

Christmas 2004

Once again were coming down the home stretch, Christmas is right around the corner and you haven't finished your holiday shopping. Have no fear; I have the gift idea's you need that are guaranteed to put a smile on anyone's face.

My big Christmas gift this year is Comcast High Speed Internet. My wife and I have high speed Internet access at work, but we actually have no Internet access at home. We got rid of our home phone service about a year and a half ago because we realized that we only got telemarketer calls on that line, all of our friends and family call us on our cell phones. The only problem is, no home phone line means no dial-up Internet service. I recently saw a Comcast add advertising \$24.95 Internet access for 6 months. What a perfect opportunity to talk my wife into getting me high speed Internet service for Christmas!

If your loved one already has high speed Internet then perhaps its time to get them a portable music player. If you need help deciding which player is best then check out my article in the October 22 issue of the Powell Post, or simply e-mail me and I'll be happy to e-mail any of my articles to you. One amendment to that article, the iPod now has a model that allows you to store up to 25,000 pictures (in addition to music) and show them off on the 2" color screen. What a great gift for showing off my dogs.

Have someone that travels a lot? Very few people need a gigantic super powerful laptop when traveling. In fact, most people need longer battery life and lighter loads when traveling around the world. Enter the Intel Centrino. The Centrino is the newest mobile processor sold by Intel. This chip makes it possible for manufactures to build lightweight powerful laptops for doing the tasks needed most during travel. This chip includes built in wireless technology for Internet surfing and the capability to slow down during less taxing tasks like word processing to conserve battery power. This allows users to get up to 4 hours of battery time during a single charge and the average Centrino equipped laptop weighs only between 5 and 8 pounds. Perfect for long flights.

Do you have a teenager going off to college next fall? Their dorms small space will be at a premium. Instead of purchasing separate TV, DVD, Stereo and computer components for the dorm, buy a computer with Windows Media Center Edition Software preloaded. These computer systems can easily replace all of the above listed components while taking up the same amount of space a normal computer does. If you want to find out more about the Windows Media Center Computer check out the November 16 edition of the Powell Post or just e-mail me to request a copy of the article.

What if your computer techy already has it all? Maybe they just need it all tied together. Give them a gift certificate for Computer Depot Services. Our technicians can tame any unruly computer situations. We can remove spyware, fix Windows errors and network your computer systems. I can't think of a better gift. Contact Thomas, Roger or Justin to find out more about our services at 947-0749.