

TOP: Tegan Senn with her mother BreAnn Nelson accepting a \$500 check from Manager Reed Metzger. **MIDDLE:** Committee Member Deb Steele poses with Round-Up recipient Zelma Hill and her husband, Ted Hill. **BOTTOM:** Dee Maxon receiving her Round-Up check from Manager Reed Metzger.

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.

Sometimes it only takes a few pennies to make someone's day! In December, the WRCTC Round-Up committee selected several families to receive donations from the Round-Up funds. Receiving \$500 each were: Doug Jerde, Reva; Tegan Senn, Bison (daughter of Tanner Senn & BreAnn Nelson); Bernice Kari, Bison; Zelma Hill, Nisland; Brad Johnson, Camp Crook; Ronnie Braaten, Vale; Cheryl Palo, Newell and Dee Maxon, Lemmon.

Each family was 456-2753 very appreciative of the monetary donation. When faced with medical bills or other hardships, every penny makes a difference. If you are not "rounding up" your bill to the nearest dollar to help

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Manager's Column
Reed Metzger

Please Help Us Find These Individuals

In the fall of 2014, many of you may remember receiving 376-3292 a capital credit check from WRCTC. However, there are some who have 375-3812 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.

Monroe F. Arnold – Spearfish, SD
Rae Anne Jordain – Fruitdale, SD
Irene Winger – Newell, SD
Carl Elkins – Delhi, CA
Mike & Barb Manke – Woodward, OK
Lance & Connie Hanson – Fort Collins, CO
Automated Wagering % Janet Rivera – Clifton, NJ
Alantis Productions Liquid Ice Entertainment
% Renn Reed & Mark Barth – Newell, SD
Courtney Stapp-Pool – Bonham, TX
Kris Grenstiner – Newell, SD
Jody Steele – Casper, WY
B. Christmann – Hettinger, ND
Donald L Jordan – Rozet, WY
Michael & Debbie Hillyer – Nisland, SD
John Nelson & Reagan Nelson-Mock – Vale, SD
John & Melaine Anderson – Hill City, SD
Pete Bossert – Spearfish, SD
Brad Peterson LTD – Aberdeen, SD
Harold Crockett – Custer, SD
Josh Douglas – Camp Crook, SD
Eric & Christine Durr – Tucson, AZ
Leanne Ekman – Nisland, SD
Gary & Ila Feddersen – Walker, SD
Chris & Janna Feigen – Oshkosh, NE
Geanie Gardiner – Rapid City, SD
Gary & Fay Hersey – Belle Fourche, SD
Ken & Diana Hobbs – Nisland, SD
Betty Johnson – Miles City, MT
Johnston Trucking – Spearfish, SD
Charles & Amelia LaPlante – Rapid City, SD
Don & Carol Mardian – Sturgis, SD
Kaylene Monson – White Sulphur Springs, MT
Nisland Mall – Nisland, SD
Patty Pearson – Holmen, WI
Florence Radke – Stratford, SD
Terry Reichert – Chino Valley, AZ
Carla Richter – Alva, OK

WorldCom Region 6 – Atlanta, GA
Kenneth Gatzke – Piedmont, SD
Joseph Garro – Newell, SD
K Diamond Motel – Newell, SD
Eric Clime – Newell, SD
Kris Stiles – Hot Springs, SD
Patricia Moseley – Belle Fourche, SD
Paul Schild – Black Hawk, SD
A & F Oil – Newell, SD
James Sandoz & Marranda Ramsey – Belle Fourche, SD
Jacob Nelson – Lemmon, SD
Bill & Marilyn Steinmeyer – Torrington, WY
Western Hardwood Floors Inc. – Backus, MN
Family Advocate of Perkins County – Lemmon, SD
Shannon Johnson – Belle Fourche, SD
Lloyd Young – Belle Fourche, SD
Jesse Gloe – Rapid City, SD
Ethel Yung – Belle Fourche, SD
Matthew & Rose Rice – Vale, SD
Charolette Broderick – Newell, SD
H. J. Fassbinder – Belle Fourche, SD
Norman Isto – Nisland, SD
Patricia Short – Nisland, SD
Bert Dean Norfolk Jr. – Nisland, SD
Dave Daniels & Barb Daniels – Belle Fourche, SD
Samantha Wolf – Marmarth, ND
Teko Helling – Belle Fourche, SD



Copyright Infringement Notification Example

It's NO Joke

Due to the increase in copyright infringement notifications WRCTC has received in the past few months, we felt it was important for our members to see an actual example. This is a very serious matter, and we want you to be safe and smart while using the Internet. The IP Address has been blocked to protect the identity of the individual.

Subject: Unauthorized Use of Copyrights

****NOTE TO ISP: PLEASE FORWARD THE ENTIRE NOTICE****

Re: Unauthorized Use of Copyrights Owned Exclusively by BMG Rights Management (US) LLC

Dear Sir or Madam:

- Your ISP has forwarded you this notice.
- Your ISP account has been used to download, upload or offer for upload copyrighted content in a manner that infringes on the rights of the copyright owner.
- Your ISP service could be suspended if this matter is not resolved.
- **You could be liable for up to \$150,000 per infringement in civil penalties.**

The file 07. R.O.C.K. In The U.S.A..mp3 was infringed upon by a computer at IP Address [REDACTED] on 2014-06-09 13:45:11.0 GMT.

We represent the copyright owner. This notice is an offer of settlement. If you follow the link below and login to the Rightscorp, Inc. automated settlement system, for \$20 per infringement, you will receive a legal release from the copyright owner.

Follow this link or copy and paste into your browser:

[https://secure.digitalrightscorp.com/settle/TC-23c68394-5936-460a-8616-\[REDACTED\]](https://secure.digitalrightscorp.com/settle/TC-23c68394-5936-460a-8616-[REDACTED])

Rightscorp, Inc. represents the following 'copyright owner(s)' BMG Rights Management (US) LLC ('BMG').

BMG is the exclusive owners of copyrights for John Cougar Mellencamp musical compositions, including the musical compositions listed below. It has come to our attention that West River Cooperative Telephone Company is the service provider for the IP address listed below, from which unauthorized copying and distribution (downloading, uploading, file serving, file 'swapping' or other similar activities) of BMG's exclusive copyrights listed below is taking place.

This unauthorized copying and/or distribution constitutes copyright infringement under the U.S. Copyright Act. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. 512(c), this letter serves as actual notice of infringement. We hereby demand you immediately and permanently cease and desist the unauthorized copying and/or distribution (including, but not limited to downloading, uploading, file sharing, file 'swapping' or other similar activities) of recordings of John Cougar Mellencamp compositions, including but not limited to those items listed in this correspondence.

BMG will pursue every available remedy including injunctions and recovery of attorney's fees, costs and any and all other damages which are incurred by BMG as a result of any action that is commenced against you. Nothing contained or omitted from this letter is, or shall be deemed to be either a full statement of the facts or applicable law, an admission of any fact, or a waiver or limitation of any of BMG's rights or remedies, all of which are specifically retained and reserved. The information in this notification is accurate.

We have a good faith belief that use of the material in the manner complained of herein is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent, or by operation of law. I swear, under penalty of perjury, that I am authorized to act on behalf of the owner of the exclusive rights that have been infringed. While BMG is entitled to monetary

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damages from the infringing party under 17 U.S.C. Section 504, The BMG believes that it may be expeditious to settle this matter without the need of costly and time-consuming litigation.

In order to help you avoid further legal action from BMG, we have been authorized to offer a settlement solution that we believe is reasonable for everyone. To access this settlement offer, please copy and paste the URL below into a browser and follow the instructions for the settlement offer: <https://secure.digitalrightscorp.com/settle/TC-23c68394-5936-460a-8616->

Infringement Source: Torrent

Timestamp: 2014-06-09 13:45:11.0 GMT

Infringers IP Address:

Infringers Port:

Listing of infringement(s) (Title/Filename/Timestamp/Hash): R.o.c.k. In The Usa | 07. R.O.C.K. In The U.S.A..mp3 | 2014-06-09 13:45:11.0 | SHA1 |

Leadership Day at Newell High School

West River Cooperative Telephone Company was invited to attend "Leadership Day" to talk to the students about Internet safety and security. Lyle Reiff, Tally Seim and Eric Kahler discussed the importance of secured wireless networks, password strength, virus 456-0153 protection and the repercussions of copyright infringements. The ability to access the Internet comes with the responsibility to protect your information from hackers and others who wish to misuse your private data. Whether it is your computer or your smartphone, security is no laughing matter.

Another topic that was discussed was copyright infringements. The unauthorized uploading and downloading of copyrighted content is a very serious matter. The owner of the Internet account could be liable for up to \$150,000 per infringement in civil penalties. Whether it's a song, TV series or a movie, each infringement carries the same weight. Just remember, if it's FREE, it may be illegal and you could be held liable. We want everyone to be safe and smart while 797-4436 using the Internet. If you have any questions regarding these topics, please contact us at 777 or 605-244-5213.



VISA Gift Card Winners!

Congratulations to our \$25 VISA Gift Card Winners:

Dennis Lewton, Bison
Stuart Guptill, Buffalo
Stacy Hannah, Newell
Andrew Banick, Lemmon
Melissa Mahaffy, Newell
Tucker Kane, Thunder Hawk

Ralph Veal, Bison
Charles Humbracht, Camp Crook
Char Hintz, Lemmon
Bev Hoffman, Lemmon
Doranna Knutson, Vale
Mrs. James Jordan, Nisland



Appreciation Luncheons

West River Cooperative Telephone 788-2263 Company and Grand Electric co-hosted Appreciation Luncheons in December. Luncheons were held at the Lodgepole Community Center on December 15; Reva Hall on December 16 and the Lemmon Legion on December 17. Almost 200 members joined us for the lunches and a brief presentation by General Manager Reed Metzger. The Appreciation Luncheons are held to say "Thank You" to our members for their continued support. At each luncheon, two \$25 bill credits were given away. Winners of the bill credits were: Darryl & Helen Helland, Lemmon; John Gibbons, Lemmon; Venoy Tenold, Reva; 257-2580 Austin "Tad" Risty, Reva; Mary Vliem, Lodgepole and Warren Van Wyk, Lodgepole.

A special "Thank You" to the Lodgepole Community Club, Slim Buttes WMF (Reva) and the American Legion Auxiliary (Lemmon) who prepared the wonderful meals at each location.



Venoy Tenold and Austin "Tad" Risty with his son Anson and daughter Brylee, were the winners of the \$25 bill credits at the Reva Appreciation Luncheon.

BELOW: Darryl & Helen Helland won a \$25 bill credit at the Lemmon Appreciation Supper.



John Gibbons won a \$25 bill credit at the Lemmon Appreciation Supper.



Warren Van Wyk (his son, Kory) and Mary Vliem were the winners of the \$25 bill credits (from Grand Electric) at the Lodgepole Appreciation Luncheon.

The crowd at the Lemmon Appreciation Supper listens as Manager Reed Metzger discusses the operations of WRCTC.



New WRCTC Members

Bison, Meadow, Sorum

Donner, Shilo	244-7698
Halverson, Tate & Taylor	788-2827
Larson, Duane	244-7294

Buffalo, Camp Crook

Peek, Jerimy & Michelle	375-3184
Solvie, Craig & Darlene	375-3811

Lemmon

Alley, Corben & Mieko	374-4401
Bly, Steven	374-4399
Hanna, Irma	374-4288

Newell

Ginsbach, Todd	456-3719
Howey, Allen & Linda	456-3777
Tift, Katelyn	456-3671

Nisland

Pebworth, James	257-2882
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CORRECTION to 2015 Directory

In the Lemmon Exchange, the Toll-Free Number for the South Dakota Cable Locate under the Grand Electric listing is incorrect. Please make the following changes:

Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Cable Location Dial.....811
Or Toll-Free.....1-**800**-781-7474

Find Your Phone

Ten telephone numbers were hidden in the last newsletter. Those members who hunted and found their number were: Kathleen Carmichael, Lemmon; Chuck Davis, Buffalo; Jason Hulm, Glad Valley; L. O'Dea, Vale; George Oleson, Camp Crook and Gary Skjoldal, Lemmon. 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 January 22, 2015.**

The Power of Pennies (continued)



Committee Members Deb Steele (left) and Stacie Morell (right) present Cheryl Palo with her check.

friends and family in your community and you would like to, please contact our billing department at 777 or 605-244-5213. They would be 374-7236 happy to help you get set up on the program.

The most it can cost is 99 cents a month, and you never know when it might be you or a member of your family who could benefit from this 244-5586 program.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, please contact one of our Round-Up committee members. They represent the areas served by WRCTC and decide how the funds will be dispersed. The current WRCTC Round-Up Committee members are: Colette Wheeler, Lemmon; Stacie Morell, Vale; Deb Steele, Newell; Monica Thompson, Buffalo; Penny Lemburg, Bison and Emily Kling, Lemmon.

Vale Ag Show is Coming Up

WRCTC will be attending the upcoming Vale Ag Show on Wednesday, January 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Stop by our booth for great deals, door prizes 374-3101 and even a bag of popcorn. We will see you there!