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A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT PMT

A Big Tribute to Small Businesses

National Small Business Week is the first week in May. It's a great reminder to think about how much our local small businesses add to this community in terms of jobs, unique products, personal service, and much more.

PMT encourages you to shop local, spend local, eat local, and enjoy local. If you own a small business, we congratulate you and wish you much success.

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IS YOUR **GROWING** BUSINESS **OUTGROWING** ITS INTERNET?

No matter what type of business you run, you need an internet plan that works as hard as you and your employees do. Otherwise, you're waiting rather than working.

PMT offers business internet plans with speeds up to 10 Gig (equal to 10,000 Mbps) along with local support and expertise to guide your technology planning.

CALL 208-434-1847 TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Service availability and internet speeds will depend on location. Call us for complete details.

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Call 811 Before You Dig to Help Prevent Utility Damage

An underground utility line is damaged once every six minutes nationwide because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. This statistic comes from data collected by Common Ground Alliance (CGA), the association dedicated to protecting underground utility lines and the safety of people who dig near them.

Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in damage to gas, electric, communications, water, and sewer lines, which can lead to service disruptions, serious injuries, and costly repairs. There are more than 20 million miles of underground utilities in the United States, according to data compiled by CGA from various industry groups.

To know what's below, always call 811 before digging on your property. That way, local utilities can come out and mark where underground lines are located. Data shows that when you call 811 the appropriate amount of time before digging, you have a less than one percent chance of striking a buried utility line.

PMT thanks you in advance for doing your part to help prevent utility damage.

Are you looking for ways to make movie nights at home even better? PMT offers all kinds of star-studded entertainment options sure to be big hits with your family and friends.

Topping the list are HD Service and Premium Movie Channels. These two go together like popcorn and butter. They're the perfect combo to take your PMT TV package from pretty good to pretty amazing.

With HD Service, your eyes and ears are in for a real treat. You'll get an incredibly lifelike picture that's so vivid and crisp, it feels like you're right in the middle of the action. You can watch full-screen versions of movies—not to mention more of the big games—and see truer colors with sharper details. Plus, HDTV further enhances your movie night experience with high-quality digital sound.

Our Premium Movie Packages are your ticket to a dazzling collection of new and classic movies plus award-winning original series. They include:

- Latino Package
- Movie Plex Channel
- HBO
- Showtime
- Starz/Encore
- Cinemax

Save when you bundle three or more of these packages!

For a plot twist on movie nights, consider surprising your audience with nontraditional popcorn. You'll find lots of recipes here, from coconut curry popcorn to buffalo ranch popcorn: www.babble.com/best-recipes/25-creative-homemade-popcorn-recipes.

Now through June 30, get your choice of any Premium Movie Chanel FREE for three months. Download this and other money-saving coupons at www.pmt.org/offers.

Employee of the Year: George Gallegos

George Gallegos was announced as Employee of the Year for 2017 at PMT's Annual Awards Banquet. George began his career at PMT 10 years ago and has worked in many positions at our company. They include time as an Installation and Repair Technician, in the PMT Construction Department, as a Locating Technician, and in the Maintenance Department. He currently serves the role of Facilities Administrator.

As Facilities Administrator, George spends his time making sure all 30 PMT buildings and 50 fleet vehicles are in tip-top shape. His responsibilities range from waking up in the wee-hours to see that the parking lots are plowed before employees arrive at work, to overseeing construction projects, to keeping our central offices (which house our network equipment) free from outside influences to maintain reliable services for our customers. Additionally, George serves as an on-call tech for Construction and completes other tasks as needed—all with a smile.

"George is the embodiment of PMT," says Dan Hoover, PMT General Manager and CEO. "He's always hard at work making sure things are running smoothly, with a friendly can-do attitude. We appreciate George and all he does to keep things at PMT working in a safe and professional manner."

George and his wife Karen are the parents of four children, and they reside in Rupert. When he isn't at work, George enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with his family.

Congratulations on being Employee of the Year, George! Thanks for your dedication and keep up the great work!

Phonebook Ad Deadlines Approaching

The deadline to include your business's yellow page ad in the Magic Valley's most widely used phonebooks is fast approaching. The deadline to include an ad in the 2017-2018 Mini-Cassia phonebook is June 1, 2017. The deadline for the Twin Falls phonebook is July 1, 2017. Please contact the Legacy sales team at 1-866-616-4262 to make sure your business will be present in the PMT phonebooks!

Christina Paulson Retires

A longtime PMT employee, Christina Paulson, decided to hang up her drafting paper and retire at the end of April. Chris started her career with Project Mutual in 1986, sharing a job on the telephone repair bench with another employee. Chris moved from that position to being PMT's first female installer, doing installation and repair of phone services as well as working with the Construction Department on mainline splicing and cable repairs. Chris later moved into the Engineering Department as an assistant, but ended up the Senior Engineer by the time of her retirement.

When asked what she would miss most, Chris said, "I have enjoyed my job and my fellow employees. The technologies change so fast, it's hard to keep up." Chris is very involved in her church, enjoys taking cruises, and wants to develop new hobbies during her retirement. Oh, and she'd also like to sleep in...

Chris was instrumental in the recent fiber overbuild in the city of Paul, and her knowledge and attention to detail made her an important asset to our company. PMT will miss her input on our projects, but wishes her the very best in the future.

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Lifeline Services

If you qualify for certain low income programs, you may be eligible for discounts on PMT high speed internet plans, cell phone plans, or basic local service with long distance restrictions. One assistance credit is available per household.

For details, or to see if you qualify, please call PMT at 208-436-7151.

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Congrats to Grads and Their Moms and Dads

PMT congratulates all the graduates in this area and wishes them well as they continue their life journeys. We know these students have been busy all year with lots of activities—from homework and part-time jobs to sports, clubs, and community volunteering. Getting it all done isn't easy and we applaud their hard work.

We also want to recognize the parents of these graduates. Your support and guidance throughout childhood have enabled these young adults to get where they are today. Congrats on a job well done!

Quick! Take an Internet Speed Test!

If your internet connection doesn't seem to be as fast as you'd like, we have a quick tip: Before you call the PMT office, check your current download and upload speeds using one or more of these websites:

www.speedtest.net

www.testmyspeed.com

https://fast.com

Space out the speed tests over a few days, and at varying times of day, to get an accurate measure of your internet connection. You'll note that most of the focus of these tests is on download speed, which is key to activities such as streaming video. But upload speed can also be important if you share a lot of photos/videos or play online games. Remember, the number of Mbps listed when you sign up for most internet plans are "up to" speeds and cannot be guaranteed.

Once you know the current internet speeds at your home, call us at 208-436-7151 to talk about next steps. You may have issues to address such as an outdated or poorly located router. Or it might be time to sign up for one of our internet plans with faster speeds.

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