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WOODWARD
Chamber of Commerce

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Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON

September 13th • 11:45 a.m.
Woodward Conference Center



Sponsor

**Ramiro's
Mexican
Restaurant**

Caterer

Special Guest



Richard Ruhl is the General Manager of Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. With 45 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, Ruhl has held the position of General Manager of Pioneer Telephone since 1994. As General Manager, Mr. Ruhl directs the overall operations for one of the largest telecommunications cooperatives in the United States. Pioneer Telephone and its affiliate companies employ 575 people to serve over 100,000 subscribers/customers in 76 communities encompassing 47 Oklahoma counties in Western, Southern Oklahoma and 8 counties in Southern Kansas, covering nearly 11,000 square miles. In the last decade, Mr. Ruhl has led the company's diverse and dramatic growth by positioning it to provide its customers a full suite of cutting-edge telecommunications products and services. Mr. Ruhl has achieved successful corporate growth and market share through the development of long-term client relationships.

Over the years, Richard has witnessed extensive change, opportunities, and growth for Pioneer and the telecommunications industry, as we move forward in a broadband world.

Richard Ruhl received his Associate in Arts Degree from Redlands Community College; earned his Bachelor of Liberal Studies from the University of Oklahoma; and, earned his MBA from Oklahoma Christian University. Mr. Ruhl also holds an FCC First Class General Radio Telephone Lifetime Operator License.

Speaker



Kim Grellner is the Vice-President of Marketing, Sales & Service of Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. With over 30 years of experience in the telecommunications industry Ms. Grellner has held the position of Vice-President since 2016. Ms. Grellner started her career with Pioneer in 1989 as an accountant. In 2000, Kim was promoted to Senior Division Manager of Cost Management, Product Development, and Marketing. She has also served as Division Manager of Customer Service and Retail Sales. Currently, her areas of responsibility include management of the Corporate Marketing, Retail Sales, Business Sales, Wireless Operations and Customer Service for Pioneer Telephone and affiliates.

Kim received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Oklahoma State University. Ms. Grellner holds numerous business certifications and is a graduate of Kingfisher County Leadership Program. She serves on the Kingfisher Regional Hospital Board and is on the United Way of NW Oklahoma board.

Woodward Public Relations



Brianna Dominick is Pioneer's public relations specialist for Woodward. Not long after Pioneer announced their fiber overbuild project in Woodward, Brianna joined the company to help with connecting potential new customers with Pioneer's essential new services.

From 2009 to 2013, Brianna worked for Congressman Frank Lucas, first in his Washington, D.C. office and later as his Northwest Oklahoma field representative. She holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University. She is a member of the Woodward Industrial Foundation board, Woodward Young Professionals, Woodward Rotary, and holds various positions at First United Methodist Church.

Community Sponsor

United Fund of Woodward

- Local non-profit organization that supports 13 local agencies.
 - Funds directly benefit people in Woodward County.
 - Was established in 1957.
 - Comprised of 33 Board Members.
 - Money Stays LOCAL here in our Community
- You can support many agencies with one monetary gift
 - Donations are Tax Deductible

United Fund Agencies Supported

Cimarron Council, Boy Scouts of America
Girls Scouts of Western Oklahoma
Kids Inc.
Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
NW OK Chapter, American Red Cross
Northwest Oklahoma Literacy Council
Salvation Army

Woodward Senior Center
High Plains Outreach Center
Pregnancy Center
Woodward Arts & Theater Council
Senior Nutrition Program
The Hope Center

Live Auction & Pass The Bucket - All Proceeds Benefit United Fund of Woodward

Board of Directors

Crystal Simmons - Chairman

Simmons Machine Shop

Austin Vanderwork - Chairman Elect

Farm Credit of Western OK

Erik Hudson - Vice Chairman

Western Medical

Lorne Clark - Treasurer

CF Industries

Eric Wheeler - Past Chairman

Compass Athletics

Justin Bowers

Individual

Chad Campbell

Woodward County EMS

Brian Cook

Keller Williams Elite

Darren Cottom

Stride Bank

Logan Hamilton

Woodward County Farm Bureau

Landon Hise

AllianceHealth Woodward

Destiny Howard

Bank of Western Oklahoma

Jackie Jones

Woodward County Abstract

Whitney Long

J & R Transport

Kevin Martin

McDonald's

Kendall Smith

Stock Exchange Bank

Manda Wheeler

Pioneer Cellular

Clint White

Ben Tec Insurance

Don Gaines

High Plains Technology Center

Ronnie Hopkins

First Christian Church

Sarah McDowell

M&D Lawnmower

Bailey Poer

Woodward County Event Center

Dr. Jonathan Thomason

NWOSU-Woodward

Mike Whittaker

Northwest Golf Cars

Caleb Zook

Western Equipment

C.J. Montgomery, Chamber President

Karla J. Wilson, VP of Financial Operations

Carlinda Thornton, Member Services

City of Woodward Sales Tax

	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021
Sales Tax	\$1,080,743	\$1,033,414	\$1,028,574
	August 2019	August 2020	August 2021
Sales Tax	\$1,000,949	\$999,210	\$1,031,568

Renewals

Atwoods	Mazzio's Pizza
Bank of Western Oklahoma	North American Pools & Spas
Mary Chris Barth	Rugbeaters LLC
Billings Funeral Home	Seaboard Foods
First Baptist Church	St. Peter Catholic Church
First United Methodist Church	Stride Bank
Great Plains Vision Center	Wal-Mart
Kaye Groce	Western Equipment, LLC
H & R Block	Woodward Family Medicine, PLLC
J & J Hunting LLC	

New Members

UpFront Health
1824 Kansas Avenue
Woodward, OK 73801

I AM THEY PROMISES TOUR 2021

PRESENTED BY CHILD FUND ALLIANCE



WITH JOHN TIBBS

Proceeds Benefit:
the pregnancy center

\$15
Each
Ticket
\$10 in groups of 10 or more

Tickets Available at:

Good To Go 580-256-2738 1226 11th St • Woodward	Persimmon Creek 580-256-1004 906 Main • Woodward
KW ELITE/ Brian Cook 580-256-9910 1003 Oklahoma Ave. • Woodward	The Pregnancy Center 580-254-2805 1321 Kansas Ave. • Woodward


October 3rd, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M
Woodward High School Auditorium

WOODWARD YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

CASINO ROYALE

9.24.21

CALL 580-748-1564 FOR TICKETS



What's Happening in Woodward

September 4-6
NWOJR Rodeo

September 5
Twisted 2K Productions Rodeo

September 6
Labor Day

September 10
Woodward Main Street - Fall Back In Love with Downtown

September 11
Hope Center's Raising Hope Family Festival

September 13
Chamber Monthly Luncheon

September 17
Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

September 18
Concert featuring Element

September 24
Woodward Young Professionals Casino Royale

October 2-3
Western Plains Youth Pumpkin Fundraiser

October 3
Pregnancy Center Concert - I Am They



**MORE
INCREDIBLE
NEW
PRIZES**

Chamber of Commerce

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT GOLF BALL DROP V

BOILING SPRINGS GOLF CLUB | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH | 9:00 A.M.

LAS VEGAS GETAWAY

3 Night MGM Grand and Airfare

Sponsored by Bank of Western Oklahoma &
Western Drug

HANDYMAN SET

Dewalt Tools

Sponsored by Great Plains Bank &
Western Equipment

BIG CEDAR LODGE

3 Night Stay at Big Cedar Lodge Near Branson

Sponsored by Joe D. Hall Construction

FIRE DISK COOKER

Portable Propane Cooker

Sponsored by M&D Enterprises

FAN FARE EXPERIENCE

Tickets, Meal, Hotel Accommodations

Sponsored by Stock Exchange Bank

MCDONALD'S FOR A YEAR

Sponsored by Kevin Martin

Woodward McDonald's

**Some Restrictions Apply. Need Not Be Present to Win*

**Cash Available In Lieu of Prizes*

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