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FREE NETBOOK TO  
QUALIFYING MEMBERS!**

1st Quarter 2012

## 2012 Board Election for Position #5

The notification of the 2012 Annual Meeting, held on March 14, 2012, will be mailed on February 17, 2012. This year Board Position #5 will be on the ballot. The official ballots will be mailed separately to every member on February 29, 2012, and must be received at Monitor Cooperative Telephone office, no later than March 14, 2012, by 4pm. The election result will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominations Committee includes Clair Kuiper and Joni Hopper with Kirk Metteer as Chairperson. If you are interested in running for the board position, or have questions, please contact Kirk at 503-634-2345, no later than February 10, 2012.

**Mark your calendar to join us for an evening of information, special prizes and drawings!**

*2012 Annual Meeting at 7pm following the Technology Open House at 6pm on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at our business office located at 15265 Woodburn Monitor Rd. NE.*

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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.*



“Annual Meeting” continued...

## Annual Meeting Starts at 7pm

Our 2012 Annual Meeting begins at 7pm and will be presented to you by the Board Members, the auditor, and the General Manager, giving you information on the state of our Cooperative. Reports, along with updates on the FTTH project will be discussed, and the results of the election for Board Position #5 will be announced. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet the Board Members and Staff, and we will be available for any questions you may have.

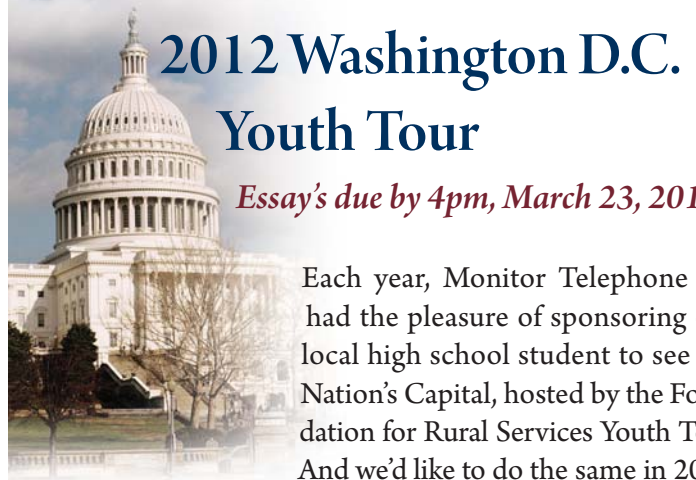
There will be cash prizes at the end of the Annual Meeting, along with this year's **Grand Prize, a LAPTOP!** Please remember that you need to be present in order to be eligible for the prizes. Dessert will be served after the Annual Meeting is adjourned. If you have any questions, contact us at 503-634-2266. We look forward to the evening, and hope to see you there!

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## Technology Open House Begins at 6pm

The evening, *March 14th at 6pm*, will begin with the **2012 Technology Open House**. Last year was the first time that we had an exhibition showcasing some of the cutting-edge products and services that are available to all of our members who subscribe to our Broadband. We had a full house in 2011, and we are anticipating a great turn out again this year. We will be demonstrating products and educating our members about the powerful tool the Internet can be. It isn't just for gaming, emails or browsing, it's a useful, and at times an essential part of our lives. Home security, banking, schooling, are just a few of the things that can be managed by the Internet. MCTC is proud of the high quality technology and personal service that we are able to provide to our members. The Board Members and Staff will be present to visit with you, and answer any questions that you may have. We will also be serving appetizers, coffee and punch during the Technology Open House.

All cooperative members will be mailed a *special invitation* to the Technology Open House, which **must be brought** with you that evening, because it's your entry ticket for the special drawings. **We are unable to reissue additional invitation tickets at the door, and you need to be present to win.** The products that we are demonstrating will be given away in drawings that night, following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Some of the items are a TV, a Kindle Fire, and a gaming system, to name a few. You don't want to miss this event!



## 2012 Washington D.C. Youth Tour

*Essays due by 4pm, March 23, 2012.*

Each year, Monitor Telephone has had the pleasure of sponsoring one local high school student to see our Nation's Capital, hosted by the Foundation for Rural Services Youth Tour. And we'd like to do the same in 2012.

This event offers rural students a unique excursion of Washington D.C. — from getting an inside look at the telecommunications industry, learning about legislative and governmental processes, to exploring the Capital's monuments, museums, and government buildings. It is an experience they'll never forget. 2882

The FRS Youth Tour is scheduled this summer from **June 2 through June 6, 2012**. To be eligible, high school students must be 16 or 17, at the time of the tour, and live in the Monitor Telephone service area (634 prefix). To apply, submit a 200 word essay, along with the MCTC registration form to the Monitor Cooperative Telephone business office by 4:00pm, March 23, 2012. The essay should describe how, as a student, Broadband has influenced and advanced your educational opportunities. The application form can be found on our website [www.monitorcoop.com](http://www.monitorcoop.com) under Community/Community News/2012 Scholarships & Youth Tour, or are available at the business office. For more information, please call 503-634-2266.

## FRS College Scholarship

*Applications must be postmarked to FRS by March 1, 2012.*

The Foundation for Rural Service, in cooperation with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life throughout Rural America by advancing an understanding of rural telecommunications issues. The FRS is also committed to providing access to higher education among rural youth through their College Scholarship Program. This year the FRS will award thirty (30) \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors, one per geographic region of the NTCA and one to a student sponsored by an NTCA member. If a Monitor Cooperative Telephone Company (634 prefix) graduating high school senior is chosen, the FRS will fund \$2,000 and MCTC will add the additional \$500. To download an application, please visit [www.monitorcoop.com](http://www.monitorcoop.com) /Community/Community News/2012 Scholarships for the FRS website link, or you may pick up a copy at the business office. For more information, please call 503-634-2266.

## 2012 Capital Credit Payout

*Monitor Telephone's Board of Directors has approved this year's Capital Credit payout, which will include 100% of Year 1994 and \$24,000 of Year 2010.*

As you may know, before each disbursement check is issued, we mail out a letter to each member. The purpose is to confirm and update mailing addresses and tax I.D. Please check to see if all your information is correct. If you were a member in Year 1994 and/or 2010, you should have received the letter, which was mailed on January 17, 2012. Whether you have a change or not, please date and sign the form and return to the business office.

For those members who have never received a capital credit check before, you may be wondering what it is. Each year the difference between the cost of doing business and the actual revenues received is computed by MCTC. This amount is equal to the total Patron's Equity for that year. A detailed allocation process is then applied to compute each member's share. This computation is affected by the member's contributions to revenue through local services revenues, and other credits and charges. When a capital credit retirement is authorized, the Board determines both the dollar amount and the allocation year(s) that are to be paid to the members. 2679

To ensure you receive your Capital Credit check, please complete, date and sign the form and return to us. You may use the return envelope or drop the form off at the business office. If you did not receive a letter, and feel you should have, please contact Merryl at 503-634-2266.



## College Scholarships are Now Available!

*Monitor Telephone will award a \$2,000 college scholarship to one local high school senior. Applications due by 4pm, March 30, 2012.*

Monitor Cooperative Telephone Company offers an annual college scholarship program for the benefit of its members and immediate family. The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of knowledge and continued education, and the need for scholarship funding. This program was established to help provide financial assistance to students pursuing higher education in any degree program of study, 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.

Scholarship applicants must meet the following qualifications: lives within the 634 exchange; is either a Co-op member or immediate family member of a Co-op member on the date of initial award; is a current high school senior progressing satisfactorily toward graduation; and will attend a college certified by the Northwest Accreditation Association or recognized by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools.

Submit completed official Monitor Telephone scholarship application by **4pm, March 30, 2012**. Selection shall be made by a committee appointed by the Company, and applications are modified to remove names for a "blind" selection process. Application packets and scholarship instructions are available at the business office or on our website [www.monitorcoop.com/Community/Community News/2012 Scholarships](http://www.monitorcoop.com/Community/Community News/2012 Scholarships). 2193 For more information, please call 503-634-2266.



## Do You Speak "Broadband?"

*Do you know the meaning of "Browser?"*

It is a software program that is used to connect to the Internet. Some common browsers are Microsoft Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera, Chrome, and Safari. They will all get you to the Internet, it is just which one you prefer to use. We have links to these "Browsers" on our website [www.monitorcoop.com](http://www.monitorcoop.com), under Customer Support/Broadband Tools.

# WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN! A FREE NETBOOK TO QUALIFYING MEMBERS!

Since we had such a wonderful response from you last year with our FREE NETBOOK promotion, we have decided to offer it again! Our members that were able to participate in 2011's Netbook promo, have told us that they "love their Netbook." It's such an easy, convenient and fun way to access the Internet, and it's also very easy to qualify.



Qualifications are, if you are a new or returning member to Monitor Cooperative Telephone, subscribe to any speed of our Broadband service, and sign a 2 year Netbook Contract, you will receive a new *NETBOOK for FREE*. We will also give you a free modem and free installation. How can you go wrong with a deal like that? Be sure to act quickly, as this is a limited time offer, **February 1st – 28th**, while supplies last. Some restrictions may apply. Contact our office at 503-634-2266, to see if you qualify.

## Dates to Remember

### OFFICE CLOSURES

February 20th - President's Day  
May 28th - Memorial Day  
July 4th - Fourth of July

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14th: Technology Open House - 6:00 - 7:00pm  
March 14th: Annual Meeting - 7:00pm

*Check our website, [www.monitorcoop.com](http://www.monitorcoop.com), under "Community" for further information.*



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