

“Monitor’s Mission is to deliver reliable, global communication links to our local community”

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Annual Meeting & Election

Monitor Cooperative Telephone will hold the Annual Meeting and Board Elections on March 16, 2010, at 7:00 pm, in our conference room at 15265 Woodburn Monitor Rd. NE.

This year’s presenters will include General Manager Geri Fraijo, the auditing firm, along with other reports and updates.

Please contact Patricia Wallace, at 503-634-2546, no later than February 15th, if you are interested in running for a board position. 2244 Voting ballots will be mailed out separately to every member and must be returned to our office, no later than 4:00 pm, on March 16, 2010. Election results will be announced at the meeting.

The board and employees of MCTC look forward to meeting with you. There will be refreshments served after the meeting and members are invited to enter the drawing for the door prizes. Please remember to mark your calendar for March 16th at 7:00 pm. See you there!!



MCTC 2010 College Scholarship

*Application packets available
online at www.monitorcoop.com*

Monitor Telephone will award a \$2,000 College Scholarship to one local high school senior, who is living within the 634 exchange, and is either a Co-op member or immediate family member of a Co-op member on the date of the initial award of the scholarship.

Giving back to our community is an honor, and MCTC wants to award a student who is also giving back to their community by their outstanding achievements. The selection criteria are based on educational achievement, involvement in activities, honors, awards, and career goals. This is a great opportunity for seniors to help with their financial needs to further their educational and career aspirations. The scholarship is to be used at any college, university, technical or trade school that is certified by the Northwest Accreditation Association or recognized by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools. Application packets and instructions are available on our website www.monitorcoop.com, under “Upcoming Events,” or call the business office at 503-634-2266. Completed applications are due to the MCTC business office, no later than March 31, 2010.

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Find the Hidden Phone Numbers!

We have hidden three telephone numbers inside this newsletter (last four digits only). If you locate your phone number, call the MCTC Business Office at 503.634.2266 and we will apply a \$10.00 credit to your next telephone bill.

Phone Book Changes

Your North Willamette Valley phone directory, for June 2010 to May 2011, will be coming soon!

If you have any additions, edits or want to remove a listing, please be sure to call the business office at 503-634-2266. The deadline for all white page changes for the new book is February 26, 2010. Also, if you're interested in placing a business advertisement in the yellow pages, please call The Berry Company sales office, at 1-888-268-1385 for details.

The deadline for all yellow page orders is March 26, 2010.

Capital Credits Checks To Be Issued

The Board of Monitor Cooperative Telephone has approved to pay its members 25% of 2008 Capital Credit Allocation.

A letter was mailed to members requesting them to confirm and update their mailing addresses and tax I.D. Monitor employees are currently updating and verifying records so the check process can begin.

MCTC was organized as a cooperative, owned by its members. A percentage of services purchased are allocated to each member of the cooperative. Each member earns the same percentage on their purchases. The actual dollar amount "credited" will vary between members because it is based upon total residential or business annual purchases of service. Being a member of a cooperative is somewhat like having a rewards card from a business. The more you purchase, the more you get back.

The Board of MCTC usually considers a retirement of Capital Credits annually. When a capital credit retirement is authorized by the Board, both the dollar amount and year(s) to which the allocations relate are specified. This year your Board approved 25% of 2008. If you have any questions, please call our business office at 503-634-2266. Otherwise, please return your letter so we can get your Capital Credit check to you.



Featured Employee: June McConkey

June McConkey has been a valued employee with Monitor Cooperative Telephone for more than seven years. She came to us with a background in the telephone industry, having worked for Nehalem Telephone, starting in the early 90s.

Her position with MCTC is bookkeeper, which includes the requirement of continuing her education with industry regulations. She has the responsibility and challenge of keeping MCTC in compliance with all FCC and OPUC regulations, filing timely reports, maintaining inventory, work orders, and continuing property records, along with disbursing all capital credit checks to our members.

She has enjoyed being a part of the changes that have taken place over the years in the telecommunications industry, with the growth from telephone only, to present time, with the addition of broadband. June is a very pleasant person to work with, and enjoys assisting our members. 2177

If you have any questions about your capital credit check, please contact her at 503-634-2266.



2010 Youth Tour Contest

Monitor Cooperative Telephone Company is sponsoring one local high school student to represent our cooperative in the Foundation for Rural Services 2010 Youth Tour to Washington D.C.

This year will mark the 16th annual FRS Youth Tour. This event brings rural students from across the United States to our nation's capital for a four-day tour of some of the most historical sites in the nation. Students will learn about the telecommunications industry, the regulatory and legislative processes, as well as visit the U.S. Capitol, the Federal Communications Commission, and explore the Smithsonian Institution. 2334

If you are a high school student 16 or 17 years of age at the time of the tour, scheduled June 5 through June 9, 2010, and live in the MCTC service area (634 prefix), you are eligible to apply. A 200 word essay, describing a day in your life without using any type of telecommunications, and the MCTC registration form should be returned to the MCTC business office by Friday, March 19, 2010. A registration form can be found on our website www.monitorcoop.com under "Upcoming Events", or available at the business office. Please call Merryl at 503-634-2266 for more information.

"Scholarship" continued

FRS College Scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life throughout Rural America and strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth.

In 2010, FRS will award thirty (30) \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors, one per geographic region of the NTCA membership and one to a student sponsored by a NTCA associate member. The remaining nineteen (19) awards will be distributed proportionate to the number of applications received per region. FRS will fund \$2,000 for each scholarship. If the FRS chooses an applicant from the Monitor Cooperative Telephone Company (MCTC) region (634 prefix) MCTC will provide the winning student a \$500 match, bringing the total of the scholarship to \$2,500.

Applications can be found on our website www.monitorcoop.com, under "Upcoming Events" or at the FRS website www.frs.org. Applications are also available at MCTC and your local high school counselor's office. All completed applications must be postmarked to FRS by March 1, 2010.



Construction Update

First phase of Fiber to the Home now complete on S. Meridian Rd.

As some of you have noticed, there has been some construction on S Meridian Rd. these last few months of 2009. It was the first phase of Monitor Telephones Fiber to the Home project. As the demand for faster broadband speeds continue to rise, the need for a fiber network is inevitable. E-mails, music, movies, as well as your favorite TV show can now be done on the computer. Monitor Telephone is dedicated to providing the latest technology has to offer.

If you are one of the lucky ones that live on S Meridian Rd, and interested in fiber to your home, please give us a call at the business office to check availability. 503-634-2266

WIN A LAPTOP!

We're giving one away at the Annual Meeting.
Must be present to win.

See you there!



Business Office Closure:

Monitor Cooperative Telephone Company will be closed on the following date:

Monday, February 15th for President's Day

2010 MCTC Board of Directors



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