

WRCTC committee member, Betty Haase and WRCTC Director, Garrett Schweitzer presents Amanda Riley with her check.



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Round-Up
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The Power of Pennies

It is amazing what a few pennies every month can do for families in need! The Round-Up Program is one way of showing others in your community that you care.

Twice each year, the WRCTC Round-Up Committee submits names of community members or groups who have experienced some type of hardship. Money is then given to these individuals as a 375-3827 small way for our Cooperative members to "Give Back." Every penny distributed has been collected from members "Rounding Up" their telephone bill to the nearest dollar. Committee members nominated the following members to receive \$500 each: Jennelle Howard, Buffalo; Amanda Riley, Lemmon; Glynis Wallum, Lemmon; Betty O'Dea, Vale and Tara Cleveland-Martinez, Bison.

Do you participate in WRCTC's Round-Up Program?

Doing so can make a significant difference in the lives of those in the communities WRCTC serves. The Round-Up Program was started in 1998 and has since donated \$91,660 to Cooperative members or groups experiencing a hardship. The Round-Up Program is funded by WRCTC members who round up their monthly telephone bill to the nearest 456-2337 dollar. The most the program can cost a member is 99 cents per month. WRCTC does not withhold any administrative or accounting fees.

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TAILGATE PARTY SCHEDULE

West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric will be 788-2913 traveling to area football games, serving hot dogs, bratwurst and chips to football fans! A few lucky fans will also take home a T-shirt! Please note that grilling and game times vary for each game.



AUGUST 25 – LEMMON VS. HARDING COUNTY

Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Lemmon Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 8 – HARDING COUNTY VS. TIMBER LAKE

Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Harding Co. Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 15 – FAITH VS. EDMONT

Grilling starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Faith Football Field. Game starts at 6:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 29 – NEWELL VS. LEMMON

Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Newell Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



OCTOBER 13 – BISON VS. CRAZY HORSE

Grilling starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Bison Football Field. Game starts at 6:00 p.m.

The Power of Pennies (continued)

Do you know someone who could benefit from receiving Round-Up funds? Or, do you know someone who would like to serve on the Round-Up Committee?

Do not hesitate to 375-3378 submit their names! Please call 605-244-5213 or 777 (toll-free in WRCTC's service territory) or submit your request online at www.wrctc.coop/contact.

Want to participate in our Round-Up program?

Give us a call! We will be happy to help!
605-244-5213 or 777

TOP: Betty Haase and WRCTC Director, Garrett Schweitzer presents Glynis Wallum with her check. BOTTOM: Jennelle Howard receiving her check from WRCTC committee member, Deanna Juelfs.



WRCTC's Social Room

WRCTC would like to remind you about our social room. The social room is located at the main headquarters in 244-7578 Bison, SD and is equipped with tables, chairs and a small kitchen that may be used for many different functions. **While it is available for public use, we would like to remind you that the social room is for NON-PROFIT functions only – meaning it cannot be used for any event that charges a fee, collects monetary donations or sells a product or service.** While WRCTC is happy to offer a gathering place for free, we ask that you be mindful to the social room use policy.

When reserving the 376-4150 social room, members must be upfront about the event they are reserving it for, or they will no longer have the privilege to use the space. The social room key can be picked up during business hours, which are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If the event is held after business hours, the member is responsible for making arrangements to get the key during business hours. The key can be returned through the dropbox located on the east side of the main office building.

If you are interested in booking 244-7772 the social room for a non-profit function, please contact our office at 605-244-5213 or 777 (toll-free in WRCTC's service territory).

Kari wins \$1,500 SDTA Scholarship

SDTA awarded three \$1,500 SDTA Memorial Scholarships for the Fall 2017 semester. The SDTA Memorial Scholarship is available for students who have completed at least two semesters (24 credit hours) of course 374-4214 work at any accredited post-secondary school in South Dakota. We are happy to announce that Heather Kari won one of the scholarships! Heather is working towards a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Network & Systems Administration with a minor in Business Administration.

In her scholarship application, Heather stated, "Telecommunications play a huge role in my future plans and goals. Without telecommunications, my degree field wouldn't exist and without my degree field, telecommunications wouldn't be what it is today either – we need one another!" Heather expects to graduate from Dakota State University in December 2017. Heather is a full-time student (entirely online) and works as the Newell Public Library Director and Web Administrator for the Town of Newell. WRCTC is proud to have her in our community! Congratulations, Heather!



Changes needed for 2018 Directory

We are currently in the process of updating the West River Cooperative Telephone Directory for 2018. **Anyone who would like changes made to their directory listing should contact our office no later than September 15, 2017.** Individuals, organizations or churches with an additional listing for their employees or pastors should contact our business office to verify that our current information is correct. Any additional listing for residential and business members will be charged \$1.00 per month per listing. Any questions or changes should be directed to our business office by dialing 777 (toll-free) or 605-244-5213 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also submit changes online at www.wrctc.coop.

New WRCTC Members

Bison, Meadow, Sorum

Ainsworth-Benning Construction	244-6877
Bell, Krista & Brady Licht	244-6022
Foster, Cassie	788-2622

Buffalo, Camp Crook

Britton, Callie	375-3394
Peterson, Troy & Carla	375-3759

Lemmon

Beer, Brady	374-2956
Bruno, Melony	374-4163
Dauwen, Braydon	374-4145
Glines, Shannon & Pennie	701-376-6133
Gossman, Tim & Jan	374-5922
Maier, June	374-3448
Robinson, Tanner & Lindsey Obrigewitch	374-8887
Schnell, Carson	701-376-4936
Yang, Andy	374-4638

Newell

Anderson, Crystal	456-5504
Millar, Ellis & Patricia	456-7247
Myrice, Dennis	456-3852

SECURE PAY

Make a payment on your bill
over the phone using a
debit/credit card or check.
Available 24/7!

844-252-5267

Find Your Phone

Ten telephone numbers were hidden in the last newsletter. Those members who hunted and found their number were: Clay Dahl, Camp Crook; Pat Burke, Newell; Garry Lane, Lemmon; Doug Lewton, Bison and Doug Mailloux, Vale. Hidden in this issue are ten new numbers. If you find your number, all you have to do is notify our office. The \$10 will then be deducted off your telephone bill. New connect numbers do not count.

Deadline is September 22, 2017.

Taxes Paid in 2016

West River Cooperative Telephone Company's 2016 four percent gross revenue tax amounted to \$343,522. This tax is based on the total amount paid by the 456-3335 members for telephone service in each school district. The following breakdown shows how the taxes were paid to each county and school district for 2016.

County	
Butte County	\$89,351
Corson County	6,465
Harding County	69,968
Meade County	4,073
Perkins County	172,671
Ziebach County	994
TOTAL	\$343,522

School District	
Newell	\$93,424
Lemmon	116,385
Harding County	69,968
Bison	62,363
Faith	1,382
TOTAL	\$343,522

Corporation Voting Delegates

2017 Voting Delegate Certificate

This is to certify that _____
(print name of delegate)

of _____, or _____
(address) (print name of delegate)

of _____, is authorized to represent
(address)

_____ at the Annual Meeting of
West River Cooperative Telephone Company to be held Monday,
October 2, 2017, in Bison, South Dakota.

_____ or _____
(President) (Secretary)

Date _____

The West River Cooperative Telephone Company (WRCTC) Annual Meeting Voting Delegate Certificate for Corporations is printed above. Please fill out this Certificate at your next regular meeting and either mail it to WRCTC or present it at 257-2264 the registration table prior to the meeting. These Certificates are for all corporations, churches, townships, halls and schools who are members of WRCTC and want to be represented at WRCTC's Annual Meeting in Bison on October 2, 2017. Please have an authorized officer of the corporation or organization sign the Certificate.