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Pine Belt Telephone Company

PINE BELT TELEPHONE COMPANY: 50 YEARS OF HOME GROWN TALK

Local Company's Roots Run Deep in Region

ARLINGTON, ALA. (May 9, 2008) - Arlington's own Pine Belt Telephone Company, a family owned and operated rural telephone company in West Alabama, celebrates 50 years of home grown talk this October. To kick off the celebration, Pine Belt is now offering a \$50 Pine Belt Wireless Radio Shack gift card for all new and renewing Pine Belt Wireless cellular customers who commit to a two year service contract (customers must qualify, some restrictions do apply). The \$50 Pine Belt Wireless gift card can be redeemed at any one of Pine Belt's five local Radio Shack stores in Selma, Camden, Linden, Marion and Butler. To continue the celebration, Pine Belt is offering free installation of its high speed internet products, QuickSpeed DSL & QuickSpeed Wireless Internet services. Contact Pine Belt Telephone Company for details or visit the company's new website at www.pinebeltTALK.com. These special offers are good starting May 9 thru October 2008.

50 years ago, when Dr. Buddy Nettles started Pine Belt Telephone Company, you drove by his house in Arlington, told his wife you wanted to sign up for phone service, and picked up a phone off the porch. Now that is home grown talk. "In the 1950s, many people in the Black Belt had no access to telephone service. My Daddy, who was a country doctor to patients across 10 counties, knew first hand how vulnerable people were without a telephone. That's why he created Pine Belt. For his patients and his community," commented the late Dr. Nettles' son and current Pine Belt President, John Nettles. We've continued that legacy and have our heart, soul and wallet committed to improving telecommunications here at home. Since our beginnings, we have invested over \$20 million in towers and equipment in our five county region," added John Nettles.

Then as now, Pine Belt Telephone Company is a locally owned and operated telephone company that provides land line service to homes and businesses in Arlington, Dixon Mills, Sweet Water and Nanafalia. Since the 1950s, Pine Belt Telephone Company has grown and expanded its offerings to include cellular service and high speed internet access across a multi-county area that includes Dallas, Marengo, Wilcox, Perry and Choctaw Counties, as well as parts of Hale and Greene Counties. Today's Pine Belt includes a sister company, Pine Belt Wireless, providing the strongest network and best signal for cellular service in the 5-county region surrounding Selma. Pine Belt also owns and operates five Pine Belt Wireless Radio Shack stores in Selma, Camden, Linden, Marion and Butler.

To learn more about Pine Belt Telephone Company's 50 years of home grown talk, visit their new website at www.pinebeltTALK.com. More history and Pine Belt stories are featured under "Our Story" and "A Time Line Worth Your Time". Pine Belt Telephone Companies are headquartered in Arlington, Alabama, 3984 County Road 32. For information on Pine Belt's products and services, call the company headquarters at 334.385.2106, or visit one of the five Pine Belt Wireless Radio Shack stores in Selma, Marion, Linden, Butler and Camden.