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Last Chance: DTV Coming Soon

The long awaited, and much advertised, transition from analog to digital television signal will happen on February 17, 2009. Just for review: If all your TVs are hooked up to Pottawatomie Telephone digital TV service, you are all set; we'll provide the digital signal. If not, go to www.dtv.gov for more information.

Home Phone, High-speed Internet, & Digital TV plus Movies

- Residential Unlimited Local Phone Service
Call Waiting, Caller ID With Name & Voice Mail –
Up to 12 features included
- Up to 3 Mbps High-speed Internet

\$119⁹⁵

FREE Modem
Anti-Virus and SPAM Protection for email

- Digital TV with Starz! & Encore (8 additional Channels)
Up to 90 Channels including Free Local Channels
2 Digital Receivers
On-screen Programming Guide with Parental Control
On-screen Caller ID
30+ Music Channels

Home Phone, High-speed Internet, & Digital TV

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Call Waiting, Caller ID With Name & Voice Mail –
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Call Waiting
Caller ID With Name & Voice Mail –
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- Up to 3 Mbps High-speed Internet

\$69⁹⁵

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Anti-Virus and SPAM Protection for email

*Up to 3 Mbps Internet speed where available otherwise download speed will be up to 1 Mbps. Internet speeds may vary. Digital TV includes one standard digital receiver. On-screen Caller ID not available in all areas. Prices shown do not include government taxes and other fees. An agreement may be required. Bundles are for residential customers only. Prices and bundle components are subject to change. Certain other restrictions apply. Please contact Pottawatomie Telephone to verify speed and service availability in your area.



Bowlegs Public Schools Received \$9,500 Technology Grant

Pottawatomie Telephone Nomination is selected from more than 90 applicants

Pottawatomie Telephone was pleased to nominate Bowlegs Public Schools for Technology Grant for Rural Schools. For more than a decade, the grant program, managed by Foundation for Rural Educational Development (FRED) and funded by Rural Technology Finance Corporation (RTFC) has promoted technology development in rural areas supported by independent telephone companies. FRED and RTFC have been working to facilitate cooperation between Organization for the

Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO) members and schools in Independent Telephone Company service areas.

(Pottawatomie Telephone Company is a member of OPASTCO.) This program provides the resources schools need to bridge the "digital divide" by funding technology in the classroom.



Pictured above: Matt Overland, General Manager of Pottawatomie Telephone Company and Bobbette Hamilton, Superintendent of Bowlegs Public Schools.

As the role of technology in the classroom grows, it becomes a powerful tool to improve both teaching and learning. Many schools are incorporating new, innovative technology in an effort to help motivate and inspire their students. But these same public schools in rural areas lack the resources to obtain new technologies and cannot meet these goals without the help of grant programs. This grant program provides funding for projects that advance technology and foster cooperation among the telco, school, and community.

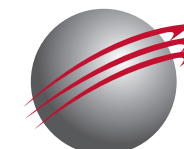
"We recognize how important education is for our community and our children, we nominated Bowlegs Public Schools because of the technology efforts it makes with very limited resources" said Matt Overland General Manager of Pottawatomie Telephone Company.

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Bobbette Hamilton, Bowlegs superintendent, said that Bowlegs Public School will be using the grant money for a mobile wireless computer lab for student testing for their district. The computers will also be used for daily class work. Bobbette said, "We have ordered the computers and equipment and the lab should be set up and ready for their April 2009 testing. We thank Pottawatomie Telephone for the time and effort they put into the application for the grant. This project is crucial to our community and the grant has allowed us to accelerate the program launch date."

FRED Technology Grants are available to public schools that are working in cooperation with their telcos to enhance learning by increasing the use of technology in the classroom. This includes adding new programs and curriculum for technology education and purchasing new equipment.



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Pottawatomie Telephone 2009 Scholarship Available

Pottawatomie Telephone Company is proud to support our local communities and would like to congratulate the 2009 seniors upon their accomplishments thus far. It is our goal to support students in our serving area with the resources they need to continue their academic career. We would like to extend an opportunity to the local high school seniors to receive a \$500 scholarship.

Please contact your high school counselor's office to find out the qualification requirements and pick up your application. Scholarship applications are due by April 1, 2009.

Go Green this Spring: Electronic Billing Now Available

Convenient for you and good for the environment, we now have electronic billing available. You can view your account online, go "paperless" and only receive your bill online, and pay by check or credit card online. Strict web site security and an account password make your information safe. To sign-up for PTC's e-bill visit our website.

- 1) Go to www.potelco.com
- 2) Click on the



**Online
Bill Pay**

- 3) Complete the registration process. It's just that easy.

Should you need help, please feel free to call our office.

Unlimited Long Distance is Here!

Now you can add unlimited Long Distance to your Pottawatomie Telephone service or PTC Bundle for an additional \$25 per month. The unlimited long distance plan covers calls in the continental USA only. International calls are priced separately. Get our long distance today and stop worrying about counting minutes. Call our office to sign up today.

Pottawatomie Telephone Supports the Oklahoma Humanities Council

Our commitment to learning continues with support for the OKHC. OKHC Programs are open for K-12 Students & Teachers. We invite you to become familiar with these important learning opportunities.

Teacher Institutes

Knowledgeable, enthusiastic teachers are a wise investment in Oklahoma's youth. Summer institutes sponsored by the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) increase the confidence, professionalism, and subject knowledge of K-12 educators. Participants have the opportunity to network with peers and engage with distinguished university professors and other humanities professionals in an intensive exploration of curriculum-relevant topics. When teachers implement their innovative learning experiences in the classroom, students benefit for years to come. Watch the OHC website [www.okhumanitiescouncil.org/teacher-institutes] for details and registration information on this summer's institute offerings.



Teacher Institutes, sponsored by the Oklahoma Humanities Council, give K-12 educators the opportunity to increase confidence, professionalism, and subject knowledge on humanities-related themes.



Cole Allen, kindergartener from Villa Teresa School in Oklahoma City, accepts an award from Jennifer Kidney, Director of Literature Programs, at the Oklahoma Humanities Council's annual Lincoln Essay Contest awards reception at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Lincoln Essay Contest

The Lincoln Essay Contest engages students with basic, democratic ideals as they study one of the most important leaders in the history of our country, Abraham Lincoln. With the 2009 bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, it is especially appropriate for students to study the legacy of our sixteenth President. Students of all ages are eligible to participate and the deadline for entries is February 12. For contest information, visit the OHC website: www.okhumanitiescouncil.org/lincoln-essay-contest or contact Jennifer Kidney, Director of Literature Programs, at: jennifer@okhumanitiescouncil.org or (405) 235-0280.

ECONOMICAL THINGS TO DO

Great Family Fun in Our Area

It's easy to get into a routine of work and rest. We thought we'd share some nearby family-friendly attractions to liven up your winter. Here are just a few points of interest to break up your entertainment routine.

- Lazer Zone Family Fun Center
14601 County Road 3544, Ada, OK 74820
(580) 332-4855
www.lazer-zone.net
- Grisso Mansion
State Highway 9, in Seminole, OK
- Oklahoma Oil Museum
1800 Hwy 9 West (Wrangler Blvd)
Seminole, OK 74868
(405) 382-1500
- Jasmine Moran Children's Museum
1714 Highway 9 W
Seminole, OK 74868
(405) 382-0950
www.jasminemoran.com
- Little River Zoo
3405 SE 120th Ave.
(3/4 mile south of Hwy 9E)
Norman, OK 73026
(405) 366-7229
www.littleriverzoo.com
- Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History
2401 Chautauqua Avenue
Norman, OK 73072-7029
(405) 325-4712
www.snomnh.ou.edu
- National Weather Center
120 David L. Boren Blvd.
Suite 2400
Norman, OK 73072
(405) 325-1147
www.nwc.ou.edu/tourdetails.php

Tours of the NWC for the general public are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1 p.m. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Customer Profile : J & J Grocery

Celebrating 60 Years of Great Customer Service



*J & J Grocery
is more than
a store: it is
a family.*

For over 59 years J & J Grocery has been a PTC customer. Since 1957, their services have ranged from traditional telephone to PTC's new Digital TV service. Established in 1949, the family operated grocery store has seen several telecommunication advancements from its neighbor, Pottawatomie Telephone Co., an equally longstanding member of the community. Through the advancements in technology Junior Mize, J & J Grocery's joyous owner, has been able to communicate with his clients, order supplies, and provide consumer information via telephone and Internet. Through servicing the community Pottawatomie Telephone Co has enabled J & J Grocery to in turn keep in contact with their countless customers.

J & J Grocery is the longest standing, same owner and location Evergreen reseller in Oklahoma and in Texas. This past Christmas marked the establishment's 60th year in business. But, what really makes this store special? Is it the incredible length that it has stayed in business? Is it the title the "Longest Evergreen Reseller"? Or is it the warm family-oriented aura that radiates from every corner of the store? Is it that "hello neighbor" greeting; the "you're only a stranger once and then your family" attitude that Junior Mize and his family possess and spread every second of the day. Junior once said, "I want your business and your friendship both, and if I can only have one, I'd rather have your friendship." It is this attitude that continues to bring customers and friends back to J & J Grocery.

J & J Grocery, however, is more than a store; it is a family. Junior Mize and his lovely 81-year-old wife Joy have been married for 61 incredible years. In those 61 years, Junior and Joy had five children, three boys and two girls. As years went by Junior and Joy transitioned from parents to grandparents to great-grandparents. They have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. At some point in time, all of them have worked in the store and helped make it continue to prosper. If you ever travel down Main Street in Earlsboro, OK stop by J & J Grocery (at 9 Main St. Earlsboro, OK) and you will surely see Mr. and Mrs. Mize working as busily as ever. You can be certain that you will be greeted with a cheerful "hello neighbor."