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## Dear Valued Customer,

As 2024 and our 30th anniversary end, I thank you for choosing PenTeleData for your business' connections. If we can help with increased speeds, dedicated connections, phone services, or I.T. support, please don't hesitate to call us. We're always glad to help.

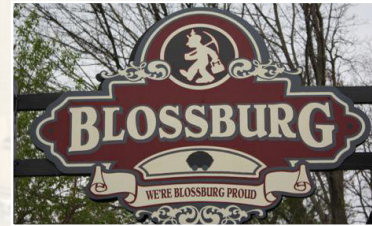
On behalf of our entire staff, I wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season.

Thank you for your business and continued support.

Jaime Mendes  
Vice-President of Operations  
PenTeleData

## PENTELEDATA IS PROUD TO SERVE BLOSSBURG, PA

In 1792 under the guidance of Robert and Benjamin Patterson, a party of immigrants was cutting Williamson Road from Loyalsock, in Lycoming County, to Painted Post in New York. While doing so, they discovered coal within the present town limits of Blossburg. When the group reached the Tioga River, they established a supply camp upon its banks. The Camp became known as "Peter's Camp" referring back to a local legend.



In 1801, Aaron Bloss moved to Tioga County and in 1802, moved to the area known as "Peter's Camp". He is considered the first settler of Blossburg. Sometime between 1818 and 1820, Aaron Bloss made the first attempt to establish a town by changing the name of Peter's Camp to Blossburg. Blossburg was officially recognized and incorporated a borough on August 29, 1871.

The real mining history of Blossburg Coal began shortly after 1810, when pioneer David Clemens made the first effort to mine and market coal. Clemens opened a mine on Bear Run between 1812 and 1815, serving only the Painted Post area. Around the same time a lower vein was opened on Bear Run by Aaron Bloss. This vein is known as Bloss Vein but was used only to satisfy local demands.

The first efforts of coal shipping were on a very small and limited scale due to the poor road conditions and poor navigating ability along the Tioga River. In 1817, a coalition of Bloss and the other miners asked the legislature for funds to improve these routes. In the meantime, Blossburg Coal was being shipped to Pointed Post, Elmira, and Corning.

More important than the local runs, Blossburg Coal was being shipped to Albany, where it influenced railroad and canal navigation legislation, and also to Philadelphia where it attracted the enterprising businessmen.

In 1826, Judge John H. Knapp erected an iron ore smelting works within the borough limits. Knapp also opened coal mines on Coal Run and ore mines on "Barney Hill."

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## OUR FAST CONTEST

**What is the current global average Internet download speed?**

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](mailto:chat@corp.ptd.net) All entries must be received by 12/31/24.

**Good Luck! PenTeleData**

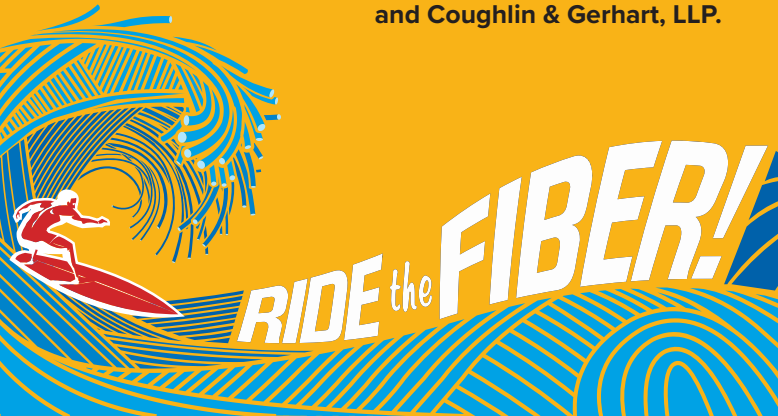


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## WELCOME ABOARD!

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Welcome aboard to:  
 Godiva,  
 Danville State Hospital,  
 PA Eye Specialists,  
 and Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP.



## CONTINUED: PROUD TO SERVE BLOSSBURG, PA

In July of 1840, the railroad found its way through Covington from Corning and was opened for locomotives to Blossburg in September of that year. This railroad allowed the extensive and valuable mines to be tapped and for their coal to be easily distributed through the Twin Tiers, clearly a momentous occasion for Blossburg Coal.

For more than 150 years, coal has played a vital role in the development of Blossburg. Today many of the mines still exist, dormant. However, Ward Manufacturing is a descendant of the Blossburg Coal mining industry and is currently the largest business operating in the Blossburg area.

<https://blossburg.org/town-info/about-blossburg/>

## I.T. CORNER



### Tips from the Pros

There was a time, not so long ago, when managing security threats was fairly simple for the average business. You installed anti-virus (AV) solutions, trained employees not to click on unknown links, and kept software and websites up to date. For a few low-risk companies, that may still be the case, but the vast majority of small to mid-size companies now need to fortify against new, advanced threats that can get around traditional AV. In addition, with the rise of more advanced threat vectors and the use of Work-from-Home technologies, businesses are facing greater threats to data and workflow and need a different type of protection to mitigate that risk.

Here are a few examples of the risks we're seeing in the marketplace now:

- > Weaponized documents that may seem like harmless PDF attachments in your emails but execute attacks once they enter your network.
- > Fileless threats that don't require downloads, but execute from memory, making them difficult to identify.
- > Zero-day threats that find an unknown computer vulnerability and exploit it before software or hardware providers can issue updates.
- > Ransomware attacks, which can disable I.T. networks and lock you out of your data/ workflow.

If your organization could use some help to prevent cyber-attacks, consider our **Managed Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR)** for your I.T. security and business continuity. We'll manage it for you, so you can focus on running and growing your business.

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*Happy Holidays! May your Christmas and New Year be filled with happiness, good health, and success.*