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Randolph Telephone

Save 60%
on Unlimited DSL
Broadband Internet
in February

Call 879-5684

Sign Up For High-Speed Broadband DSL During February & Enjoy Huge Savings

It's not too late to save in the best broadband Internet deal of the New Year.

Got a new computer for Christmas? Still using dial-up or know someone who is? Try Randolph Telephone **HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND DSL INTERNET** and start the year off right.

Surf, chat and e-mail at blazing fast speeds. New DSL customers will enjoy **60% OFF, including FREE installation and equipment, and \$10 off the monthly rate for six months** by signing up for our 512 residential plan during February.

This includes the following:

- ☛ **Free equipment**
- ☛ **Free installation**
- ☛ **Unlimited Internet access**
- ☛ **24/7 free technical support**

**Only \$29.95/month
for 6 Months!**

- ☛ **10 e-mail accounts**
- ☛ **Anti-virus/spam blocking**
- ☛ **12 MB personal web space**
- ☛ **Always on, doesn't tie up your phone line**

Take advantage of the huge savings and great service — **CALL 879-5684**. Certain terms apply and the offer is good only for residential service. The monthly service will be \$39.95 after the sixth month. This is a limited time offer.

If you're already enjoying this great DSL service from Randolph Telephone, share this 60% offer with a friend. ■

Coming in March . . .

Try 2 Months **FREE** of Call Manager (Telemarketing Screening)!

Help block unwanted callers with our Call Manager (Telemarketing Screening)?

Call Manager is a service that blocks telemarketers and other unwanted callers and at the same time "learns" who your friends are. Every call is screened by the Call Manager and each caller hears this announcement: "The number you have reached does not

accept calls from Telemarketers. If you are a Telemarketer, please add this number to your do not call list and hang up now. Otherwise, please press '1' or stay on the line."

After someone presses "1" the service learns they are an accepted caller and they will not hear the announcement the next time they call. However, if an unwanted caller gets

through, you can add them to a blocked list. You can also block or add accepted numbers even before they call using the convenient, easy Call Manager service for just \$4.95 per month.

When you **sign up in March you will receive the first and third months FREE**. Try it out today. **Just call 879-5684**. ■

What Do Those Acronyms Mean?

Make Chat Room Talk Easier To Understand

In today's high-tech society, Instant Messaging (IM) and chat rooms are a common way of communication.

Many children use these services to stay in touch with their friends. But do you, as parents, know what your children are talking about?

In the world of Instant Messenger there are many acronyms and abbreviations used. You may just think typing these shortcuts are useless, but their meanings are much more.

For example, POS means "parent over shoulder." This language also includes smilies and emoticons. An emoticon (or Smiley) is a sequence of ordinary characters you can find on your computer keyboard that convey emotion or feelings (i.e., Happy, mad, sad).

There are hundreds of acronyms that parents should be aware of. This is a growing language of its own among



Internet users, especially young people. These little letter phrases are everywhere; in blogs (short for weblog, an online diary or journal), e-mail messages, chat rooms, web pages . . .

The following is a brief list of commonly used acronyms.

AFK- away from keyboard
A/S/L - age/sex/location
BBL- be back later
BFN- By for now
EOM- end of message
GL- good luck
IMO- in my opinion
KIS- keep it simple
LOL- laugh out loud
NBD- no big deal
OTP- on the phone
POS- parent over shoulder
TAFN- that's all for now
THX- thanks
TTFN- ta ta for now
WB- welcome back

Hopefully, this can be helpful to you in understanding your child's Internet activity. ■

Capital Credit Check Reminder

You have 90 days to cash your capital credit checks issued in December 2005. Otherwise, the checks will be void once the 90-day period has expired and you must have

the check reissued. There will be a \$10 reissue fee. If the check is less than \$10, then the member will be charged half (50%) of the check amount as the reissue fee.

An advertisement for Randolph Telephone. It features a large, close-up image of a hamster with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The hamster is smiling broadly. To the right of the hamster, the text reads: "Take a bite out of your TV bill." Below this, the phone number "879-7884" is displayed in a large, bold font. Underneath the phone number, the words "Randolph Telephone" are written in a cursive-style font. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for DIRECTV with the text "DIRECTV AUTHORIZED DEALER" and a small disclaimer: "Hardware and Programming sold separately. DIRECTV and the Cyclone Design logo are registered trademarks of DIRECTV."

Remember, the new hours for our Farmer office are 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Raffle Kicks Off Annual Relay Effort

Tickets Can Be Purchased Now At Any Randolph Telephone Office

Randolph Telephone is kicking off its campaign to raise money for Relay for Life, a team event to fight cancer, by selling 50/50 raffle tickets.

Randolph County holds one of the largest and most successful local Relays in the nation. The 2006 event will be held May 19-20 at the South Asheboro Middle School track.

Randolph Telephone has begun selling \$1 tickets (or 6 for \$5) for the raffle. The drawing will be held on Friday evening, May 19, at the SAMS track

Tickets are currently on sale at our Asheboro, Farmer and Liberty offices and from any Randolph Telephone employee. Randolph Telephone would like to thank **Durham Printing** for donating the tickets for the drawing.

Have you seen a pink flamingo on



one of our trucks? This is another fundraiser that Randolph Telephone has undertaken for Relay for Life. Each time an

employee's vehicle or office is "flogged" by the flamingo, they must give a donation to make him go away. So, if you see a Randolph Telephone employee with the flamingo, help them get rid of it by giving a buck or two!

Please help Randolph Telephone's Relay for Life campaign by purchasing raffle tickets at any of our business offices or from a Randolph Telephone employee, or by participating in our "flamingo"

Is That A Flamingo?

Yes, we are passing around a pink flamingo in our office and on our trucks.

If you see one or want to help an employee keep the flamingo away, give them \$1 or \$2 for our Relay for Life effort.



fundraiser.

We look forward to seeing you at the event! (You do not have to be present to win the cash prize.) ■

Bundle Survey

1. If Randolph Telephone offered a bundle of services would you be interested?

____ Yes ____ No

Why/ Why Not?

2. Please circle which of these following options is most appealing:

- a) A package of local and long distance telephone service and dial-up Internet.
- b) A package of local and long distance telephone service and high-speed broadband DSL Internet.
- c) A package of local and long distance telephone service and calling features.
- d) A package of local and long distance telephone service, calling features and high-speed broadband DSL Internet.
- e) other

_____ (list)

3. Please list what calling features you would want included in a package with telephone service:

4. For long distance, indicate your preference:

- a) flat per minute rate with no minimum
- b) 250 minutes included in package
- c) no long distance included

****Clip and include your survey response with your next bill payment.***

REMINDER: Scholarship Application Deadlines

April 7

General Scholarships

(See your school guidance counselor)

April 25

Art Scholarship entries

(See your school art teacher)



May 22

2nd Year Scholarships

(Application forms available at our offices.)



Pictured above are a group of Randolph Telephone employees standing alongside our "old truck" preparing to hand out balloons at one of the local 2005 Christmas parades in which we participated. We look forward to seeing you at area events during 2006.



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Our door is always open to serve you. Should you have any questions about your service, your bill, how we can better serve you, or if you just want to chat, please stop by and see us — we're here to serve you. As they say, "Home is where the heart is" — and our heart is here.