

Two new employees hired at Champa Group to help with tech support and expansion of security services

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Rod Keiser, center, poses with his two new employees and a Mobotix security surveillance camera. Sean Preston, left, and Dan O'Byrne, right, joined the staff at Champa Group recently. Preston's focus will be providing computer technical support and working with the company's Mobotix security systems. O'Byrne will work part time security camera installations. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)

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People around town may have noticed a couple new faces working at Champa Group recently. Owner Rodney Keiser recently hired two new employees.

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The first new hire was Dan O'Byrne of Culbertson who's main function at Champa is to install Mobotix security camera systems. O'Bryne has been with the company for a little over a month now and is enjoying both the work and getting to know customers in the area.

"The people in Wauneta are very friendly, they don't make you feel like a stranger," O'Bryne explained.

The other new face belongs to Sean Preston, originally of Benkelman and now a resident of Wauneta. Preston's focus at Champa Group will be providing computer technical support and he will soon become the company's expert on Mobotix security cameras. He started at Champa Group approximately three weeks ago.

When asked what he thought of his job so far Preston said, "I really enjoy it. Computers are what I've always wanted to do. It's nice to be able to live out my dreams close to home."

Keiser explained Champa Group began their endeavor into Mobotix security surveillance systems about four years ago. Currently, they have customers from west of Imperial to Palisade.

Before hiring more staff, which will enable Champa to serve a greater customer base Keiser wanted to first make sure the product was a reliable one.

Keiser said over the past four years he's gotten a good impression from the quality and durability of the Mobotix systems, which can be as small as 3-inches in diameter. He is ready to expand the company's services to a wider range of customers.

Currently, Champa Group serves customers in the agricultural, financial and government fields as well as individuals.

The use of the systems has varied from Keiser's experience so far. Some of his clients use the

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systems in traditional ways, to monitor their property from potential threats. Others have used the systems for more unique uses. He said he has two agricultural customers who use the systems to monitor their livestock during calving or lambing season.

Customers are able to log on to a website to watch and listen to what's happening through their security cameras. Keiser said these two customers have used the cameras to monitor cows and ewes as they calve or lamb so they can know if they need assistance.

Other customers use the motion feature of the cameras, which can email the owner a series of images recorded when motion happens.

It is also possible to have a two-way conversation through the cameras.

Business owners have found these particular cameras allow them to install fewer cameras due to their large focus area and their ability to focus on multiple points at once.

Keiser said he's excited to be able to expand the security side of Champa Group using these cameras because of their flexibility to meet a wide variety of customer's needs. His two new employees will help him do just that.

Other services offered

Beyond the security camera endeavor, Champa Group also services and provides technical support on personal computers. Champa is a HP partner for PCs, laptops, servers and printers.

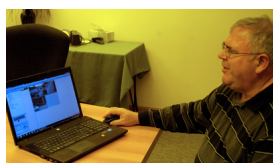
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They also stock over 50 different HP inkjet cartridges.

Champa Group also provide a full range of printing services through its Exceptional Prints division.



Rodney Keiser demonstrates how one security camera can simultaneously focus on different areas. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)