

## Note to WRCTC and Grand Electric Members

Please remember to write separate checks to WRCTC and Grand Electric when paying your bills. Although both companies are located in the same building, they are separate entities. Thank you!

## 2014 Directory All things BARNS!

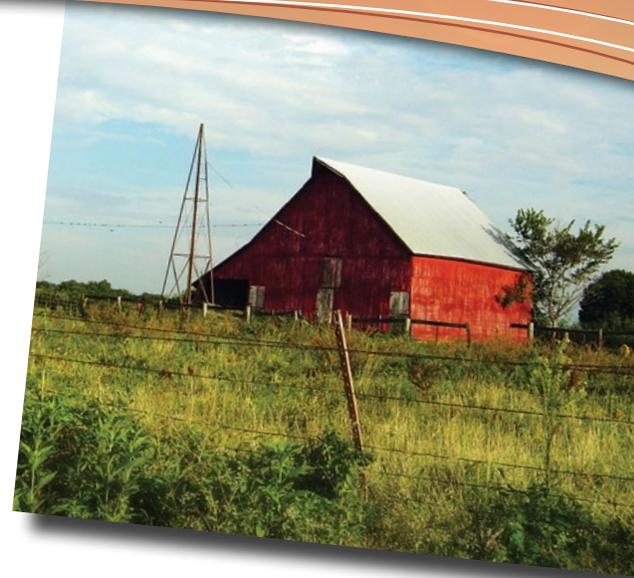
Do you have a cool picture of an old barn? We want it! Barns often hold a mystery to them, whether they are new or old. Each 374-7092 one tells a story. That's why we have chosen barns as the theme for our new 2014 WRCTC directory. Capture a photo of a barn, send it to us, and you could win \$100!

**Deadline for entering is Friday, August 23, 2013.**

Email pictures to [westriver@sdplains.com](mailto:westriver@sdplains.com) or mail to: WRCTC, PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620.

Here are the basic ground rules:

- The photo must be an original taken by a West River Cooperative Telephone member.
- The photo should not include people.
- Each Customer may submit two photographs. Photographs submitted on a computer disk or emailed to [westriver@sdplains.com](mailto:westriver@sdplains.com) as a jpeg file are preferred.
- The photos must be in color and will not returned to the customer.
- Photos must be pictures of West River Cooperative Telephone Company's service area.
- Submission of the photo releases all right to ownership of the photo and authorizes WRCTC to publish the photo on the directory or use as WRCTC desires, allowing proper acknowledgement to the photographer.
- Employees, Directors and their families are not eligible.
- The photographer who captures first place will see his or her photo on the front cover of the 2014 directory and will be awarded \$100 cash prize.



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## Pictures of Veterans

For the past several years, we have shown a video at our Annual Meeting to honor our veterans. This year we would like to make the presentation a bit more personal. **We would like to feature photographs of veterans from our service area!** We are looking for pictures of the subject in uniform, from years past to present. Please identify who is in the picture and their military rank.

**Please email your photos to [westriver@sdplains.com](mailto:westriver@sdplains.com) or mail them to WRCTC, PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620, by August 30, 2013.**



*The Manager's Column*  
by Jerry Reisenauer

## Area Schools to Receive Higher Speeds

Our weather has turned very summer-like recently. Our 70+ degree days and cool nights have turned to 90+ degree days and 70 degree nights. The 4th 797-4660 of July is now behind us so many parents will begin the task of preparing for another school year.

Here at the Cooperative, our thoughts and processes are now more focused on completing construction projects and preparing for late summer and fall activities and functions. One of the projects we are in the process of completing is a new Ethernet ring to all exchanges we serve. This new ring will give us the capacity to provide additional Internet capacity

and speed to all the schools in our area. The State of South Dakota has requested that all schools have a minimum speed of 30 megabits per second (mpbs) before the 2013-2014 school year begins. We are hopeful that our new Ethernet ring will be fully 244-5495 operational by mid-August and that we will be providing the updated speeds to all schools when the kids return for the school year.

Another project we are working 257-2522 on is finalizing preparations for our Annual Meeting, which is set for Monday, October 7th. For me, this meeting will be bittersweet as it will be the last Annual Meeting

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## Tailgate Parties are Coming!

**It's time to roll out the grill, cook up some hot dogs and brats, shoot some T-shirts, and have some FUN watching a football game!!!**

West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric will be attending football games and serving a free meal! So 375-3584 get your game face on, head over to the nearest football field and grab some grub!

- **September 6 – Lemmon vs. Timber Lake**  
Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Lemmon Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 13 – Newell vs. RC Christian**  
Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Newell Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 20 – Bison vs. Wakpala**  
Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Bison Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 27 – Harding Co. vs. Timber Lake**  
Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Harding Co. Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **October 4 – Faith vs. Newell**  
Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Faith Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



## Nominating Committee Appointed

The WRCTC Board of Directors appointed the 2013 Nominating Committee at their regular meeting in June. The Nominating Committee will meet in August to select nominees for the director positions presently held by Les Wolff, Lemmon; Joe Burke, Newell and Greg Fried, Bison. The director election will be held 456-1208 during WRCTC's Annual Meeting which is scheduled for October 7, 2013, in Bison.

The committee, keeping in mind the principle of geographical 866-4486 representation is required to prepare and post a list of nominees for director positions at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting. The appointment and publication of the Nominating Committee provides an opportunity for any member wishing to be considered as a nominee for a director position. **Any member interested in being considered for one of the three director positions to be voted on should contact a member of the Nominating Committee listed below:**

Nancy Turbiville, Buffalo	375-3681	Tim Kvale, Lemmon	374-3523
Lisa Wendt, Newell	866-4518	Judy Larson, Lemmon	701-376-3993
Paul Erk, Newell	456-2709	Marsha Veal, Meadow	788-2266
Gary Frisvold, Lemmon	374-7872	Jerry Martin, Meadow	788-2823
Diana Landis, Bison	244-7120	Vicki Wilkinson, Reva	866-4847
Orville Edwards, Vale	456-2879		

**The bylaws also allow nominations by petition of fifteen or more members. Such petition shall be filed not less than twenty (20) days before the Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor may also be made at the Annual Meeting.**

## Corporation Voting Delegates

The West River Cooperative Telephone Company (WRCTC) Annual Meeting Voting Delegate Certificate for Corporations is printed below. We are asking you to please fill out this Certificate at your next regular meeting and either mail it to WRCTC or present it at

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 7, 2013.

Please have an 375-3326 authorized officer of the corporation or organization sign the Certificate.

### 2013 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 7, 2013, in Bison, South Dakota.

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
(President) (Secretary)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Changes needed for 2014 Directory

We are currently in the process of updating the West River Cooperative Telephone Directory for 2014. **Anyone who would like changes made to their directory listing should contact our office no later than September 17, 2013.** 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 374-7761 through Friday.

## New WRCTC Members

### Bison, Meadow, Sorum

Azevedo, Joe & Marilyn 244-7768  
Bonacci, Elizabeth 244-7798  
Weishaar, Krista 788-2233

### Buffalo, Camp Crook

Bickerdyke, Rod 375-3586  
Latham, Darwin (North Place) 797-4448  
Spencer, Holly 375-3549  
TD Services 375-3576

### Lemmon

Brown, Dianna 374-4315  
Coleman, Kim 374-4317  
Yalowizer, Dacia 374-4313

### Nisland

Caturia, Alice 257-2862

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## Find Your Phone #

Ten telephone numbers were hidden in the last newsletter. Those members who hunted and found their number were: Jesse Bail, Camp Crook; Sharon Ebert, Lemmon; Dean Howard, Buffalo; Brian Kolb, Prairie City and Cecilia Sundstrom, Newell. 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 August 22, 2013.**

## From the Mailbox



*Thank you West River Telephone and Grand Electric for the \$500 scholarship! It will be a great help to my upcoming years at SDSU.*

*God Bless,*

*Lyndse Baumgarten, Lemmon  
\$500 Scholarship Recipient*



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## Manager's Column (continued)

I will attend as a West River employee. I have notified the Boards of Directors that I will be retiring in early 2014.

The Annual Meeting not only provides challenges and opportunities for the employee group, it also provides an opportunity for you as a member to get involved. The second principle of cooperatives is "Democratic Member Control," which means – as it says – the Cooperative is controlled by a Board of Directors elected by the membership. In late August, the nominating committee will meet to place names of those individuals who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors on the ballot. This year we will be electing three directors for a three-year term to serve on the Board. If you have an interest in 456-2559 becoming involved, I would encourage you to contact a member of the nominating committee, which is listed in this newsletter, to let them know of your interest. If you miss the opportunity to have your name included in the list submitted by the nominating committee, you can also be nominated by circulating a petition or by having someone nominate you from the floor at the Annual Meeting. If you would like more information about becoming involved or serving on the Board, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I hope you have a great month!