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Dear Valued Customer,

Happy New Year! We want to keep you connected in 2026 and beyond, so if there's something we can do to help your business succeed, please don't hesitate to call us. Whether you're working from home, using our connections as a healthcare provider, teaching the next generation, tracking packages, using our services for finances, or relying on our connections to stream the latest in entertainment, we're glad you've chosen PenTeleData.

Thank you for your business and continued support.

Jaime Mendes

Vice-President of Operations
PenTeleData

OUR FAST CONTEST

What human reflex movement is one the the quickest and lasts typically 0.1 to 0.4 seconds?

One lucky winner will receive a \$150 Amazon gift card. Rack your brain and figure out the answer to the brain teaser. Then send us an e-mail with your full name, address, daytime telephone number (where we can contact you), and the answer to the brain teaser below, to chat@corp.ptd.net. All entries must be received by 1/31/26.

Good Luck! PenTeleData

PENTELEDATA IS PROUD TO SERVE JERMYN, PA

The Borough of Jermyn is situated in the northeastern part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Lackawanna County, eleven miles north of Scranton. The town is known as "The Birthplace of First Aid in America".

Settlers began to lay claim to present-day Jermyn in the 1820's and 1830's. Originally known as "Four Mile Town", due to its close proximity to the Town of Carbondale, the village was later called Rushdale and Baconville. Among the findings of those original settlers was the discovery of Anthracite, or Hard Coal. In 1868, the name of the village was changed to Gibsonburg, after Judge William Gibson of Philadelphia, a wealthy and extensive landowner in the settlement. It was also around this time that the village settlers wanted Gibsonburg to be its own community. Early in 1868, the townspeople presented a petition to the court to make the village its own entity. The case slowly made its way through the court system. Finally in January 1870, Luzerne County Courts granted Gibsonburg its Borough Charter. The first borough elections were held in 1870 with John Jermyn elected the borough's first Burgess, or Mayor.

One of the most famous events in borough history occurred in 1874. Jermyn was visited by the infamous Molly Maguires, an Irish American secret society who resorted to intimidation, sabotage and even murder due to the harsh conditions and labor strife in the Anthracite Coal Region of Eastern Pennsylvania. Foreman A.L. Green of the Jermyn Colliery was shot three times by three mem-

bers of the sect but survived the attack. Workers from the Powder Mills, who had witnessed the incident, intervened killing one and captured one while the third escaped and was later captured. On the basis of Mr. Green's testimony, both assailants were sent to prison.

Another famous event in borough history occurred in 1899. Dr. Matthew J. Shields conducted the first training class on First Aid in American History at the Windsor Hotel. In attendance were 25 miners of the Jermyn Coal Colliery, believing that many lives could be spared with quick, efficient medical care until a physician could reach the mine. This led to marked decreases in serious mining injuries and fatalities as well as creating laws and guidelines for safer workplaces all over the country.

Today, the spirit of Small Town U.S.A. permeates all that the citizens of Jermyn do. The borough continues to thrive. From the darkest hours of the floods that ravaged portions of Jermyn in September of 2003 to the revitalization projects of community parks and main thoroughfares, the Borough of Jermyn has shown an ability to rebuild and recreate itself without forgetting its historic past.

Source:

<https://jermynpa.com/community/history.php>

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Welcome aboard to:
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and Allen Distribution



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Our I.T. Services Represents at the 2025 PCOA Convention and Trade Show

When you think of Internet infrastructure, campgrounds probably aren't the first thing you consider, but if you were a campground owner, you probably would. Our I.T. Services has been attending the Pennsylvania Campground Owners Association (PCOA) Convention and Trade Show for a few years to share our Wi-Fi Solutions. This year, our presentation was "Wi-Fi in the Wild: Managing Guest Expectations & Connectivity in Campgrounds."

Fast and reliable wireless Internet is a must for most campers. As guest expectations for reliable internet access are considered an always on utility, campground owners face increasing pressure to provide strong, consistent Wi-Fi—even in remote locations. We can help plan, upgrade, or troubleshoot campground Wi-Fi while balancing guest satisfaction, cost, and infrastructure limitations. Our I.T. Services also specializes in high speed wired and wireless network infrastructure inside regular buildings too!

USING AI SAFELY

It's likely that you've been using AI often. How about Alexa or Google voice assistant? Other examples are Grok, ChatGPT, Bing Chat, self-driving cars, facial detection and recognition, maps and navigation, text editors and autocorrect, search recommendations and algorithms, Chatbots, digital assistants, social media, E-payments, and more. In fact, AI touches nearly every part of our day.

AI isn't new but is still evolving. Its future capabilities and regulations overseeing those abilities are still in progress. While AI might offer valuable capabilities, always remember to stay proactive and educated about the risks, including in the workplace. In addition to following your organization's guidance for using AI at work, keep these tips in mind:

- > AI systems learn from user inputs, so refrain from sharing anything you want to keep private, like your workplace's company data or your personal details.
- > Cybercriminals may use AI to fool you. Public tools can mimic a person's voice or image.
- > AI is a tool. Prompting isn't the same as creating. Treat AI as a helpful tool rather than a replacement for your skills.
- > Keep in mind that AI generated material may violate copyrights, since AI models are trained on information produced by humans, including copyrighted material.
- > Never automatically trust results. It's important to verify that all the information is true.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

The making of resolutions at the start of a new year dates to ancient Babylonians around 4,000 years ago. The people would promise their gods to pay debts they owed and return borrowed objects in the coming year. Today, the practice of making New Year's resolutions is done with optimistic intent. Often, by February, about 64% of those self-improvement hopefuls abandon their goals. So, whatever resolutions you are considering, know that those who have tried before you have had the same struggles to keep them.

Whether you decide to prioritize sleep, practice gratitude, spend more time with family, quit smoking, drink more water, read more, eat healthier, or get in shape, there are some simple steps that can help you stay successful:

- > Create measurable goals, like cooking six healthy meals per week. Vague resolutions like "eat healthy" are less likely to succeed.
- > Focus on small, achievable steps instead of big changes is more effective.
- > Break down resolutions into manageable weekly or daily tasks. It makes them less daunting and increases the chances of making sustainable routines.

