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PMT Connection

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Dave Asher Receives CCNA

PMT is pleased to announce that Dave Asher, Senior Network Infrastructure Engineer, has completed the



requirements for the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) Routing and Switching certification. The CCNA Routing and Switching certification validates the ability to install, configure, operate, and troubleshoot medium-size routed and switched networks.

"Dave embodies the PMT values of hard work and education. Technology is ever changing and this certification confirms that Dave is current with advances in networking knowledge and skills," states Glenn Taylor, PMT IT Supervisor. "Dave's certification helps ensure that PMT's network and our business customers' networks are working at peak performance."

Message from the President

PMT has experienced many exciting changes in the past few months. We've rebranded our product lines and included new services and products such as PMT-TV, PMT-Pulse, and PMT Cloud. Additionally, PMT has built a co-location facility that will provide our customers with off-site data storage in a secure and environmentally controlled facility. These new product lines and services will provide our Magic Valley customers with the latest cutting edge technology, yet keep their services and data local! I'm also quite excited about the new www.pmt.org webpage. The additional functionality of the site, as well as the availability of the new products will reinforce PMT as a technology market leader in the Magic Valley. I invite you to contact a PMT representative to discuss our new service offerings, and experience our commitment to you. PMT has served our customers for nearly 100-years and we are working hard to continue to be your local communications and broadband provider.



Warm Regards,

Dan Hoover
President and CEO
PMT

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PMT Foundation Now Accepting Grants

The PMT Foundation is seeking applications from organizations in the Magic Valley to receive financial funds that help support, sustain and improve our community.

The deadline to apply for grant applications is August 21, 2015. Application forms are available at www.pmt.org/foundation or PMT offices in Burley, Rupert and Twin Falls.

In its ninth year of existence, the PMT Foundation's creation was authorized by the PMT Board of Directors as a charitable foundation for the purposes of supporting worthy community projects and educational scholarships.

To date, the Foundation has helped over 28 area students with funding to further their education beyond high school by continuing the scholarship tradition that PMT established in 1990. The Foundation has contributed over \$130,000 in grant awards to community organizations that help sustain and improve our local community through various projects. For more information contact Rick Harder at 434-7124.

Fair Time

Minidoka County Fair – July 27-August 1. Attend the **FREE Nathan Osmond concert.**

July 28th at 7pm at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

Cassia County Fair – August 17-22. Stop by our booth in the commercial building!



Business Spotlight **Boonies**

PMT is excited to welcome Boonie's, a thriving new business, to the Mini-Cassia area. Boonie's officially opened their doors on May 12, 2015 and is located at 1224 South Oneida Street in Rupert. Boonie's is a Chevron Gas station with two restaurants located inside. Chester's Chicken is now open inside of Boonie's, and the Taco Shop is slated to open in July. The Growler Station is also located inside of Boonie's and offers fresh craft beer to go.

Dax Duffin, franchise owner, felt Rupert had a lack of fueling facilities that could accommodate large, over the road trucks. Boonie's convenient location allows for easy in-and-out accessibility and plenty of parking for large trucks, compact cars, and every vehicle size in-between.

Dax also saw a need for additional food services to the area. Within their first month of being open, Chester's Chicken has had a steady stream of customers ordering their fresh fried chicken that's cooked to perfection. Chester's Chicken has exceeded Dax's, as well as the franchise's expectations.

Along with opening the Taco Shop, some of Boonie's immediate future plans include to offer cold hard ice-cream. Further down the road, within the next year or two, there are plans to see additions to the car wash. They intend to keep growing, and are always looking forward for ways to improve their business.

When we asked Dax what his favorite part of running the new business was, he replied, "Although it can be challenging at times, it is always great to meet many faces, as well as create jobs for our local community." One challenge that Boonie's encountered during construction was deciding whether to operate transactions via high speed internet, or satellite - the latter option is what most franchises typically choose.

With PMT's fast, reliable and stable fiber optic network, Dax decided this was the best route for Boonie's and felt it is a wise choice that will grow with the business' communication needs into the future. Along with helping wire the business, Boonie's also relies on PMT phone service to keep in contact with customers and suppliers, as well as PMT TV to keep customers up-to-date on the latest news and entertainment. Dax also chose PMT because of our helpful business sales team and technical support. Dax states, "PMT is always there when I need them most!"

PMT welcomes Boonie's to our community! If you get a chance, stop by and check them out in person. They can also be reached by phone at 436-BOON (2666) or check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Boonieschevronrupert> for their latest deals and offerings!

The Best Book Around!

The 2015-2016 PMT directories are slated to be delivered in the Mini-Cassia area the first part of August, with Twin Falls directories following in early September. In addition to those delivered, extra copies will be available at any of our offices in Rupert, Burley and Twin Falls.



PMT Website Update

Our website, www.pmt.org has undergone a major facelift! Over the past several months, we've been working hard to improve the end user experience by making things easier to navigate regardless of what device you are viewing it from. Some new features include a place to submit community events for the PMT Community Channel (Channel 2), better access to webmail login from the home page, and easier navigation across all pages.

PMT Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Four Magic Valley Graduates were each awarded a \$2000 PMT Foundation scholarship. They are Thomas Slusser of Burley High School, Katie Perrigot of Minico High School, Stegan Garner of Declo High School and Samuel Cahoon of Kimberly High School. All four showed outstanding academic performance, as well as exemplary community and extra-curricular involvement and dedication to their future education.

"It is a pleasure that we are able to award each of four local students a \$2000 PMT Foundation scholarship to help further their education. All four of this year's scholarship recipients are fine examples of hard work, dedication and responsibility," said PMT Foundation Board Chairman, Alan Johnson. In the past 25 years, PMT - and now the PMT Foundation, have awarded \$116,500.00 in scholarships to our communities' children. The four recipients are from across the Magic Valley.



Thomas Slusser of Rupert is a hard-working graduate from Burley High School who maintained 4.0 GPA while being involved in many extra-curricular activities and clubs, as well as working outside of school. He has spent countless hours volunteering his time at his school, church and community. He plans to attend the University of Alabama this fall, majoring in Electrical Engineering, with a goal of also earning an MBA.



Katie Perrigot of Rupert is a dedicated student, graduating from Minico High School with a 3.7 GPA. Katie took a challenging course load of many honor classes during her high school career, as well as being involved in cheerleading, track, and cross-country. Katie also spent many hours at a local elementary school as a lunch-buddy and teaching art to elementary students. She also worked part-time outside of school hours. Katie plans on attending Carol College in Montana, seeking to fulfill her dream of being an elementary teacher.



Stegan Garner of Rupert is a dedicated student and athlete graduating from Declo High School, maintaining a 3.92 GPA. Stegan was co-captain of the DHS Football and Basketball teams. He also participated in track and field, as well as participating in his school year book club and drama production. Stegan has also volunteered his time outside of school, as well as working part time. He plans on attending Utah State University, pursuing a degree in Agricultural Engineering



Samuel Cahoon, of Twin Falls, graduated top of his class at Kimberly High School. He has worked hard during high school, taking challenging courses while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He's been involved in Key Club, National Honor's Society, co-founding the Global Awareness Club at KHS, as well as volunteering time at many other organizations in his school and community. During his high school career, he worked part-time and is currently employed as a Senate Page at the Idaho State Capitol. He plans to attend Brigham Young University Idaho majoring in Political Science with a minor in English. After graduating with his Bachelor's Degree, he has his sights on going to law school.

The 2015 PMT Foundation board members are Alan Johnson, Chairman; Marianne Welch, Vice-Chairman; Rick Harder, Secretary; Jim Evans, Jennie Schow, LaLanne Delis, Diana Warburton, Patty Temple and Joel Heward.