

## 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!

## Annual Meeting Highlights

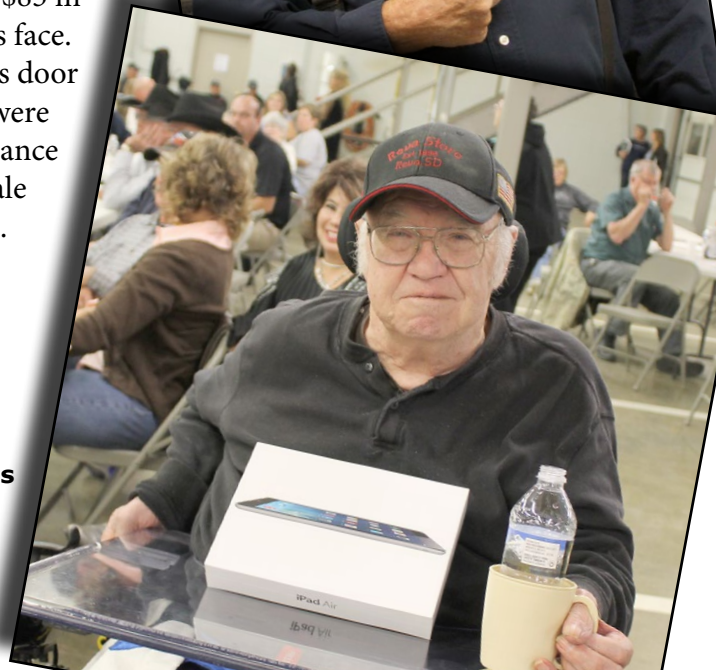
It's been a year since Storm Atlas hit our service territory and caused us to postpone our annual meeting. Luckily, history didn't repeat itself, and we had a wonderful evening for our meeting. Over 200 people attended WRCTC's Annual Meeting on October 6th. Those who attended were greeted with hot coffee, fresh pancakes and two different kinds of sausage. After the meal, the business meeting started. The Rogers-Smith Post #255 posted the colors 375-3640 and Eva Jerde, Reva, sang the national anthem.

Members who registered were entered for a chance to win one of several door prizes as well as a chance to win an iPad Air, which was won by Willy Tenold, Reva. Larry Fritz, Lemmon, won a chance to play PLINKO for cash. Larry walked away with \$85 in his hand and a big smile on his face. During the meeting, numerous door prizes were handed out. Kids were encouraged to register for a chance to win an iPad Mini! Katie Kvale from Bison won the iPad Mini.

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**TOP: Manager Reed Metzger discussing the operations of the Cooperative. MIDDLE: Larry Fritz, Lemmon, displays his winnings from playing PLINKO. BOTTOM: Willy Tenold, Reva, shows off his new iPad Air.**





*Guest Column  
by Colle Nash*

## Construction Update

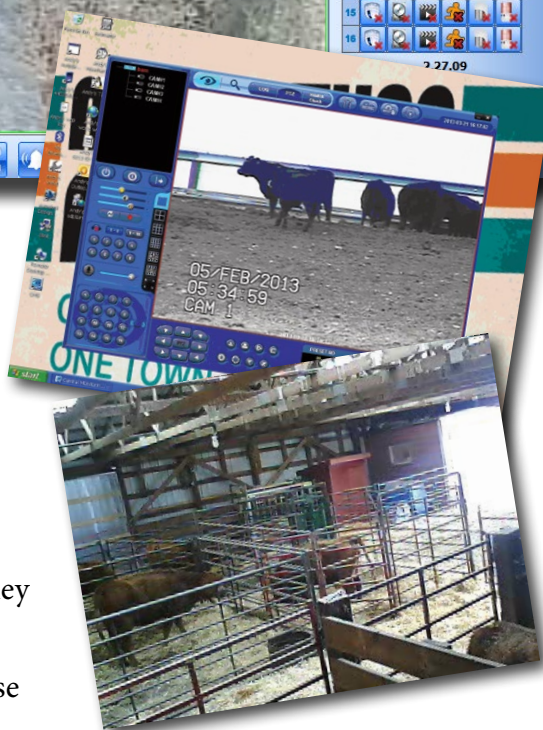
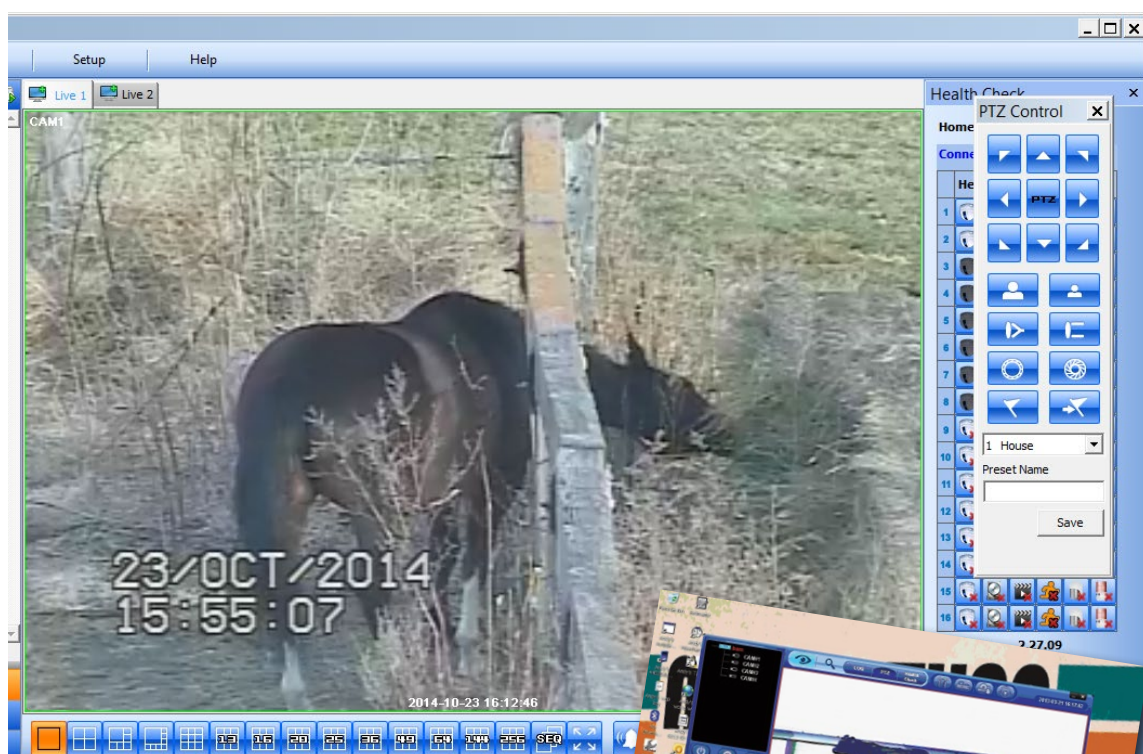
The West River Telephone crews have come through once again. A little 376-3401 over a month ago, we gave them the daunting task of burying 10 miles of fiber optic cable in the Lemmon Exchange to replace some copper that was faulty and another 456-1364 20 plus miles of fiber optic cable in the Buffalo Exchange in preparation of a road move project west of Buffalo along the river road. As 257-2433 of today they have all of the main routes completed and only a few drops left to place. We still have about two miles of cable to plow near the Ellingson Substation and various drops in a couple of exchanges. All in all, we should have the majority of our plowing completed before the 797-4482 ground freezes. Great job guys!

## Need to catch a "thief" in the act? Now is the time order!

Whether it is a horse sneaking a bite of hay, a cow calving or keeping an eye on 866-4550 your house while you are gone, nothing will get past you with our surveillance system. Our monitoring systems allow you to watch and record what is going on from your 374-5849 computer or any wireless device such as your smart phone, laptop or tablet. Need more than one camera? No problem! Keep an eye on your house, fuel tanks, machine sheds and your cows while you're calving without ever leaving your easy chair. We can design a system to meet your needs.

If you are considering purchasing a system, now is 456-2266 the time to do so. Our crews are eager to get as many camera systems installed before winter hits. The benefits of ordering now? Not only will it ensure you will have 788-2822 the system before you need it, but it will also save you money in labor costs.

For more information 375-3867 on our camera surveillance systems, please contact us at 777 or 605-244-5213 for a free quote!







## Tailgate Parties were a Hit!

WRCTC and Grand Electric hosted 374-7938 tailgate parties in the Towns of Bison, Buffalo, Lemmon, Newell and Faith. We served up bratwursts, hot dogs and chips. Before the football games started, we shot off T-shirts into the crowds. We always enjoy these events to visit with our members, and we hope you enjoyed them as well!



## Don't Miss an Important Message Ever Again!



Your WRCTC Phone

Call diverts to Voicemail



WRCTC Voicemail System

Voicemail sent to your email



Your Preferred Email Account

## For Just \$1 a Month

Have your Voicemail messages sent to your email account! Whether you are at work or out on the town, don't miss that important Voicemail message ever again. For just \$1/month, you can have your Voicemail messages sent to your preferred email account(s). To add this service, please contact us at 777 or 605-244-5213.





**SEE YOU  
NEXT YEAR!**



## WIN A \$25 VISA GIFT CARD FOR CHRISTMAS!

WRCTC is giving away 12 \$25 VISA Gift Cards for 244-5404 Christmas this year! In order to enter the drawing, please fill out the certificate located to the right and return it to WRCTC, PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620. You may also register online at [www.wrctc.coop](http://www.wrctc.coop). You must be a member of West River Cooperative Telephone Company to win. **Please enter only once.**



**Deadline to register is  
December 8, 2014.**

### WRCTC VISA GIFT CARD REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to WRCTC • PO Box 39 • Bison, SD 57620.



## Annual Meeting (continued)

The Nominating Committee Report was presented to the members by Chairman Gary Jorgensen. After director elections were completed and 456-0145 votes counted, the following directors were elected to the WRCTC Board of Directors: Judy Gano, Meadow; Don Trohkimoinen, Vale and Matt DeBow, Camp Crook.

General Manager Reed Metzger reported on the accomplishments of the Cooperative over the past year and discussed the challenges the Cooperative faces in the future. President 374-4153 DeJon Bakken and Manager Reed Metzger recognized the following individuals for their years of service: Director Greg Fried, 10 years; Employees Terry Bohnet, 15 years and Trevor Fisher, 15 years. They also congratulated Alice Holcomb on her retirement after 24 years of serving on the Board of Directors.

After the business meeting was completed, 788-2251 the Jerde Family from Reva took the stage and entertained the crowd. They sang several songs new and old and had the crowd tapping their feet and clapping their hands.

**TOP:** Alice Holcomb receiving flowers, a watch and a plaque for her 24 years of service on the Board of Directors. **MIDDLE I:** Celebrating anniversaries were Greg Fried, 10 years; Terry Bohnet, 15 years and Trevor Fisher, 15 years. **MIDDLE II:** Directors elected were Don Trohkimoinen, Judy Gano and Matt DeBow. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Katie Kvale holds up her new iPad Mini. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The Jerde Family entertaining the crowd.



*Thank you to Stateline Designs, Bison Food Store, Diamond S Meats, Tri-County Locker, our Daycare Helpers and all our vendors for making our Annual Meeting a success!*





## New WRCTC Members

### Bison, Meadow, Sorum

Goddard, Roy (Goddard Repair) 866-4452  
Wentz, Curtis 244-7789

### Buffalo, Camp Crook

Arithson, David & Lynda 375-3372  
Floyd, Ckyler 375-3530  
Richards, Dan & Abbey 375-3336

### Lemmon

Anderson, Craig & Terry 374-4397  
Bolte, Lander 374-4394  
Harrison, Chad 374-4396

### Newell

Dave's Neighborhood Pub 456-2120  
Gibson, Marie 456-3587

### Nisland

Green, Wally & Beth 257-2877

## Find Your Phone #

Fifteen telephone numbers were hidden in the last newsletter. Those members who hunted and found their number were: Mary C. Brewer, Camp Crook; Tracy Buer, Bison; Jake Dell, Nisland; Jim Downs, Vale; Fred Gebhart, Lemmon; John Green, Lodgepole; James R. Hanson, Bison; Tom Holt, Buffalo; Bill Johnson, Reva and Ardis Lermen, Buffalo. 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 November 18, 2014.**

**WRCTC office will be  
closed November  
27th for Thanksgiving!**

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**

## From the Mailbox



*Thank you for the wonderful door prize and the grand prize of the iPad! Supper was also very good! Thank you to all the employees for their hard work keeping our phone company in fine shape!*

Willy & Venoy Tenold, Reva

WRCTC,

*Thank you for the good brats and hot dogs with chips at the football tailgate event Friday Night in Newell. We appreciate your efforts on a cold, windy night.*

Bob & Carolyn Ruff, Vale

*Dear Round-Up Committee Members,  
Thank you for considering me for these benefits. I never had any idea I would one day benefit from the program. Thanks to all of the people that "round up" and to those who volunteer for the committee. The funds helped so much with my doctor bills.*

*Thanks again,  
Rick Adams, Vale  
July 2014 Round-Up Recipient*

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