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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

RTMC Annual Meeting

Saturday August 12

at SWR Middle School

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Annual Meeting, Election Of RTMC Directors Scheduled For Aug. 12 At SWRMS

Join us Saturday, Aug. 12 for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation at Southwestern Randolph Middle School.

The festivities, which begin at 10:30 a.m., following registration from 9:30-10, will include a great picnic lunch with all the fixins, door prizes, and a fun kids program. The agenda includes the election of RTMC Directors, a process governed by Article IV, "Board Members," Section 4.5, "Nominations," of the RTMC By-Laws, which reads as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than seven (7) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected from different geographic areas so as

to ensure equitable representation. At least one (1) member of the committee shall be selected from each geographic area where a Director is to be elected. No member of the Board, close relative of a Director or employee may serve on such committee. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Directors which shall include as many nominees for each Board position as the committee deems desirable . . . Any fifty (50) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Nominations may be made by petition, if any, received at least

twenty (20) days before the meeting and shall be included on the official ballot. Such ballot shall arrange the names of the candidates by geographic areas and shall also designate the candidates nominated by the committee and those nominated by petition. No member may nominate more than one candidate by petition, the seat for which the nomination is made must be specified, and the person so nominated must be in all respects eligible for service on the Board as set out in these By-Laws." ■



SWR Middle School will host the RTMC Annual Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 12. As the photo below illustrates, members always turn out in large numbers.



RTMC Statement of Nondiscrimination

Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in accordance with federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs)

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Kim L. Garner, Human Resources. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations from the person listed above and/or file a written complaint with this organization; USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible. ■

Low Income Programs Available

Everyone, regardless of their financial situation, needs a phone in order to access 911 emergency services and to communicate with doctors, employers and family.

Persons receiving Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Work First, Medicaid, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program (Section 8) benefits may qualify for discounts on telephone service.

All telephone companies that provide local residential service in North Carolina are required to offer two programs to their residential customers who qualify. **Link-up offers a 50% discount (up to \$30)** to hook up a residential telephone, and **Lifeline offers a discount of \$13.50 per month** on your local telephone bill for people participating in the government programs listed above.

These discounts and local telephone service may even be available for consumers who have had their telephone service disconnected for unpaid toll bills. Interested families should contact Randolph Telephone at 879-5684 to learn more about these programs.

If you know someone who does not have a phone and may qualify, please tell them to ask us about this important program. ■

YOU'VE GOT SPAM!

Some Ways To 'Can' Unwanted E-mail

Do you receive lots of junk e-mails? As more people use e-mail, marketers are increasing e-mails as a means to pitch their products or services. Spam (unsolicited commercial e-mails) is often very

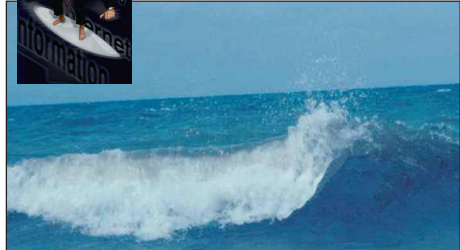
annoying and time consuming. Below are a few tips to help reduce the amount of Spam you receive and some information on what to do to avoid Spam scams.

Ways To Reduce Spam:

1. Don't display your e-mail in public.
2. Check the privacy policy when you submit your address to a web site and reject offers to receive e-mail from partners of that site.
3. Decide if you want to use two e-mail addresses – one for personal and one for newsgroups and chat rooms.



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4. Check the spam filtering settings in your Randolph Telephone account (go to Webmail, log in and select Greymail options).

What To Do To

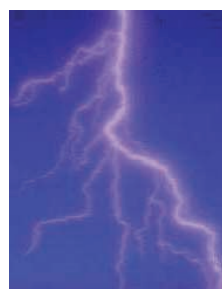
Avoid Spam Scams:

1. Treat unsolicited e-mails as if they were unsolicited telemarketing calls.
2. Don't believe promises from strangers.
3. Avoid e-mails that describe so-called money-making opportunities. Most of the time, these are old fashioned scams delivered via the newest technology.
4. Do not respond to any requests for account information or to messages directing you to a site to verify your account data. Legitimate businesses will not contact you via e-mail for this information. ■

Don't Let A Power Outage Isolate You

In the upcoming summer months, power outages are more common and can cripple communications if you are not prepared.

Randolph Telephone is ready for power outages and keeps you connected.



Make sure you have at least one corded phone because it will work even if your power is out. We offer several models for lease or sale, with the latest features like caller ID. And, by

leasing a phone, it is maintenance free and easy to upgrade.

During severe weather, power surges and lightning strikes can cause issues with your Internet connection or modem. Try

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Thank You For Making A Difference!

This year's Randolph Telephone Relay for Life Team raised more than \$5,000 to help with cancer research.



A special "thank you" goes out to each and every person who supported this extremely important fundraising campaign. The 2006 Randolph County Relay for Life was held Friday evening, May 19, at the South Asheboro Middle School track. ■

Local Students Win Scholarships

Congratulations to Clay Hutchins of North Moore High School and Melissa Robbins of Asheboro High School on winning the 2006 Young Artists' Cover Design Scholarship Competition.

Both of the recent graduates will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the school of their choice, and their winning art will appear in the 2007 Randolph Telephone directories.

The following students placed as runners-up: 1st runner-up – Tuesday Tucker, North Moore; 2nd runner-up – Brittany Atkinson, Asheboro; and 3rd runner-up – Steisha Pintado, Eastern Randolph.

Randolph Telephone partners with Coastal Publishing of the Carolinas to sponsor the annual art scholarship

competition. This year's theme was "Our Region's Faces & Places." This annual competition is open to students in seven area high schools within the Randolph Telephone service area. Congratulations to all of these extremely talented students!

Randolph Telephone also awarded nine general scholarships. Congrats to these students: Martha Garner, Eastern Randolph; Ross Garner, Southwestern Randolph; Timothy Tysinger, Asheboro; Tuesday Tucker, North Moore; Joshua Holt and Ashley Kidd, Chatham Central.

Congratulations to all of these graduates on a job well done and good luck as you attend college in the fall. Remember, Randolph Telephone is always here to equip you with all your communications solutions. ■

Re-Connecting After Power Outage

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restarting your computer and modem first before calling technical support. Solving the problem might be as simple as a reboot.

Listed on the right are some things to keep in mind before calling tech support. This information can save you time and effort when using our free 24/7 tech support hotline. If you still have a problem after restarting you computer, please call 611 or 879-

5681 for assistance. Also listed are some things to keep in mind if you're having problems re-connecting to the Internet on a dial-up modem after an outage.

What You Need To Know Before You Call Technical Support

1. Know your password.
2. Know your e-mail address.
3. Know what brand and model of computer you have . . . IBM compatible, Macintosh, etc.
4. Know what browser you are using . . . Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0, Netscape Navigator 7, etc.
5. Know what operating system your computer uses . . . Windows XP, Mac OS X, etc.
6. Know what e-mail software program you are using . . . Microsoft Outlook Express, Netscape Messenger, Eudora, etc.
7. Know what brand and model of modem you use.
8. Write down any error messages that may appear.
9. If possible, be at your computer with it on and running when you call our Technical Support line.

Problems Re-Connecting To the Internet With Dial-Up Modem After Power Outage?

1. Check to see if your phone line is plugged securely into your modem. If you have an external modem, check to make sure it's turned on.
2. Do you have call waiting on your phone line? This feature may be disconnecting you from your Internet access.
3. If you have a second phone line designated for computer use and are having problems getting online, ensure this designated line is working properly by connecting to an ordinary corded phone. Then try to make a call.
4. Do you have a "hands free" telephone? How about an answering machine, fax machine, or Caller ID unit in the house? Any of these could be causing your connection problems. ■

On the Calendar . . .

June

- 7 - Liberty Chamber Golf Tournament
- 14 - Flag Day
- 18 - Father's Day
- 21 - First Day of summer



July

- 4 - Independence Day
(The RTMC offices will be closed)

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.

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