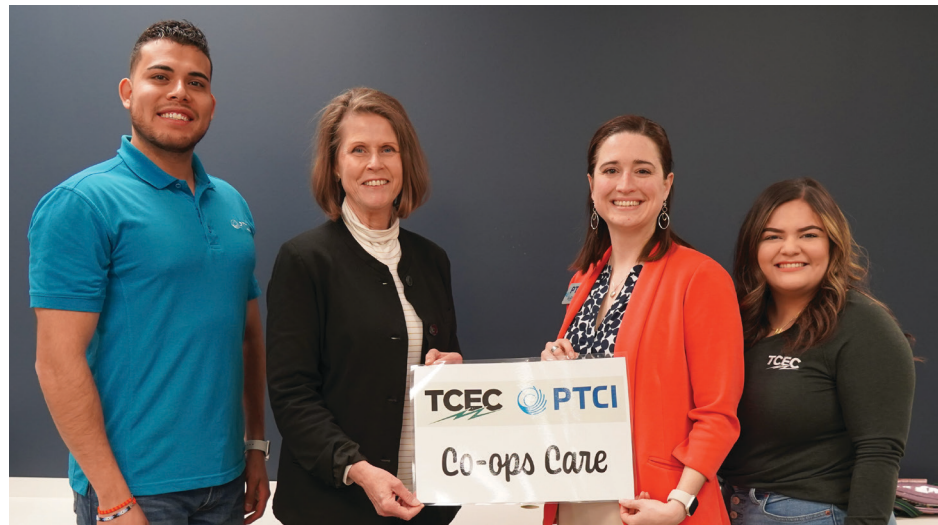
New business listings

Guymon		
La Montura Western Wear LLC	580.338.4823	
Gates Realty	580.338.5558	
Hooker		
Garden City Co-op Inc	580.652.2432	
Beaver		
Fat Daddy's Corner Store	580.625.8234	

PTCI recognized area honor roll students

Each January PTCI honors seventh grade through senior year students who achieve honor roll status in the first semester with a school-specific T-shirt across all schools in our coverage area. The unique designs are only available to those whose excellence stands out in the classroom.

Congratulations to all honor roll T-shirt recipients! PTCI is honored to honor you!



From left: Daniel Mesta of PTCI, Leslie Kraich of TCEC, Elizabeth Brown of PTCI, and Maribel Esquivel of TCEC came together to donate \$1,000 to Leadership Guymon Class 2022.

Co-ops Care donated \$1,000 to Leadership Guymon Class 2022

Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (PTCI) and Tri-County Electric Cooperative (TCEC) — forming the Co-ops Care organization — recently donated \$1,000 to Leadership Guymon Class 2022. The funds will help with the fundraising event the class will be hosting on April 6 inside the Pickle Creek Event Center. The event will offer a fun evening of dinner and live entertainment by The Killer Dueling Pianos, with all proceeds benefiting Panhandle Services for Children.

Interested persons may visit www.care.coop to learn more about the two cooperatives and their commitment to community.

Reality Check for high school students

High school students from Guymon, Boise City, Yarbrough, Hardesty, Goodwell, and Turpin got to experience real-world challenges during Reality Check, a program designed to emphasize to students the importance of well-planned finances and good career choices.

As part of Reality Check, each student was assigned a career, salary, marital status, and children, along with a checkbook to track purchases. Students visited banks, real estate agencies, insurance agencies, child care providers, and other businesses, where they made budgeted purchases. Jason Epp and Daniel Mesta represented PTCI as the communications provider.



Get help from a neighbor nearby

When you need to get an account question answered or a technology problem solved, nothing beats working with a local company. We hope you enjoy the neighborly customer service you receive from PTCI as much as we enjoy providing it to you.

Our entire team — whether working in the office or out in the field — is committed to bringing you the best possible communications solutions and making your customer experience a consistently positive one. As your local provider, we live and work alongside you in this community and understand your needs in a way that distant competitors simply can't.

With PTCI, you can stop by for in-person assistance or call to talk to one of our local employees. Unlike national companies, you're not limited to 800 numbers answered by a revolving door of people from across the country or on the other side of the world.

For complete contact information including our office hours and technical support details, visit www.ptci.net/about/contact.



Watch for the red flags of charity scams



Sharing your blessings through charity donations is a wonderful way to give back. Unfortunately, scammers will try to take advantage of this generosity to steal your money and personal information.

Charity scams take many different forms. They may make a plea to send humanitarian aid to help malnourished orphans from a developing nation. Or the donation request might be linked to current events such as a weather disaster. While emails are still used to send these fraudulent messages, scammers are increasingly switching to social media because people tend to be less vigilant with messages in Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn than they are with emails. Plus, social media platforms aren't filtering spam or monitoring for malicious links.

Look out for these red flags to help you spot a charity scam:

- You're asked to share personal information — such as your Social Security, credit card, or checking account numbers — before you can make a donation.
- You're pressured into donating right away or made to feel guilty or selfish about deciding whether to donate.
- When asked how your donation will be used, you get vague responses.
- An organization with a name closely resembling a well-known charity asks for a donation from you.
- The charity will only accept donations by prepaid debit card, gift card, or Western Union wire transfer.
- The message claims you're guaranteed to win a prize in exchange for a "donation," which is illegal.

When people fall victim to charity scams and donate, no money ever goes toward helping those in need — every penny goes to the scammers. Even worse, the personal information harvested could be used to drain bank accounts, rack up credit card charges, and steal identities.

To avoid this happening to you, always donate to real charities on their own websites instead of clicking on links in email or social media solicitations. Also be aware that legitimate aid organizations will accept donations by credit card or check.

If you or someone you know has been tricked by a charity scam, report it by filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission or calling 1-877-FTC-HELP.

Word search for spring

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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BUTTERFLY	SUNSHINE

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Darrel Livesay of Guymon is the lucky winner of our puzzle drawing. Darrel will receive a \$20 PTCI bill credit. Congratulations!