



Some True Gossip about Your Neighbors at Palmerton Telephone Company

Some might call it gossip—but it's not that at all.

We often tell you we're your neighbors, but now we've taken the time to gather information about ourselves. It's the little things you might want to know about the employees of a company you've entrusted with your most reliable communications service — your landline telephone.

- The majority of us live in Palmerton and its surrounding communities, including Bowmanstown, Kresgeville, Kunkletown, Effort, Lehighton and Jim Thorpe.
- When asked what we love about this area, our most frequent responses included the friendly, small town closeness and safety of our quiet towns.
- We enjoy a variety of hobbies, including hunting, fishing, gardening, antiques, car detailing, cross stitching, riding ATVs, quilting, knitting, crocheting, cooking, reading, crafts, bowling, racing, camping, cars, restoring vintage radios, lifting weights and boxer sizing.
- Our staff volunteers at the Palmerton Community Festival, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the West End Cancer Walk, the Bowmanstown Fire Company Auxiliary, Operation Touch of Home, the Jim Thorpe Fire Department, the Lehighton Ambulance, the Palmerton Library, various churches, and the Vocational Advisory Committee of the Carbon Career and Technical Institute. This is in addition to the time and money our company contributes to many area organizations.
- Many of us have furthered our high school education at colleges like Penn State, Kutztown University, Bloomsburg University, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Glendale Community College, University of Pittsburgh, and Lincoln Technical Institute.
- Most of us patronize the businesses in Palmerton, to buy our groceries, eat at restaurants, gas for our cars, haircuts, car repair and other general shopping.

**We're proud to be part of the communities we serve.
Thank you for choosing Palmerton Telephone.**

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Customer Service
610-826-6650

Business Office
610-826-2115

Repair Service
610-826-3444

Gilbert Office
610-826-9321

*Palmerton Telephone
Company continues
to engineer and
advance technology
for tomorrow while
providing reliability
and quality service
that Pennsylvanians
count on today.*

From the Manager's Desk...

Do you know that
Palmerton Telephone
has been serving the
area since 1900?

THE INTERNET IS CHANGING THE WORLD

Since the results of the 2008 presidential election have come in, various pundits have been commenting on how the Obama campaign's use of the Internet was a major factor in his electoral victory. In a November 7, 2008 article on the New York Times website, Claire Cain Miller compares Obama's use of the Internet to John Kennedy's use of television in the 1960 campaign. Not only did the campaign use the Internet to get his message out to the voters, it used that medium to organize campaign workers as never before. Ms. Miller quotes political analyst Joe Trippi who said, "Mr. Obama used the Internet to organize supporters in a way that would have in the past required an army of volunteers and paid organizers on the ground." Back in June of 2008, Steve Schifferes of the BBC recognized that the use of the Internet by Obama's campaign was having a decisive effect in his performance in the primary elections.

What has worked for politicians on a national scale can work for businesses on a local or regional scale. Palmerton Telephone offers broadband Internet connections for residences and businesses with monthly prices starting as low as \$19.95 per month. We also offer reasonable prices on DSL modem sales and rentals. Our friends over at PenTeleData offer hosting for your website and design services that can present your business to the world. Get in touch with our business office today for your broadband Internet connection.

Sincerely,

Tom Lager

General Manager
Palmerton Telephone Company

Breakfast Scramble

Ingredients:

- > 5 slices bacon
- > 1 lb. small red potatoes, sliced (6 or 7)
- > 6 eggs
- > 1/3 cup milk
- > 1/8 cup cheese of your choice
- > 1/4 tsp. salt
- > 1/8 tsp. pepper
- > 2 tbs. butter
- > 4 medium green onions, sliced

Instructions:

In 10 inch skillet, cook bacon over medium heat, turning occasionally, until crisp and brown. Remove from skillet, drain on paper towels. Crumble bacon.

Meanwhile, in a 2-quart saucepan, heat 1-inch water to boiling. Add potatoes. Cover and heat to boiling. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook 6-8 minutes or until potatoes are tender; drain. In a medium bowl, beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Set aside.

In 10-inch skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Cook potatoes in butter 3-4 minutes, turning occasionally, until potatoes are lightly browned. Stir in onions. Cook one minute, stirring constantly.

Pour egg mixture into skillet. Add cheese. Mix ingredients together. Once eggs are cooked through, add crumbled bacon and serve.

Recipe

Your Home Phone Troubleshooting Guide

**Once in a while, the dreaded problem happens.
Your telephone won't work, and you really need to make a call.**

**Luckily, there are some simple troubleshooting tips you can try to
resolve your problems as quick as possible.**

Here are some common problems, and the most common culprits:

"I can't receive calls."

Is the ringer switched off or on low? Make sure you have the telephone bell or sounds switched on and turned up. Make sure the telephone is plugged in correctly.

"I can't make calls."

Check the area code. Be sure that you are using the right code for the location of the call you want to make.

Check your phone and cables.

Try unplugging all your equipment on the line (telephone, computers, modems, answering machines, etc.). Plug the telephone directly to the jack. Do you get a dial tone? This may help to determine if any of the other equipment is causing the trouble.

Also, if you have more than one phone, be sure that all of the handsets are on their hooks properly.

If you are having trouble dialing one particular number, the problem could be with that number. Try dialing another number to see if you can make a successful call.

" I have poor call quality (Noise on the line)."

If you have a cordless phone, make sure the batteries are fully charged.

Remove any extension cables and try plugging a different phone (not a cordless phone) directly into your main telephone jack.

When all else fails, or you no longer want to troubleshoot, we're always glad to send a technician to check the problem. The number to call for repair is 610.826.3444.



*Do you know that
Palmerton Telephone
copper wires, connected
end to end, circle the
earth 4 times at the
equator?*

Brain Teaser November 2008 Winner!

**Congratulations to
Norman Griffith of
Saylorsburg, PA.
Norman was the
winner of a \$25 Gift
Card to Roadies
Restaurant and Bar
at Penn's Peak in Jim
Thorpe, Pa.**

*What has arms, but
cannot hug, legs but
cannot run?*

Answer: A Chair

Fun Facts

Grover Cleveland is the only president to have been elected to two non-consecutive terms. Upon leaving the White House in 1889, his wife told the staff to take care of the furniture because they would return. She was right.

The first American president to have a beard was Abraham Lincoln. He was also the tallest president, at a height of 6 feet 4 inches tall.

Theodore Roosevelt was the first U.S. president to ride in an automobile.

Water has a greater molecular density in liquid form than as a solid. This is why ice floats.

The Chinese invented eyeglasses. Marco Polo reported seeing many pairs worn by the Chinese as early as 1275, 500 years before lens grinding became an art in the West.

Of the 15,000-odd known species of orchids in the world, 3,000 of them can be found in Brazil.

Chocolate has over 500 flavor components, more than twice the amount found in strawberry and vanilla.

Personal Emergency Alert

Palmerton Telephone's Personal Emergency Alert is an affordable option for anyone recovering from injury or with a permanent disability who would like to maintain or regain their independence. At just \$19.95, with an additional 10% discount for customers who prepay for a year, it's peace of mind for as low as \$17.95 a month!

What should you know about Personal Emergency Alert?

- Trained technicians install the alarm unit.
- A waterproof alarm sender, either in the form of a wristwatch or pendant summons help at the press of a button.
- Local Operators are able to talk and hear the caller through a special console. After determining what help is needed, they will notify up to four predetermined contacts, including 911. These can be family, friends, emergency personnel or caregivers.
- The equipment has power failure and restore options, and an inactivity alarm.

The holidays are over, but independence is a gift that most of us enjoy all year long. Consider the same for your loved one.

During the month of January, we are offering the alarm unit for just \$99.95. For more information, please call us at (610)826-6650.

Can you beat this **BRAIN TEASER?**

Palmerton Telephone is giving away a \$25 Gift Card to Roadies Restaurant and Bar at Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe, Pa.

To enter, e-mail the correct answer to ptelco@ptd.net or send a 3" x 5" index card to 465 Delaware Ave. Palmerton, PA 18071. Please include your name, address, daytime telephone number (to call only if you win), and the Brain Teaser answer. All entries must be received by **1/19/09**.

Good Luck!
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Brain Teaser

Round and white, fearing the bright, I melt away at the sign of the sun, but building me you do have fun. What am I?