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Kim Grellner - VP Marketing Sales & Service



Embracing Opportunities & Innovations in the New Year

Greetings in this New Year to all of our customers! Reflecting back, 2023 presented some key challenges and uncertainties. However, it is most important to note that Pioneer customers, members, and employees demonstrated adaptability and resilience in the face of change. As the new year begins, there is much excitement for 2024 as we prioritize plans for the Pioneer Broadband Revolution. Back in September, Pioneer elected to participate in a new program called Enhanced ACAM (E-ACAM), made available to broadband providers by the FCC. This program will allow Pioneer to revolutionize our broadband deployment, ensuring that every location within our Cooperative footprint will be served with fiber technology.

Our goals for 2024 include increasing the number of broadband subscribers not only in our previously planned fiber deployments but also in the new areas being designed as part of the Enhanced ACAM program requirements. Our intent is to set realistic yet ambitious objectives that align with the needs of our customers to deploy fiber further into the rural communities we serve. In today's interconnected and digitally-driven world, broadband is not merely a service; it is a catalyst for economic growth, education, innovation, and progress. Access to high-speed, reliable fiber internet is the foundation upon which businesses thrive, communities connect, and individuals unlock opportunities, making it an infrastructure for fostering our future.

Another goal of our leadership is driving change and fostering a culture of innovation at Pioneer. Embracing innovation is not just a choice; it is a commitment to staying relevant, competitive, and ensuring a resilient foundation in the ever-evolving landscape of our marketplace. Pioneer continues to explore technological advancements and creative strategies, as well as develop critical reviews of our products, services, and operational efficiencies, which lead to improved innovation for the Cooperative.

The new year brings with it a fresh canvas of opportunities and the promise of growth and accomplishment for Pioneer. We embark on this journey with optimism and believe that 2024 holds the potential for new milestones and transformative experiences as we continue to bring fiber internet services to more and more customers.

Welcome to GoPioneer!

Our mission is to help the communities of Pioneer learn, evolve and move forward in the ever-changing world of technology.

We welcome feedback, story ideas, or any questions relating to this magazine, previous articles, or even your personal inquiries.

Baffled by your teen's obsession with emojis? Confused about why you get WiFi in the garage but not in your bedroom? Let us know! This magazine is just as much yours as ours, and we are excited to help you become more adept in the tech world.

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Topic of January 2024:

Happy New Year!

In this edition of GoPioneer, our mission is to enhance your life and make 2024 a year of growth! We've curated a selection of apps that promise to simplify your daily routines, whether it's streamlining your time in the kitchen or planning your dream vacation.

But that's not all – GoPioneer is dedicated to keeping you informed and empowered. Dive into our comprehensive guide on the popular scams to be vigilant against in the new year, and arm yourself with the knowledge to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Also, be sure to check out page 7 where we introduce GoPioneer's new online blog!

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SIMPLIFY *Your Kitchen*

Life can be exhausting. We live in a fast-paced world filled with a whirlwind of responsibilities and endless to-do lists. As much as technology can be a burden by providing constant contact and stimulation, it can come to our aid in unexpected yet delightful ways.

One of my favorite ways technology has simplified my life is in the kitchen. With apps like "SuperCook," daily tasks like meal planning and grocery shopping are far more manageable. Let's explore how innovative food apps like "SuperCook" and the handy feature in Walmart's app are transforming the way we eat and shop.

Use What You Have

If you're like me, it's not uncommon to have a cabinet full of food and shelves packed with groceries. Staring at a seemingly random assortment of ingredients can be overwhelming, and honestly, I never know what I could possibly make for dinner if I didn't buy the food with a purpose. Enter "SuperCook," a remarkable food app that has become a lifesaver for those moments of bewildered 'what do I do with this?'

"SuperCook" takes the guesswork out of meal planning by offering a user-friendly platform where you can input the ingredients you have on hand. The app then works its magic, conjuring up a list of recipes you can prepare with those exact ingredients. It's like having a personal chef at your disposal, making the most of what's available in your kitchen. No more last-minute dashes to the grocery store or resorting to pizza. With "SuperCook," you can transform basic ingredients into gourmet dishes, all while reducing food waste.

Order for Pick Up

Sure, we all know we can pick up groceries at Sams, Target, or Walmart... but what if you need a little from each?

Instacart revolutionized the way busy parents and individuals with disabilities approach grocery shopping. It offers the convenience of selecting items from multiple stores and having them delivered to your doorstep or prepared for pickup, all within the same app.

What sets Instacart apart from using individual store apps for pickup orders is the sheer flexibility it offers. Instead of being confined to a single store's inventory, Instacart provides access to a wide range of retailers, giving you the freedom to cherry-pick your preferred items from various stores in one go. This not only saves time but also allows you to compare prices and find specialty products that might not be available at your go-to store. Whether you opt for delivery or pickup, Instacart simplifies the entire process, making it the perfect choice for those seeking convenience and variety while juggling busy schedules or navigating physical challenges.

Use Walmart's Recipe Feature

Technology has also streamlined the way we shop for groceries. Walmart introduced a feature in its app a few years ago that takes the hassle out of grocery shopping.

With this feature, you can explore a vast collection of recipes, select the ones that look appetizing, and trust that your shopping list is instantly populated with the required ingredients. No more scribbling down lists or trying to remember what you need. Walmart's app ensures that you have everything you require, making your trip to the store a breeze.

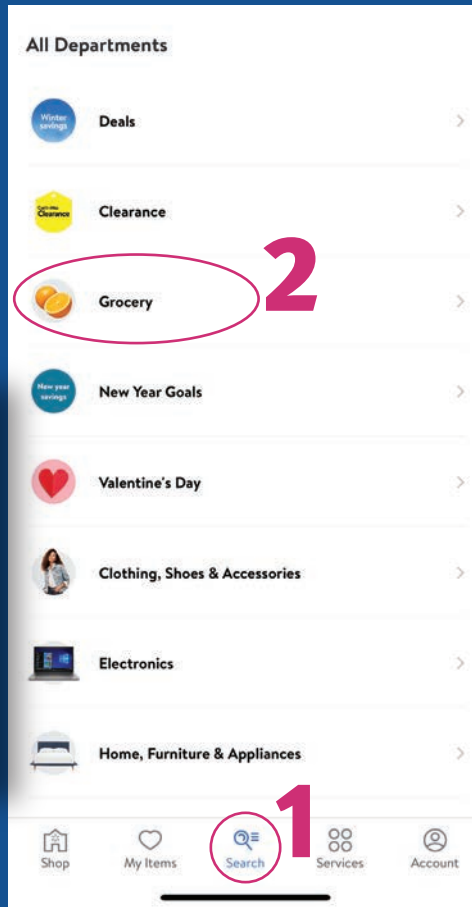
Don't be afraid to embrace change

These food apps and technological innovations are invaluable allies in simplifying the way we eat and shop. They not only reduce stress but also inspire culinary creativity and promote responsible ingredient usage. As you navigate your busy schedule, consider embracing apps that make life's culinary challenges a little less daunting.

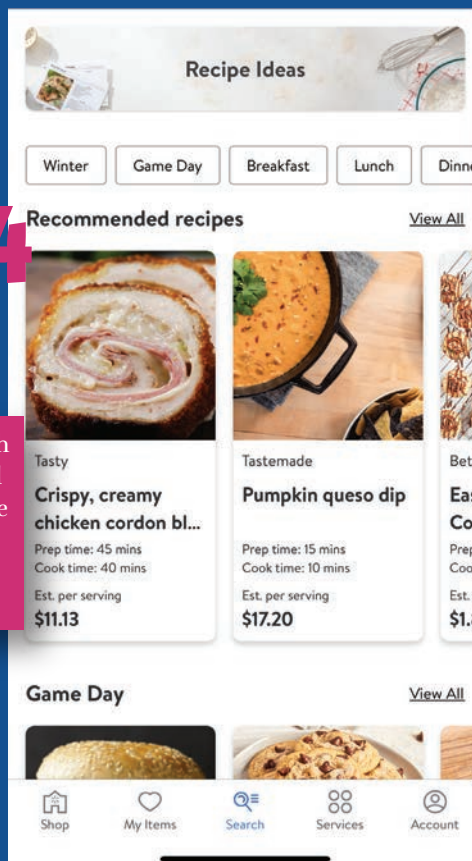
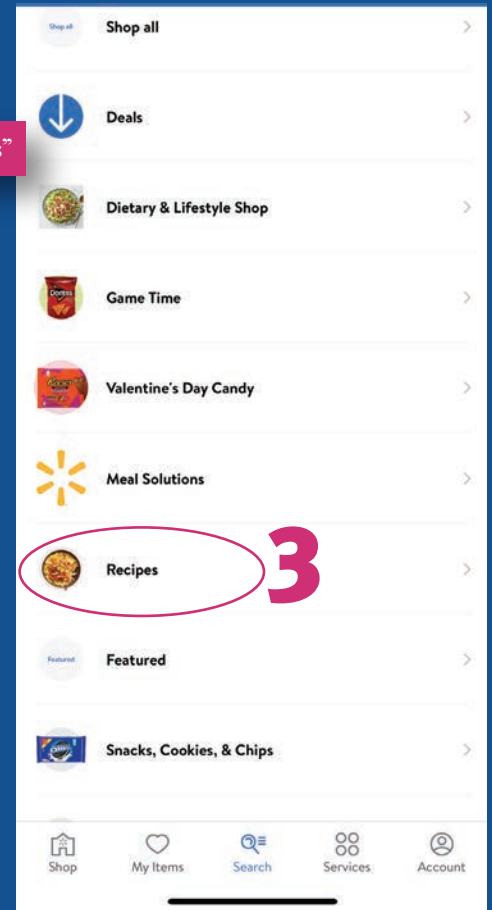
After opening your Walmart app:

1 Click "Search" at the bottom of your screen

2 Click "Grocery"

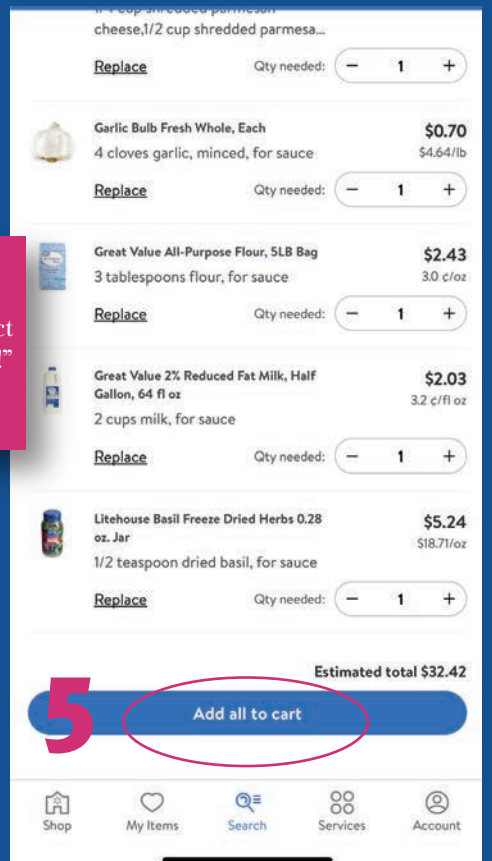


3 Select "Recipes"



4 Browse through the recipes and click on the one you like most!

5 Like what you see? Just scroll down and select "Add all to cart!"



New Year Same Scams

In today's digital age, scams have become an unfortunate part of our lives, affecting people of all ages. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), a staggering 2.4 million consumers reported fraud in 2022, resulting in nearly \$8.8 billion in losses. Whether you're a tech-savvy millennial or a seasoned veteran, these scams can catch anyone off guard. Armed with knowledge and a dash of skepticism, you can protect yourself and your loved ones.

So, let's delve into the top scam categories and learn how to stay one step ahead.

1. **Imposter Scams:** Scammers pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, family member, or charity, to gain your confidence and steal your money or personal information.
2. **Phishing Scams:** Cybercriminals send fraudulent emails or messages that appear to be from legitimate organizations, aiming to trick you into revealing sensitive information or downloading malware.
3. **Online Shopping Scams:** Fraudulent online retailers offer enticing deals on products that often don't exist. Victims pay for items they never receive or receive counterfeit goods.
4. **Prizes, Sweepstakes, and Lotteries:** Scammers notify victims that they've won a prize or lottery but ask for upfront fees or personal information

to claim the nonexistent winnings.

5. **Investment-Related Scams:** Con artists promise high returns on investments, enticing victims to put their money into fake ventures or Ponzi schemes.
6. **Business and Job Opportunities:** Fraudulent job offers or business opportunities require victims to pay upfront fees or invest in schemes that ultimately lead to financial loss.
7. **Tech Support Scams:** Scammers impersonate tech support agents, claiming your computer has a virus or issue, and request payment or remote access to steal personal data.
8. **Romance Scams:** Scammers build online romantic relationships and eventually ask for money, often under the pretext of personal emergencies or travel expenses.
9. **Advance Fee Fraud:** Victims are promised a large sum of money in exchange for a small upfront fee. However, the promised funds never materialize.
10. **Charity Scams:** Scammers pose as charitable organizations, tugging at heartstrings and soliciting donations for fake causes, diverting funds away from genuine charities.

So, how can you outsmart these cybercriminals? Here are a few straightforward tips to help you stay one

step ahead:

Be Skeptical, Not Cynical: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Don't fall for promises of instant riches or miraculous cures.

Lock Down Your Digital Life: Use strong, unique passwords for your online accounts and consider enabling multi-factor authentication.

Don't Share the Love (or Personal Information): Never give out sensitive personal information over the phone or in response to unsolicited emails.

Educate Yourself: Stay informed about the latest scams and tactics used by cybercriminals. Knowledge is power!

Trust, but Verify: If you receive a suspicious message from a friend or family member, double-check with them through a trusted communication channel before taking any action.

Report and Share: If you do encounter a scam, report it to the FTC and warn your friends and family. You could save someone from falling into the same trap.

In the world of cyber criminals, there's no room for complacency. By staying informed, keeping your guard up, and sharing your wisdom with others, you can protect yourself and your loved ones from falling victim to cyber crooks.

I think I fell for a scam...

What Do I Do?

Stay calm, and stop responding

1

It's natural to feel upset or embarrassed, but it's important to act quick to minimize damage and protect yourself. Whether they contacted you via phone, email, text, or social media, immediately stop all communication with them. Do not respond to their messages or calls.

Document EVERYTHING

2

Gather and save all evidence. This includes emails, texts, voice mails, receipts or bank transactions, or anything else that may be relevant.

Report the scam and scammer

3

Report the scam to the appropriate authorities. Depending on the nature of the scam, you may need to contact one or more of the following:

Federal Trade Commission

(FTC): File a complaint with the FTC at www.ftc.gov/complaint. The FTC collects information about scams to help law enforcement agencies track down and stop scammers.

Local Law Enforcement:

Contact your local police department or sheriff's office to report the scam. They may be able to assist or provide guidance on how to proceed.

Your Bank or Financial

Institution: If the scam involved financial transactions or your bank account, contact your bank or credit card company immediately to report the fraud. They can help investigate and potentially reverse unauthorized charges.

Credit Bureaus:

If the scam involved identity theft, place a fraud alert on your credit reports with the major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) to prevent further unauthorized activity.

Scan your devices

4

If you clicked on a link or attachment, you may want to run an antivirus scan and check for malware.

Change your passwords

5

If there's a small possibility of the scammer knowing your password, change it! Especially for accounts that are connected to your banks or credit card.

6

Educate Yourself

Things happen, what's most important is that you learn and evolve! Use the experience as a learning opportunity. Familiarize yourself with common scams and red flags to avoid falling for similar tricks in the future.

Apps to Know for 2024

GasBuddy



GasBuddy is a cool app for drivers looking to save on gas. The app helps locate cheaper gas stations, which is especially handy in unfamiliar cities or for long trips. It also features cashback services through GasBack, where users earn gas instead of cash when shopping and dining at partner stores. Other features include the "Find Gas" tool to locate gas stations with current prices and a "Trip Planner" for estimating gas costs for road trips. While free to use, there's also a premium membership for additional savings and roadside assistance. I have this app on my phone and even use it in local cities, like Edmond or OKC! It's crazy how much the price of gas can differ from one side of the city to the other.



Streaks



Streaks is a highly customizable habit-tracking app, offering a mix of preset and personalized habit options to align with your goals. This app allows you to set specific reminders, goals, and durations, and it can even sync with health-related data from other apps. The app's design is beautiful, featuring engaging visual animations and detailed progress reports, helping to keep motivation high. Its seamless integration with Apple Health is an AWESOME feature, making it a prime choice for people wanting to track health-related habits. Overall, Streaks is a user-friendly and effective tool for anyone looking to build good habits or break bad ones.



Wanderlog



Wanderlog is a collaborative platform for travel planning that's fairly user-friendly. After putting in your destination, and the dates you're planning to travel, wanderlog will recommend places to visit, help you search for lodging or flights, and even provide an itinerary! It can be a game changer for people who want to travel, but have no clue how to get started. A downside to Wanderlog is that features like optimizing your route, exporting places to Google Maps, and accessing offline require a subscription for \$49.99/year. For someone planning a weekend trip, it might not be worth it, but the avid travelers should definitely invest! All that said, Wanderlog is a great app, even if you're just using the free features! There are NO ADS, so I encourage anyone looking to travel somewhere new to give it a shot!



**Has a premium subscription and/or purchase option.*

Unroll.Me



The app lets you easily unsubscribe from unwanted mailing lists with a single click, clearing up clutter and leaving only the emails you truly want to read. It streamlines the process of email organization, offering a more efficient and less time-consuming way to handle bulk subscriptions. With its user-friendly interface, Unroll.Me provides a practical solution for email users who want to focus on important messages without sifting through a barrage of subscriptions.



Yuka



Yuka is a mobile app that assesses the healthiness of food and beauty products by scanning their barcodes. It provides each product a score ranging from "Bad" (0-25) to "Excellent" (75-100), and suggests healthier alternatives for poorly scoring items. The app is free, ad-free, and offers an unbiased assessment of products. It evaluates based on nutritional value, the presence of additives, and organic status.

Yuka also offers a premium version with features like offline scanning and personalized setting, but the free app is a great place to start!

Pangobooks



This is a new app for me, but one I'm already invested in for the year! Pangobooks was launched in 2021 and is an online marketplace for buying and selling books, similar to eBay or Mercari. Sellers can set up digital shopfronts, and buyers can search for books using various criteria. This app is extremely user-friendly and facilitates easy buying and selling. I've found that most books on here are cheaper than Amazon's used section, but you do have to pay for shipping. If you don't have a local bookstore you're supporting and you're looking for books, this is an app you should definitely look into!

If you're an avid reader and shelves are cluttered, this would be a great place to list, too! Listing books is free, but Pangobooks charges a 20% fee on sales.

I haven't had any trouble and have only ordered a few books, but Pangobooks is known for their amazing customer service, and sales are guaranteed



Fetch



Fetch Rewards is one of my favorite apps on my phone. This is a straightforward cash-back app that focuses on grocery purchases, but is applicable to ANY purchases you make online or in store!

Users can earn points without pre-selecting deals, just by scanning their shopping receipts. Points are redeemable for gift cards at various retailers (my favorite is Amazon!). The app is free to use and offers a quick turnaround for redeeming points. When you exchange your points, your gift card/reward will go onto your app for you to redeem at your chosen retailer. The only downside is Fetch lacks options like linking store loyalty cards and only offers gift cards as rewards. However, the app can link up to one email of your choice to scan for receipts from partnered retailers (like Sams Club) and will also link up to your Amazon Account to scan for receipts.

You're already spending the money, and companies are already giving you the receipts... so why not get a little cash back?



A bit of advice...

It's important to look at what the app is labeling and downgrading the score. For example, some products I've had a lower score on were marked down for additives that could lead to allergic reactions, like fragrances. It will be up to you if this is a "risk" or additive you want to use.

I truly think this is an app EVERYONE should have on their phone! It's amazing what goes into our food, and Yuka does a fantastic, unbiased break down on what goes into a product, and how it can affect you and your health.

Bridging the Digital Divide

Cheyenne and Arapaho Judicial Branch Helps Empower Rural Tech Education

In an area where rural communities often struggle with limited access to broadband internet and technical training, an initiative is changing lives and transforming the region's technological landscape.

The Fiber Optic Technician Training Program, spearheaded by Charlotte Wetselline, Court Administrator, and Caressa James, Case Manager, and Fiber-Optics Coordinator for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Judicial Branch, is equipping Oklahomans with valuable skills and empowering them to build the future.

"Initially, this was a court service and workforce development initiative for us," Caressa said. "It's expanded past that. We actually opened doors to the community, and you don't have to be reentry or court-related at all."

The ten-week program provides hands-on experience and comprehensive knowledge in the field of broadband technology. Students, ranging from tribal members to non-natives, have the chance to learn about fiber optic networks, from installation to maintenance.

"We are collaborating with OSUIT

[Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology] out of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, to provide this hybrid program for fiber optics," Charlotte said. "We're the only program in the state of Oklahoma that offers not only the linemen portion of fiber but also the technician splicing portion combined in one training."

This initiative was made possible by a grant awarded in 2022. Charlotte and Caressa needed to create a reentry program and build it from the ground up.

"We went and visited Muscogee, Creek Nation, and the Choctaw Nation to explore their reentry and court services. They both have an existing agreement with OSUIT, but they offer just the lineman portion of their training," Charlotte said. "Looking at those programs and the success they were having with building up their tribal members and helping them become more stable, we brought what we learned back here."

A Success Story

When we interviewed Charlotte and Caressa, they were just finishing their second cohort and preparing for a third.

"Our students are outside from 7:30 to 3 p.m. every day, Monday through Thursday. We make sure that they know



Quick Overview

Application Requirements

- Must be 18 years old
- Copy of Driver's License, CDIB, and/or State/Tribal picture ID
- Copy of GED/HS Diploma or college transcript
- Proof of vaccination or notarized statement for vaccine exemption
- Signed Self Pay form completed with funding sources or payment plan attached
- Application must have all required documents to be considered complete.

The Fiber Optic Technician Training Program's second cohort.

Pictured [Left to right, front to back]: OSUIT Instructor Arellanas, Kutter Mayo, Ira Embry, Carl Tisdale, and



A flyer with information on the Fiber Optic Technician Training Program displayed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Executive Branch building.

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES JUDICIAL BRANCH REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

FIBER OPTIC TECHNICIAN Training Program

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TRAINING SCHEDULE:
MARCH 6TH - APRIL 28TH (8 WEEKS)
MONDAY-THURSDAY 8AM-5PM
CLIMBING GEAR, COURSE MATERIALS,
PRE & POST EXAMS PROVIDED

APPLICATIONS DUE:
FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Tuition assistance to eligible DREAMS applicants.
Separate Application Required.

Applications Now

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• Proof of COVID Vaccination

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ck Program review:

Training Expectations

- 100% attendance
- Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Training will be held outdoors in the pole yard
- Students will be responsible for: 8" Composite Toe Logger boots, leather gloves, hard hats and safety glasses
- Student attire is long sleeve shirts and jeans at all times
- Tuition cost: \$4,600

nd cohort!

r, Jeremy Sixkiller, Kade Mayo, Medoe Nuefeld, Jonathan
ew Jordan, Mark Smith, Alex YellowEagle.



when we vet them, that attendance is mandatory, we will drug test, and we will make sure they meet their milestones," Caressa said. "We want to make sure they're continuing to make progress so that when they graduate, they are work ready."

The training has paid off. Their first cohort was hired immediately after graduation, and after a few months, some are already leading their own teams.

"We had two younger girls who had just turned 20; they weren't sure what they wanted to do yet, so they decided to do this program and said 'Wow, we really like this,'" Caressa said. "Now, they're crew leads. They've caught on to things quick and they're dedicated and have great leadership."

The program's success speaks for itself, and news of it is spreading across Oklahoma.

"I'm a bit surprised, especially with the growth and the amount of success at the level that we're at right now. I thought it was going to be smaller and just tribal members or people in our area. The way that this has taken off is amazing, it's a lot of growth, and I'm grateful for it because it's not only going to help our tribal members, other tribal members within our jurisdiction, and non-tribal members," Charlotte said. "I think it's a really big thing coming out of the tribes to not only help tribal members but all people within this area. I'm so happy the tribes allowed us to do this."

Looking Forward:

"We're in agreement with OSUIT, so they cover supplies, training materials, setting poles, those types of things, but they are on the other side of the state. We had to push our first cohort out months because we had no one to come set poles or couldn't coordinate that effort effectively to get them set," Caressa said. "We were constantly trying to figure out how to get them when Pioneer stepped in and set our poles, which we were so appreciative."

This wasn't the first roadblock they'd met. The supply chain, particularly for OSUIT, has been upset by supply-demand and even natural disasters, where supplies will be diverted to other states to help rebuild.

"The idea behind this program was

to empower Cheyenne-Arapaho tribal members with a strong foundation and be able to change the dynamic within someone's household so they didn't go down a path they were prior on," Charlotte said, "but it's gone beyond that."

This program has a two-year contract with OSUIT and will end in 2024, but Charlotte and Caressa aren't ready to let it go.

"It depends on how this next year goes, and I don't know exactly what the future holds. We might want to move forward with OSUIT, or we might want to hold the program up in our own right if we have enough experience and can bring in our own instructor," Charlotte said. "We've even talked about opening another site in Clinton or closer to Woodward for our remote tribal members."

"If everything pans out the way that I kind of see it. If the need's there we've talked about possibly creating another site in Clinton, or maybe closer to Woodward, somewhere for our remote tribal members," Charlotte said. "Right now, that isn't going to happen in the next year, but that's something on our mind."

For Charlotte and Caressa, this program's growth could make big changes to Oklahoma.

"I remember being a little girl and how big Geary, Oklahoma was when I was growing up. Geary went from having different shops, grocery stores, lumber yards—all of that, to having nothing at all, so I'm all about building up Northwestern Oklahoma," Charlotte said. "We have a lot of rural area out there that is underprivileged and being able to give back to these different communities as a tribal entity is a big thing."

For any parties, native or non-native, interested in the Fiber Optic Technician Training program, visit [Facebook.com/CheyenneandArapahoTribes](https://www.facebook.com/CheyenneandArapahoTribes) or contact 405-422-7743.

New Year, New

Get informed with GoPioneer Magazine's All-New Content Lineup

2024 has arrived and GoPioneer is kickstarting the year with a fresh burst of content that's destined to keep you informed, entertained, and inspired throughout the year. Our commitment to your knowledge and entertainment has already begun, with regular content updates on our blog at gopioneer.com/blog.

At Pioneer, we believe that quality always trumps quantity. That's why we're dedicated to delivering timely, engaging, and insightful articles and videos to our customers and members. We've carefully curated a content plan that will captivate your interests and ensure you're always in the loop. It's our goal to help you expand your knowledge and help you stay educated about the latest trends, tips, tricks, and news!

Each week, GoPioneer's editor will post one to three articles with each day of the week featuring a unique theme to cater to your interests and ensure a diverse range of content. Check out our themed days to the right for a snapshot of what type of content you might find online!

Masterful Monday

Mondays are for the tech enthusiasts who hunger for more knowledge. Our Masterful Monday series offers expert-level insights and advanced tips, focusing on technology. Articles or videos posted on this day will help you dive deep into the world of tech.

Thoughtful Thursday

Thursdays encourage you to dive into the philosophical side of technology. Join us for discussions on ethical considerations, societal impacts, and the broader implications of technology on modern society.

JOIN THE JOURNEY

Whether you're a tech enthusiast, a curious beginner, or just seeking to stay informed and entertained, GoPioneer's new blog has something exceptional in store for everyone. Let's make 2024 a year filled with knowledge, insights, and a shared passion for technology!

Two ways to connect



Content

neup at GoPioneer.com

Tech-Tip Tuesday

On Tuesdays, we've got something for everyone, from tech beginners to intermediates. Tech-Tip Tuesday brings you practical advice, easy-to-implement tips, and how-to guides that will enhance your tech skills. It's your go-to source for practical tech knowledge.

Wellness Wednesday

Wednesdays are all about maintaining a balanced digital life. Explore how technology can positively impact your health and well-being, with tips for a healthier relationship with your devices. We want to help you prioritize your wellness in the digital age!

Feature Friday

Feature Friday shines a spotlight on specific products, services, customer stories, and company milestones. Discover the latest innovations and success stories that set Pioneer apart.

Savvy Sunday

End your week with a tech-savvy bang! Our weekend content keeps you up-to-date with the latest tech trends, smart internet and technology usage, and insights into how tech can enhance various aspects of your life.

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Madison Moeller
District At-Large
Dover

Madison is an Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation major at Baylor University, expected to graduate in December 2024. Initially uncertain about her major, she discovered her passion for entrepreneurship through Baylor's Career Center, leading her on an exciting academic journey.

"I am not sure what exactly I want to do after I graduate," Madison said. "The only thing I am sure of is I want to work with the public. I really enjoy getting to see people and talk to them on a daily basis. Most of the time, it is the highlight of my day."

Aside from her studies, Madison is actively involved in her community and is always

looking for opportunities for personal and academic growth during her time at Baylor. She is especially proud of graduating in just three years and is set to walk the stage in December 2024.

"Wherever I end up, I want to be someone people can come to when they need help and know that I will do whatever I can to help them," Madison said. "I realize working with the public is not always sunshine and rainbows, but the people who turn from strangers into friends and are grateful for every little thing you do for them to make all the bad experiences worth it."



Jennavive Corley
District 5 - Tech Scholar
Blanchard

Jennavive is pursuing a degree in Respiratory Care at Francis Tuttle Technology Center/OCCC, set to graduate in May of this year. Following graduation, she will need to take her board exams to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

"I chose this major because it seemed the most exciting to me, and I noticed that people in this field find genuine happiness in their work," Jennavive explained. "My goal is to bring happiness to both people and my future patients. I take joy in entering patients' rooms, striking up conversations, and making them as comfortable as possible."

What excites Jennavive most about her future is the prospect of independence and

self-sufficiency in her career and finances. While her current extracurricular activities are limited due to the demands of her studies, she actively participates in a Bible study every Wednesday evening and attends Victory Family church on Sundays. A self-proclaimed "movie buff," Jennavive enjoys spending her spare time cozier up with a good film.

"Some advice I would like to give to those younger than me that choose to go to college or trade school would be that it's only temporary," Jennavive said. "School doesn't last forever, keep pushing through and it will all be worth it. It may be hard and tough now, but don't give up."



Trent Fisher
District 9
Crescent

Trent is an Exercise Science major with aspirations of becoming a chiropractor.

Trent initially started on a pre-pharmacy track at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU). However, he soon realized that this path wasn't the right fit for him. Trent decided to transfer to OSU, which was closer to home, and shift his focus to Exercise Science and setting his sights on becoming a chiropractor.

"There's this big stigma going around chiropractors right now, especially around athletes that basically says you can't really trust a chiropractor because they don't really do the right techniques or it's a fake science," Trent said. "Something I really want to do is

combat that stigma and hate that goes around this profession."

Trent's free time is limited with his academic commitments and his part-time job, but in his free time, he enjoys playing basketball, going to the gym, and spending quality moments with friends and family.

"I'm excited to start making money and getting out to explore and see new things," Trent said. "Like, for Chiropractic school, I want to go to Kansas City and experience new things."

Trent is set to graduate in December 2024.

Meet Our Pioneer Scholars

Nana's Hot Chocolate Mix

ingredients

1 lb.	powdered sugar
2 lbs.	Nesquik chocolate powder drink mix
8 qt.	powdered milk
11 oz.	powdered coffee creamer

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl, stirring until completely mixed.

Note: 1/2 cup mix to 8 oz. of hot water. Stir and Enjoy!



Nana and Bethany

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Where did you find this recipe?

“My Nana handed this recipe down to me when I finally reached the ripe age of 21. She has been mixing up that hot chocolate for as long as I can remember.”

What is your favorite thing about this recipe?

“My favorite thing about this recipe is that I have yet to find a person who doesn't fall in love with it on the first cup! In 2022 I gifted my fellow team members, office mates, and the division managers with some of it during the Christmas season and I had countless people reach out to me to tell me how amazing it was!”

Do you have any tips and tricks for preparing this recipe?

“The best way to prepare the mixture is to use the BIGGEST pot you can find and a hand mixer on a low setting. Be careful when you're mixing though, it can get messy in a hurry!”

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-Process Analyst Bethany Piotrowski, Pioneer

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Celebrated their 42nd Wedding Anniversary October 17th. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Gary & Gloria Koch - Orlando

Celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary November 6th. They have three children, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

Steven & Brenda Ridenour - Blanchard

Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary November 17th. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Keith & Dede Patton - Blanchard

Celebrated their 42nd Wedding Anniversary December 18th. They have four daughters, a son, and 11 grandchildren.

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Celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary December 25th. They have a daughter, a son-in-law, and four grandchildren.

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