



## LIFELINE

### LIFELINE 135 AND LINK UP AMERICA

**PALMERTON TELEPHONE OFFERS TWO PROGRAMS TO HELP OUR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS GET OR KEEP THEIR TELEPHONE SERVICE. THEY ARE *LIFELINE 135 SERVICE* AND *LINK UP AMERICA*. IF YOU ARE A LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR THESE PROGRAMS.**

**Lifeline** service gives eligible customers a credit of \$8.25 per month on his or her basic telephone service bill. **Link Up America** gives 50% off your telephone hook-up charge, and is available to those who qualify for Lifeline service.

To qualify for Lifeline & Link Up America, you must not be claimed as a dependent by anyone on their Federal Income Tax, unless you are 60 or older and receive assistance from one of the following programs:

- > General Assistance
- > Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- > Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- > Food stamps
- > Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- > Medicaid
- > Federal Public Housing Assistance
- > National School Free Lunch Program

OR

Your yearly income is at or below 135% of the United States Census Bureau Poverty Guidelines.

If you meet the qualifications, and would like to apply for Lifeline and Link Up America, contact our Business Office.

## OPERATOR ANSWERING SERVICES

Whether you are a doctor, a veterinarian, a funeral home or a service-oriented provider, let our 24/7 operators be your office assistant. It's a cost-effective way to remain accessible, without providing your personal information to patients or customers. With multiple levels of service, we offer a variety of options, customizable to meet your individual needs.

For more information, call our **Business Office at 610.826.6650.**

### Phone Numbers

**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.*

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# From the Manager's Desk...

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

## MOMS

Although we should be respecting and honoring our mothers every day, this month we are particularly reminded of all the things for which we need to thank our mothers. I am reminded of a line from one of my favorite movies, "The Quiet Man", when Victor McLaglen says, "Why even Father Lonergan had a mother."

I was blessed with a wonderful mother. I grew up in the 1950's; an era when not many mothers worked outside the home and mine was no exception. Although we could have used the money for some luxuries, Mom remained at home to care for my brother and me until we were in high school and would no longer be coming home for lunch. A devout Christian, she sang in the church choir, served several terms on the church council, taught Sunday School and was active in many church organizations. She saw to it that her children received both a good secular and Christian education. Mom always encouraged me to do things the "right way" rather than the "easy way".

In her later years Mom's health declined to the point that she had to come to live with me. We both knew that this was a temporary arrangement, as her condition would eventually require her to move to a place where she could be afforded full time care. Our time together was shorter than either of us imagined. She was taken ill on Christmas day in 2006, had surgery for internal problems later that week, and, at the age of 80, was called home by The Lord on New Year's Eve.

I tell you this with the admonition, never miss an opportunity to do something nice for your mother or someday, like me, you will only be able to bring her flowers to the cemetery.

Sincerely,

*Tom Lager*

General Manager  
Palmerton Telephone Company

## Fruit Salsa and Cinnamon Chips

### Ingredients:

- > 2 kiwis, peeled and diced
- > 2 Golden Delicious apples - peeled, cored and diced
- > 8 ounces raspberries
- > 1 pound strawberries
- > 2 tablespoons white sugar
- > 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- > 3 tablespoons fruit preserves, any flavor
- > 10 (10 inch) flour tortillas
- > butter flavored cooking spray
- > 2 cups cinnamon sugar

### Directions:

1. In a large bowl, thoroughly mix kiwis, apples, raspberries, strawberries, white sugar, brown sugar and fruit preserves. Cover and chill in the refrigerator at least 15 min.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
3. Coat one side of each flour tortilla with butter flavored cooking spray. Cut into wedges and arrange in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Sprinkle wedges with desired amount of cinnamon sugar. Spray again with cooking spray.
4. Bake in the preheated oven 8 to 10 min. Repeat with any remaining tortilla wedges. Allow to cool approximately 15 min. Serve with chilled fruit mixture.

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# COMPUTER PROBLEMS, AGAIN?

It happens to all of us. The frustration of computer problems can seem overwhelming - but you are not alone. The next time you need assistance; don't forget about Palmerston Telephone's affiliation with PenTeleData. PenTeleData's Computer Patrol will come to your home to set up a new computer, repair your computer, install a wireless network, protect you from unwanted Internet intruders and remove spyware.

Like Palmerston Telephone, Computer Patrol is local. To learn more about how they can help you, call 1.877.610.9090 or visit [www.ptdpatrol.com](http://www.ptdpatrol.com).



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

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MULTI-TASK MASTER?

WITH UNIFIED MESSAGING FROM PALMERSTON TELEPHONE, YOU CAN!

Unified Messaging sends your Voice Mail messages to your e-mail address, where they appear as a .wav file. That way, all messages are stored in one place, and you have the choice of listening to Voice Mails with either your telephone or your computer. It's faster and easier - you can even listen while on a conference call or from your PDA!

## DIAL 411 FOR DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

**WHEN YOU NEED DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD BE THINKING OF 4-1-1 SERVICE FIRST. WHY? BECAUSE, 4-1-1 CAN GET YOU THE SAME INFORMATION AS DIALING THE OTHER DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE NUMBERS AND IT COSTS LESS.**

### What makes 4-1-1 service from Palmerston Telephone so much better than other directory services?

Aside from being much less expensive, 4-1-1 from Palmerston Telephone is available to anyone with no sign up fees, no monthly fees, no registration fees and no commitment of any kind. We even offer optional call connect.

Optional Call Connect means that when you request a number from our 4-1-1 service, you can have the operator connect you to that number. Optional Call Connect costs 25 cents per minute, so if you have a better rate through your telephone service plan, you may want to hang up and dial the number yourself.

As another courtesy to Palmerston Telephone customers, we have our own local directory assistance number: 610-826-0411. This number allows you to receive listed telephone numbers in our service coverage area. Each month, your first two requests within our serving area are FREE and additional requests are only 35 cents. Please note that unlisted numbers cannot be given out. This service is provided by Palmerston Telephone for Palmerston Telephone customers, and can only provide numbers within our coverage area.

## Brain Teaser March 2009 Winner!

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

How many 2-cent  
stamps does it take to  
make a dozen?

*Answer: 12*

### Fun Facts

An ear of corn averages 800 kernels in 16 rows. A pound of corn consists of approximately 1,300 kernels. 100 bushels of corn produces approximately 7,280,000 kernels. Corn is produced on every continent of the world with the exception of Antarctica.

Twenty-five percent of Americans with e-mail accounts say they "very often" use e-mail in place of a phone call for non-work related, personal communication.

There was only one pointer, the hour hand, on the first clocks made in the fourteenth century. The minute and seconds hands were added in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

There are earthworms as short as one-twenty-fifth of an inch and earthworms as long as 11 feet. The earthworm has no lungs; it breathes through its skin. Some earthworms have as many as ten hearts.

While some sharks lay eggs, blue sharks give birth to live pups, as do about two-thirds of all sharks, estimated at nearly 350 species.

Pennsylvania law mandates that all counties provide veterans' graves each year with a flag, most of which are distributed before Memorial Day.

If the fresh water of the earth (only 1.6 percent of the water on the planet) was divided equally among all the people on earth, each one would get 40 million gallons.

Using a graphite tennis racket reportedly helps prevent the onset of "tennis elbow."

### DSL

**APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS, BUT SOMETIMES THE WAIT SEEMS LIKE FOREVER. FOR SOME THINGS, WE HAVE NO CHOICE, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR INTERNET SERVICE. THAT'S WHY IT'S TIME TO TRY PALMERTON TELEPHONE DSL.**

Palmerton Telephone DSL provides a constant connection to the Internet -without an extra phone line! Best of all, we offer **five speed packages, starting at just \$19.95**, so we're sure to have a package that's right for you. Each one includes 5 e-mailboxes with 50 MB of storage per mailbox and PenTeleData Unleashed Wi-Fi Hot Spot Internet access at almost 200 locations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

As if that wasn't enough, we're pleased to announce the return of **our best DSL promotion ever!** New DSL customers who sign up by May 31, 2009 will **receive free DSL installation and a \$10 discount each month for the first three months, plus we'll give you the modem for free (a \$50 value)!**

As an added bonus, **Val-YOU Package Customers** who have or choose to add Platinum or Platinum Plus DSL will automatically **save an additional \$10 per month** on their high-speed broadband Internet connection.

**With a deal this spectacular, there's no reason to waste time waiting on dial-up Internet service!** For more information, or to order, call our Business Office 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 **5/20/09**.

**Good Luck!**  
**Palmerton Telephone**



### Brain Teaser

I begin and end with U-N-D.  
A subterranean word.  
Can you deduce me?