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Summer 2025

Happy Independence Day from PTCI

On July 4, we celebrate the land of the free and the home of the brave with family, friends, and neighbors. We also celebrate America's 249th birthday. We hope you can make the most of July — from watching colorful fireworks on Independence Day to enjoying backyard barbecues all month long.

Let us know if you'd like to upgrade any of your PTCI services this summer to accommodate the changing needs of your household.



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PO Box 1188, Guymon, OK 73942
Mon, Wed-Fri: 8:00 am-5:30 pm
Tue: 9:00 am-5:30 pm
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Office Closure
July 4 – Independence Day



We love supporting Pioneer Days and rodeo festivities

PTCI's Doris Valle, Norma Green, Molly Wirtz, and Toni Mathis rode in the Pioneer Days Parade and gave bandanas to parade attendees. PTCI sponsored the rodeo video replay board, the Gold Buckle roping box, and the free WiFi at Henry C Hitch Arena and Texas County Activity Center. PTCI was also happy to host 18 rodeo queens at our store to sign autographs and take pictures.

In addition, we proudly sponsored the OPSU Doc Gardner Memorial Rodeo All-Around Cowboy Saddle. Rowdy Nimrod from Southeastern Oklahoma State University was the 2025 champion! PTCI's Chaz Cobb and Shelbie Rose, Oklahoma Panhandle State University Women's Rodeo Coach, presented Christy Braudrick, SEOSU Rodeo Coach, with Rowdy's new saddle. (Rowdy was unavailable for the picture.) Congratulations, Rowdy!

Call before you dig

Communication lines, electrical lines, water lines, gas lines, and sewer lines can all be found below the surface of the ground. State law requires you to notify the One-Call System at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) before you start digging or doing any of the following activities:

- Planting trees
- Installing decks or mailboxes
- Digging for patios and sidewalks
- Installing or repairing drain tile
- Fencing
- Well drilling
- Burying wire, pipe, or dead animals
- Digging a foundation
- Setting a pole
- Cultivating or plowing at depths greater than 18 inches
- Ditch cleaning or grading

To request a line location, call 811, visit www.call811.com, or download the app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).



New business listings

Guymon

Law Office of Kimberly
A Baker 580-338-5890

Laverne

JMK's Diner 580-921-6110

PTCI shares Tech Tales at local schools to teach kids how to combat screen addiction

The internet can be an incredible learning tool, but it can also become a source of anxiety and stress without moderation. This year, PTCI dedicated the Tech Tales school readings tour to inform students about the dangers of excessive internet usage and how to combat screen dependency.

PTCI employees read *The Unplugged Ninja* to local first and second-graders. This book emphasized "the 3 Rs" to be mindful of when feeling irritable or anxious due to excessive screen usage:

- Reset by doing something fun or creative.
- Reconnect with nature by going outside.
- Relax with a book or a bath.

PTCI encourages everyone to remain mindful when using screens and other technology.



Beware of the Grandparent Scam

Scammers will do anything to try to get access to your information and finances. One new scam that's on the rise is known as the Grandparent Scam. It targets older adults and makes it appear that their grandchild is in an urgent situation and needs money.

This scam can get quite elaborate. Typically, it starts with a phone call or text message and involves the scammer trying to impersonate your grandchild. They may even use AI tools to clone the voice of your loved one to make the scam more convincing. AI voice cloning can be incredibly realistic. Remember, just because a voice sounds like someone you know doesn't mean it's really them.

The scammer might claim to be your grandchild calling from jail and needing bail money. Or they may claim to have been in a car accident, stranded, or having a medical emergency.

The best way to not fall for this scam is to hang up and call your loved one directly on the number saved in your phone. Don't call the scammer's number back. If your loved one answers and is fine, you'll know you beat the scammer's game. To learn more about cybersecurity, check out ptci.net and the PTCI Facebook page for details on upcoming cybersecurity workshops.

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Congratulations to the 2025 PTCI Scholarship recipients!



Alexa Decasas
Boise City High School



Alexandra Newman
Guymon High School



Angela Jiang
Guymon High School



Aubren Harland
Texhoma High School



Ben Scott
Laverne High School



Devry Metcalf
Hooker High School



Emma Wester
Texhoma High School



Emmanuel Hernandez
Hooker High School



Garrett Isaacs
Turpin High School



Hannah Manning
Laverne High School



Hayden Butler
Guymon High School



Izabella Neville
Hooker High School



Jacob Burchard
Guymon High School



Jaxon Lehnert
Turpin High School



Jera Pinckard
Balko High School



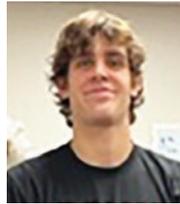
Katherine Velazquez
Guymon High School



Loryn Rose
Hooker High School



Marcos De La Torre
Laverne High School



Mason Taylor
Balko High School



Mayreli Fernandez
Hooker High School



Paola Ortega
Laverne High School



Reese Porter
Beaver High School



Ryan Carter
Hooker High School



Selah Bentley
Laverne High School



Tatum Nielsen
Laverne High School



Don't miss out on PTCI events!

Follow us on social media as PTCI.

We're active on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn, and that's where you'll find the latest information about upcoming PTCI events and activities.

We love to socialize with our customers, both online and out in the community. Let's make it a fun summer!

What to Do If You Fell for a Scam

Scams can be quite convincing. If you've sent money to scammers, immediately contact the company associated with your payment method:

- **Debit/credit card:** Call the issuer and ask for the fraud department. Give the date of the payment, identify it as a fraudulent charge, and see if they'll reverse the charge.
- **Your bank account:** Call your bank and ask them to flag the transaction and return your money.
- **A gift card:** Call the issuer and ask for the fraud department. Say you've been the victim of a scam and request a refund.
- **A wire transfer:** Call the service or your bank and report the fraudulent wire transfer. Request they reverse it and return your money.
- **A cash app like Venmo:** Report the fraud to the company directly to see if they can reverse the payment.

For the scam to be labeled a crime, you'll also need to file a police report. Banks may need a copy of the report to issue a refund.



Fortify your business with PTCI—your local cybersecurity partner

Small and medium-sized companies often juggle countless responsibilities with limited IT resources. PTCI's Managed Services Firewall is here to fill that gap, providing comprehensive solutions so you can focus on what you do best.

PTCI Protect services empower your business with a robust WiFi network, cutting-edge cybersecurity, and essential data/disaster recovery. We even offer professional-grade PCs to keep your team running smoothly.

With PTCI, you gain:

- Protection from phishing, malware, spam, and ransomware.
- Customized security, including website blocking and personalized reports on internet usage and thwarted attacks.

Plus, PTCI Protect Endpoint Device Security actively defends your devices. Our local expert technicians monitor and maintain this, providing professional, hands-on cybersecurity right here in your community.

Don't let cybercrime threaten your hard-earned success. With PTCI Protect cybersecurity solutions, you can gain peace of mind and stay ahead of threats.

Text or call PTCI today at 1-800-562-2556 to secure your business.

Summer Word Search

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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 S N J G S N W J O S
 E E X J V U M S P N
 N R S R O O D T U O
 O T Q S R F U N N R
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 E W H Y K L O C X N
 M G X O L Z G Z Z M
 R N O G J Q L N B C
 E C N C Z I P W U F
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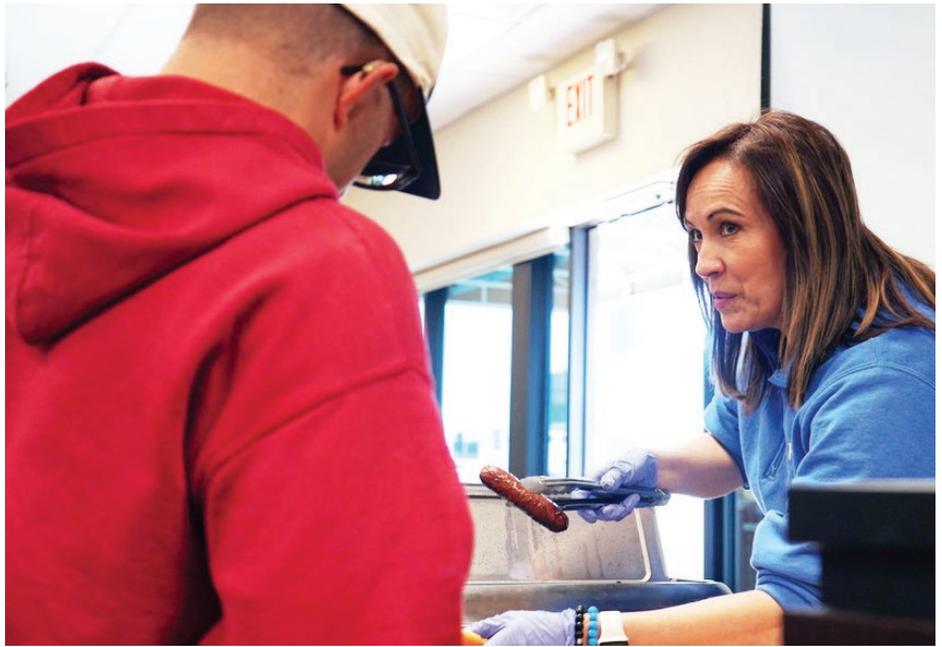
Charles Earls of Guymon, Becky Reynolds of Beaver, and C+W Construction of Beaver are the lucky winners of our puzzle drawing. They will receive a \$20 PTCI bill credit. Congratulations!

A reminder of our policies regarding customer information

Under Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules, telephone companies like PTCI are responsible for maintaining the security and confidentiality of Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI). Please remember that we follow the policies below when discussing CPNI with our customers:

- When opening a new account with PTCI, you must show a photo ID to prove your identity.
- We can only discuss account information with people authorized by the account owner.
- For some routine customer service issues, CPNI can be addressed if you have the bill or call detail information you wish to discuss.
- When you call with account questions, we must authenticate you by requesting your pre-established password, calling you back at a telephone number provided by PTCI, or sending the information to your street or email address of record.

Keeping your information secure is extremely important to PTCI. If you have any questions or want clarification on these policies, text or call 1-800-562-2556.



Brats & Broadband events

PTCI showed their appreciation for our customers in our Cooperative service area with our Brats & Broadband events in Boise City, Beaver, Guymon, and Laverne. PTCI's Daniel Mesta and Alan Anchondo cooked up a bratwurst lunch for the large crowds that showed up as a way to say thank you to all our loyal customers throughout our service area.

PTCI is working hard to bring gigabit-capable fiber optic internet not only to our towns but to the farms and ranches throughout the Oklahoma Panhandle.



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Announcing PTCI's 4th Annual Gigaverse Esports Tournament

PTCI's 4th Annual Gigaverse Esports Tournament is set for October 25 at the Texas County Activity Center. Get ready for a day of fun, competitive esports, cosplay, and more! Cash and door prizes will be given away during the tournament. Kids of all ages are welcome, and families are encouraged to come join in the fun. School and community participants will be able to compete.

Keep an eye on PTCI social media for game announcements, or visit ptci.net/gigaverse and join our email list. We hope to see you on October 25!



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