



Pineland Telephone Cooperative's In Touch Newsletter

Your LOCAL Telecommunications Experts!

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An informational newsletter from Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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URBAN VS. RURAL?

HOW THE
NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN
WILL AFFECT YOU

What would happen if the federal government decided that larger city roads, bridges, and infrastructure should be better constructed and more efficient than the roads in rural America? What if policy makers determined that urban consumers should be able to get where they are going and get what they need faster than rural consumers? A new government plan intends to make that true of our nation's information superhighway—the Internet, and while it's not the highway we drive on, rural consumers should still be very concerned.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has crafted a plan to make broadband Internet access universally available. Reliable, high-speed broadband has become essential, like electricity and telephone service were decades ago. Broadband can improve the lives of all consumers, but access is especially important for Americans that live outside of the big cities. The Internet gives small businesses the opportunity to reach customers nationwide, offers local students the chance to take classes online, and allows doctors to remotely diagnose patients and even offer remote emergency care. It can also enable farmers to monitor weather patterns and buy and sell livestock in markets far from home.

Pineland Telephone applauds the government's efforts to make affordable, reliable Internet connections a reality for all Americans, but the FCC's plan will make rural Americans second class citizens in the new broadband world, because it establishes a speed goal for rural areas that is twenty-five times slower than for urban areas. Shouldn't Pineland communities have access to the same broadband services as larger towns and cities?

Years ago, congress established a universal service policy for telephone service that required rural areas have access to communications services at prices that are affordable and reasonably comparable to those available in urban areas. Pineland has already begun its Fiber to the Home project based on assumptions that the regulators would support this same universal service philosophy for broadband.

The current FCC plan will cause Pineland communities to be on the slow side of the broadband digital divide in the future, while raising the cost tremendously . . . which will be devastating to our economies. Please contact your congressional representatives (*contact information is listed below*) and urge them to support regulatory action that ensures equal access to broadband for all Americans. If you would like more information about this issue, please contact me , Richard Price Pineland's General Manager, or my staff.

Important Dates to Remember

Back to School
August 12, 2010



Labor Day

Pineland Offices will be Closed
September 6, 2010

Delivering of
Pineland Phonebooks
September 2010

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Sen. Johnny Isakson	3625 Cumberland Blvd. Suite 970 Atlanta, Georgia 30339	(770) 661-0999	(770) 661-0768	isakson.senate.gov
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Rep. John Barrow	450 Mall Boulevard, Suite A Savannah, Georgia 31406	(912) 354-7282	(912) 354-7782	barrow.house.gov

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PINELAND PHONE BOOKS ARE COMING!

Pineland Phone books are on the way! All Pineland customers should receive their book by the end of September 2010. If you have not received your book by mid October, call Pineland Telephone at (912) 685-2121. Each subscriber will be mailed only one directory; however if more are needed, stop by Pineland's main office and pick one up. Businesses that require extra directories will receive them via hand-delivery.

Cooking Corner

with **Jamie Sutton**

Jamie Sutton has been employed with Pineland Telephone for 21 years. He is a Network Operations Technician.

Stuffed & Grilled Jalapeno Peppers



Option I Ingredients

- Jalapeno peppers
- Small sausage links

Option II ingredients

- Jalapeno peppers
- Cooked bulk sausage
- Cream cheese

Option I Directions

Cut each end of pepper and clean free of veins and seeds. Stuff w/ small, frozen sausage link. You may want to cut link in halves. Let link thaw. Grill. The more you cook the pepper, the milder it becomes.

Option II Directions

Cut stem end of pepper and clean free of veins and seeds. Mix cream cheese and sausage. Stuff peppers w/ mixture. Grill. This works better if you have a holder for the peppers while on the grill.

New Channels on TVPLUS

WGSA.....	ch. 10
WGSA3.....	ch. 66
Telemundo.....	ch. 249
WGNHD.....	ch. 404
WGSAHD.....	ch. 410
SpeedHD.....	ch. 518
FXHD.....	ch. 558

Back 2 School = need for HIGHER Internet Speeds

3mb down/ 1mb up **\$49.99**

6mb down/ 1mb up **\$59.99**

10mb down/ 1mb up **\$69.99**

NEW 15mb down/ 2mb up* **\$79.99**

NEW 20mb down/ 2mb up* **\$89.99**

* Customers must qualify for service. Listed prices are for residential customers. Connection speeds might not be available in all locations.

**Available for Fiber Customers Only.

Add-on a higher speed to your current bundle starting at just \$10 a month!



Pineland
Television & Media Services

PTMS Filming Schedule



The 2010-2011 school year is only weeks away and Pineland TV and Media Services is getting ready to kick off football season! PTMS will be filming local high school football games all season long and airing games on TVPlus channel 5. Listed to the right are the games being filmed this year. The filmed games will be aired on ch. 5 the following week on Thursday at 8pm, and Saturday & Sunday at 6:00pm. Pineland's Coaches' Show will also be aired this year on Tuesdays at 7:30pm where you can hear from the coaches about what to expect this season, see highlights from past games, and hear this years expectations and predictions from the coaches themselves! Georgia Southern Coaches Show will air on Pineland TVPlus channel 5 on Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

Copies of the games will also be available for purchase through Pineland for \$15. Good luck to all teams and tune into Channel 5 all season long to catch your favorite local high school football team.

Date	Teams	Location
AUG 27	Metter vs Jenkins	Metter
SEP 03	Metter vs Portal	Metter
SEP 10	ECI vs Metter	Twin City
SEP 17	ECI vs Treutlen	Twin City
OCT 01	ECI vs Montgomery	Twin City
OCT 08	Metter vs Bryan	Metter
OCT 15	DEA vs John Hancock	Stillmore
OCT 22	DEA vs Covenant	Stillmore
OCT 29	ECI vs Wheeler county	Twin City

Football is so much better in

Only \$14.99 a month for HD Programs

FREE HD set-top box Upgrade

Pineland has the HD you need to be ready for football season this year!

HD

** Customers must qualify for service. HD is not available in all service locations. Upgrade includes one set-top box. Each additional box is \$10 during installation. Call Pineland to see if you qualify and for more details. (912)685-2121 or toll free (800) 247-1266

New Apps on Pineland TVPlus!!

Pineland TVPlus has some very exciting news! We now have new applications available on TVPlus that is fun for the entire family. Listed below are some of the new TV applications. Press the MENU button on your remote, then RENTALS, scroll down to FREE ON DEMAND, and start having fun with the different options on TVPlus. Below are a few we think you will enjoy!



Be a star in your own living room! Choose from hundreds of tracks across 8 genres, all available for you to sing on demand. Enjoy everyone's favorite pastime in the comfort of your own home. The Karaoke Channel™ is ready when you are!



It's the music you want to see! Music Unlimited™ is more than 100 of the hottest music videos, concerts and artist features in the most popular categories, all available on demand.



Disney Family Movies is an On Demand subscription package showcasing family-friendly programming culled from Disney's vault of classic and contemporary films and animated shorts.



KIDS Unlimited is the first VOD package for KIDS targeting kids 2-8 years old, it features great series such as the award winning "My Bed Bugs", "The Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm" as well as educational favorites from the premiere name in children's programming, Scholastic.



Concert.tv is the market leader in live music television and includes performances, films and documentaries alongside other unique music programming. Concert.tv is the only dedicated home for live music culture on television and online.

Pineland TVPlus also has a library of free movies now available on Video OnDemand. Scroll through hundreds of free movies, all from the comforts of your home made available to **you** by **your** rural telecommunications experts--- **Pineland Telephone.**

Annual Business Customer Do-Not-Call Notification

As you are likely aware, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have established a national Do-Not-Call Registry. As part of the do-not-call initiative, the FCC requires us to notify customers who use our service for making telephone solicitations (telemarketing calls) regarding the national Do-Not-Call rules and regulations. We recognize that few of our customers use our services for telemarketing; however, because we do not have records indicating which customers may do telemarketing, we are contacting all business customers.

If you are a company, individual, or other entity that makes telemarketing calls, it is very important that you familiarize yourself with the operations of the national Do-Not-Call Registry and the rules requiring checking of the national Do-Not-Call Registry as part of making telemarketing calls. Unless you fall under one of the exceptions established in the FCC/FTC rules (such as the exception for telemarketing by charitable organizations or for prior business relationships), you may not make telemarketing calls to numbers included in the national Do-Not-Call Registry. Before you rely on one of the exceptions, you should consult the rules. For information about the regulations, you may visit the national Do-Not-Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov. You can find the FCC and FTC rules governing telemarketing and telephone solicitation, at 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200 and 16 C.F.R. Part 310, respectively.



Pineland Telephone Cooperative is NOW on FACEBOOK!
Become a Fan and stay up-to-date on new products and services offered at Pineland.

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IN-TOUCH
trivia

1. What will happen to rural internet service if the National Broadband Plan is put into affect? _____

2. Who should you contact to ensure that you, the rural citizen, receives the same internet speeds as our urban neighbors? _____

3. What are the two (2) new Internet Speeds at Pineland.

a. _____

b. _____

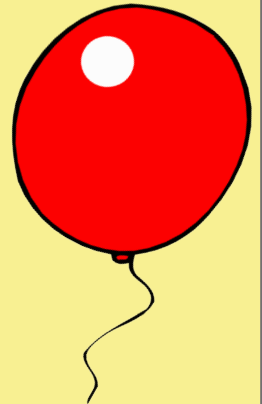
4. What service at Pineland do you need to get ready for football this fall?

NAME: _____ NUMBER: _____

**** Please print your name and phone number clearly****

IN-TOUCH TRIVIA
WINNERS

- Rosa Marie Burroughs
- Matilda Meadows
- Sammy Jones
- Newborn Wilcher
- Wanda Howell
- Melba Wilcher
- Billy Jo Lord
- Danny Dismuke
- Bobby Coxwell
- C. L. Goodman
- Hugh E Evans
- Denise D Hobbs
- Debbie Bragdon
- Tom Helton
- Betty Kulick



Congratulations! You are the winners of Intouch Trivia from our previous newsletter! These customers will receive a \$5 credit on their Pineland Telephone bill!

Our customers are #1. Mail or bring your completed answers of the trivia questions to Pineland Telephone Coop. for your chance to win a \$5.00 credit on your bill.

15 customers will win!

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