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Scholarships are Available!

\$2,500 FRS Scholarship

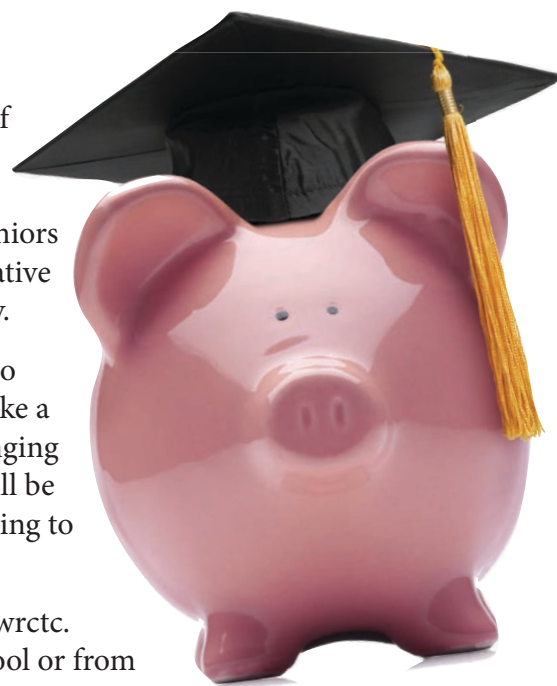
The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), a branch of the National Telephone Cooperative Association, is offering 30 scholarships nationwide. These scholarships are \$2,000 each, and all high school seniors whose parents are a member of West River Cooperative Telephone Company (WRCTC) are eligible to apply.

Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of the 30 scholarships, WRCTC will make a \$500 matching contribution to the scholarship, bringing the total scholarship award to \$2,500! Preference will be given to individuals expressing an interest in returning to work in a rural area following college graduation.

Applications are 456-2266 available online at www.wrctc.coop, through the Guidance Counselor at your school or from WRCTC in Bison. **Completed applications require the signature of General Manager Jerry Reisenauer PRIOR to March 1, 2013, to ensure applications are postmarked to FRS before the deadline.**

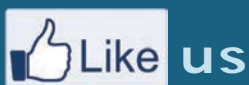
\$500 WRCTC Scholarships

ATTENTION High School Seniors from Bison, Buffalo, Lemmon and Newell: Here is your chance to win a \$500 scholarship! One 374-7836 senior from each school district will be awarded a scholarship for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year! Applications are available online at www.wrctc.coop, through the Guidance Counselor at your school or from WRCTC in Bison. **Deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 29, 2013.**



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Scholarships and Washington D.C. Youth Tour information can be found online at www.wrctc.coop. For more information regarding the scholarships or Youth Tour, please contact Rachel Eggebo at 605-244-5213.



The Manager's Column
by Jerry Reisenauer

Please Help Us Find These People

In the fall of last year, many of you may remember receiving a capital credit check from WRCTC. However, 456-0159 there are some who have yet to receive their checks or their allocation notices because we do not have current addresses for them. If you know the current address for any of the people listed below, please contact our office at 777 or 605-244-5213 or email us at westriver@sdplains.com.

ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS – LITTLE ROCK, AR
AMANN, JULIUS – HUDSON, WI
ANDERSON, RALPH – SPEARFISH, SD
BAKER, KEITH & KAREN – NEWELL, SD
BARTH, ONITA – PHOENIX, AZ
BAUER, DANIEL – LEMMON, SD
BERRIS, RAY – WINDSOR, CO
BLOCK, RAY – BELLE FOURCHE, SD
BRIST, TODD – NEWELL, SD
BURK, MRS WILLIE – VALE, SD
DALTON, DOLORES – MISSOULA, MT
DETRICH, ROBERT – GREAT BEND, KS
DOUBLE J CAFÉ (JANET GOCHENOUR) – PIERRE, SD
DUTTENHEFFER, JODI – MANDAN, ND
DYE, JESSICA – PRAIRIE CITY, SD
GEELSDOTTIR, REV DEBORAH – SAINT PAUL, MN
GEIB, TERRY – VALE, SD
GRAND RIVER RANCH, KEN CARESIO – KELDRON, SD
GREEN, EDWARD – MINOT, ND
HEIDRICH, MAGGIE – NISLAND, SD
HOLLRAH, JERRY & CHERYL – RAPID CITY, SD
HOWARD, RION – NEWELL, SD
HUDELSON, KALLI RAIE – BORGER, TX
HURLBUT, MARK & JENNIFER – BOWMAN, ND
JOHNSON, LOU – NISLAND, SD
JOHNSON, MONTE R – LANCASTER, CA
JUKKOLA, RICHARD & SARAH – CHICO, CA
KASPER, STEVE & CARIN – LEMMON, SD
KOPP, RANDY – MANDAN, ND
KOSOLA FARM – NEWELL, SD
LEININGER, KURT & STAR – UPTON, WY
LEWIS, PASTOR RICHARD – MILES CITY, MT
LONG, CHRIS – CAMP CROOK, SD
MC NICOLL, CECILIA – GRANGEVILLE, ID

MEYER CONSTRUCTION CO – DICKINSON, ND
MILLER, JOHN – WATERTOWN, SD
NORDGREN, BONNIE (KNIPP) – PHOENIX, AZ
OLSEN, LUCINDA – BUFFALO, SD
PETSCH, LORI – DEADWOOD, SD
PHILLIPS, DAVID & MARGARET – ELLENDALE, ND
RADKE, RANDALL R & PAM F – SIDNEY, MT
REICHERT, RAY – SPEARFISH, SD
SACRISON, STAN – BUFFALO, SD
SCHICKENDANZ, KEVIN – LEMMON, SD
SEIDEL, STEVE & CORINE – LEMMON, SD
SHEELEY, TONY & AMY – LEAD, SD
SIMMONS, DENA – DOUGLAS, WY
SMITH, ROBERT GLENN – RAPID CITY, SD
STARK, PHILIPPINA – NISLAND, SD
STARZL, RICHARD F – NEWELL, SD
STEWART, LINDA (HEDIN) – LAS VEGAS, NV
STOICK, HERB – LEMMON, SD
TEIGEN, LAQUETA – BROADUS, MT
VANDER VEGTRE, STUART & ROXANNE –
MARCUS, IA
VEGA, EMILIO – BELLE FOURCHE, SD
WAGNER, HONAY – NEWELL, SD
WESTERN WIRELESS – LITTLE ROCK, AR
WICKS, JACKIE – HETTINGER, ND
WILKERSON, SAMANTHA – VALE, SD
WYNIA, WALLACE – BELLE FOURCHE, SD
ZIEMAN, DAVID & FAYE – GLENDIVE, MT
ZION CONSTRUCTION – MILES CITY, MT

Vale Ag Show

On January 9th, WRCTC, along with 374-5960 several other vendors, welcomed members and customers to the Vale Ag Show in Vale, SD. Many individuals stopped by our booth to sign up for a \$25 bill credit, grab a free bag of popcorn and visit with WRCTC employees, Helen Aaker and Rachel Eggebo. The winners of the \$25 bill credits were Barbara Garness, Newell and Nila Charles, Newell.
Congratulations to Barbara and Nila!



Presenting the 2012 Telecom Technician Challenge winners! Back row: **Kerry Holmes, Bison; Tyrell Ellingson, Lemmon; Bill Anders, Buffalo and Josh Mackaben, Bison.** Front Row: **Trevor Fisher, Bison; Andy Arthur, Shadehill; Darin Prelle, Bison and Eric Kahler, Bison.** Not pictured: **Terry Bohnet, Vale.**

WRCTC Techs are Top Teams During the 2012 Telecom Technician Challenge Sessions

WRCTC technicians participated in the 2012 Telecom Technician Challenge held at the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) Fall Workshop in Mitchell; and 244-5433 they did very well! There were a record number of participants with 31 individuals who took part in the Challenge. During the Challenge, the technicians are scored on three categories: Cat 5 Termination, 25 Pair Termination and Fiber Splicing. During the 257-2247 first session, Tyrell Ellingson was named All-Around Technician, and Trevor Fisher, Tyrell Ellingson, Bill Anders and Andy Arthur walked away as the Session 1 Team Winners with 46 points. During the second session, Eric Kahler was named All-Around Technician, and Terry Bohnet, Eric Kahler, Darin Prelle, Kerry Holmes and Josh Mackaben were named the Session 2 Team Winners with 45 points.

The 2012 Team Champions were Trevor Fisher, Tyrell Ellingson, Bill Anders and Andy Arthur. They finished with 46 points, which is a new record for the team events.

**Congratulations to our technicians! Great Job!
We are proud of you all!**

KBJM Farm & Home Show will be held in Lemmon on March 8th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Swing by WRCTC's booth for some fresh popcorn!

**Get Ready
to Go...**

Faster!

West River Telephone has made the necessary upgrades to increase the bandwidth on our Internet backbone! In an attempt to keep up with the growing demand of bandwidth from our Internet customers, we will be increasing the Internet speeds the beginning of February. **If you currently have the 2 megabytes per second (mbps) package, you will automatically be placed on the 4 mbps package! Those who currently have the 4 mbps Internet speed, will be bumped up to 6 mbps!** The monthly Internet pricing will not increase with the higher speeds.

**We hope you
enjoy the faster
speeds!**

New WRCTC Members

Bison, Meadow, Sorum

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Bohm, Joseph & Jamie | 788-2226 |
| Harris, Shawn | 866-4513 |
| Hepper, Jamie | 788-2839 |
| Kolb, Ernest & Darlene (Town) | 244-5482 |

Lemmon

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Crawford, Rusty | 374-7944 |
| Body Solutions | 374-4285 |
| Eng, Dale & Jessie | 374-5806 |
| Odell, Chad & Lisa | 374-4282 |
| Wentz, William & Rebecca | 374-4283 |

Newell

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| Hibner, Dewey | 456-2558 |
| Ismay, Travis & Dusta | 456-2146 |
| Vale Cut Off | 456-3447 |

NOTICE OF CHANGES

Newell Bar & Liquor Store
456-2611

Continental Resources Inc.
Buffalo Office
11583 S. Cave Hills Rd.

Find Your Phone

Ten telephone numbers were hidden in last month's newsletter.

Those members who hunted and found their number were:

Leslie Aukland, Bison; Tim Hess, Lemmon; Louis Kessel, Nisland; Teryl Lensegrav, Meadow; Annette Lloyd, Buffalo; Mark Maxfield, Newell and Robert Ruff, 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 February 20, 2013.**

\$10
bill credit

From the Mailbox

Our mailbox has been overflowing with "Thank You" notes! We appreciate every single one of them! Due 375-3444 to the limited space, however, we are unable to include them all.

We would like to say a very heartfelt thank you for the Round-Up money we received from WRCTC for Gary. It will help a lot with travel expenses and is 797-4498 deeply appreciated!

Sincerely,

Gary, Deanna & Emily Skjoldal, Lemmon

I would like to thank the Round-Up Committee for the money received for expenses. It is very helpful.

Thank you,

Virginia Keil, Newell

Thank you to the Round-Up Committee for choosing me to be one of the recipients of the Round-Up Fund, and to all the members who participate in it. It will greatly help with my chemo treatments in Mayo.

God Bless,

Brenda Milliken, Lemmon

Our thanks to you for remembering both the Lemmon and Bison Food Pantries. Your gift of cash makes us able to purchase needed items and we 375-3996 are able to continue to serve families in need.

God Bless You,

*Florence Hoff, Pantry Coordinator
for Bison and Lemmon*

Thank you so much for the \$125 local grocery store credit we won through the 12 Gifts of Christmas drawings. It came in handy with all our 244-7161 family home for Christmas. Thanks also for your great service to our entire area.

Kirby & Sylvia Chapman, Bison

Thanks so much for the \$20 beef certificate. We were so surprised to see our name in your newsletter as one of the winners. It will come in so handy. We also enjoy your newsletter every month. Thanks again.

*Tracy, Kenny, Brianna & Noah Seieroe,
Nisland*

