



2016 Directory Photo Contest!



This year's theme is "WILDLIFE"

- 1st Place – \$100
- 2nd Place – \$50
- 3rd Place – \$25

Snap a photo capturing our local wildlife and you could win \$100! Deadline to enter is August 14, 2015. Entries may be emailed to westriver@sdplains.com or mailed to WRCTC, PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620.

RULES: The photo must be an original taken by a WRCTC member. Wildlife must be alive and unharmed in the photo. Photos must be of local wildlife within WRCTC's service area and include the location where the photo was taken. Each customer may submit TWO photos. Photos may also be submitted on a computer disc or e-mailed as a jpeg or pdf file. The photos must be in full-color and will not be returned to the customer. Submission of the photo releases all right of ownership of the photo and authorizes WRCTC to publish the photo on the directory cover, or use as WRCTC desires, allowing proper acknowledgement to the photographer. The photographer who captures first place will see his/her photo on the front cover of the 2015 directory and will be awarded a \$100 cash prize; second place will receive \$50 and third place will receive \$25. Employees and Directors are not eligible.

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Construction Update

West River Cooperative Telephone Company held a pre-bid meeting the beginning of 456-2866 March for the Newell and Lemmon FTTH project for 2015 which included 300-plus miles of fiber construction. Eight contractors attended the pre-bid meeting. The bids had to be in on March 10th. We had eight contractors that submitted a bid, and the low 375-3174 bidder was Anderson Underground. Their bid was presented to the Board of Directors on March 18th, and approved.

WRCTC crews have already started some of their construction for the year. They replaced a fiber optic line near the Moreau River bridge on Highway 73 in preparation of construction on that bridge. They also completed the River Road project in Harding County last week. Since the County was widening the road, we moved the fiber optic line outside the construction zone and replaced old copper with fiber optics. WRCTC technicians replaced approximately 20 miles of fiber optic cable on that project. They have completed the fiber splicing, installed the new electronics and moved our members in that area off of the copper cable onto the new fiber optic cable.

Fundraiser Games raised over \$6,000! WRCTC/Grand Electric Teams vs. Bison Cardinals

To assist with Bison School fundraising efforts, WRCTC and Grand Electric teamed up to play the Bison Cardinal's boys' and girls' basketball teams! The boys game was held on Friday, March 13th, and the girls' game was held on Friday, March 20. With a final score of 52-51, the Bison High School boys were the victors over the WRCTC/Grand Electric team. The lady Cardinals also beat 374-3495 the WRCTC/Grand Electric ladies team by just one point; the final score was 43-42. Several community members helped by joining the WRCTC/Grand Electric teams while others donated their time to sell tickets, serve concessions and sell ducks for the "Chuck a Duck" game and "Cardinal Pride" T-Shirts.

During the half-time of each game, the 244-7442 attendees were invited to play a game called "Chuck a Duck." The ducks cost \$2/duck or three ducks for \$5, which the game-goers threw at a bull's-eye in the middle of the court.

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Ava Roth receives \$100 from Manager Reed Metzger after winning the "Chuck a Duck" contest at the girls' basketball game.

The WRCTC/Grand Electric ladies team and the Bison Cardinals posed for a picture after the big game.



KBJM Farm & Home Show

March 13th turned out to be a great day for the 2015 KBJM Farm and Home Show in Lemmon. WRCTC, along with Grand Electric, were among the many businesses that had a booth at the Beeler Community Building. If you were one of the many individuals who attended the Farm and Home Show, you may have stopped by our booth to grab a bag of popcorn, chat with us about our services or sign up for one of two \$25 bill credits. Susie Skjoldal, Andy Arthur and Tyrell Ellingson were on hand to answer any questions.

Robert Kilzer, 456-2131 Lemmon and Deloris Huber, Lemmon will have a little extra spending money in April as they were the winners of the \$25 bill credits. Congratulations Robert and Deloris! Thank you to everyone who attended the KBJM Farm and Home Show and to those who stopped by our booth.



Tyrell Ellingson and Andy Arthur working the booth at the KBJM Farm & Home Show.

Audit Performed

Auditors from Eide Bailly LLP, 374-5915 Sioux Falls, audited the WRCTC books the first week in March. The results of the audit will be presented to members at the Annual Meeting on October 5th.

The auditors (front) with the WRCTC accounting department. Back

Row: Colgan Huber, Director of Finance; Tami Kilcoyne, Accountant; Nancy Miles, Accountant; Connie Bootz, Accounting Supervisor and Jeannie Reiff, Accountant. Front Row: Luke Johnson, Natalie Cubbels, Nick Crank and Derrick Larson.



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New WRCTC Members

Bison, Meadow, Sorum

Miller, Kurt & Rebbecca 788-2894

Buffalo, Camp Crook

Green, Darren 375-3316

Lyons, Randy & Jewel 375-3838

Lemmon

Anderson, David S., CPA (Residence) 374-5881

Bennett, Jennifer 374-4416

Eidson, James 374-4418

Landgrebe, Jim 374-4415

Larson, Wyatt 374-4421

Spangler, Melissa 374-3720

Newell

Gallagher, Caleb & Halee 456-3759

Komes, Jesse & Makayla 456-3482

Larive, Justin 456-1432

Wolf, Stacy 456-3493

Find Your Phone

Ten telephone numbers were hidden in the last newsletter. Those members who hunted and found their number were:

Dan Thompson, Buffalo; Robert Selby, Bison; Rodney Peterson, Lemmon; Virlane Lang, Vale; Shane Kolb, Meadow; Jay Ericson, Nisland and John Dixson, 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 April 21, 2015.

The WRCTC/Grand Electric Men's team posed for a picture with the Bison Cardinals after the game.



IPTV Survey Winners

In March, WRCTC conducted 257-2368 an IPTV survey to determine the need of this service within our rural areas. IPTV is a television service we would deliver to your home over our fiber optic cable. Those who filled out the survey were entered to win one of 12, \$50 bill credits from WRCTC. The winners are as follows:

- Rebecca Eikamp, Lemmon
- Betty Terrill, Vale
- Christian Holland, Prairie City
- Edgar Kumley, Redig
- Gary Brunner, Nisland
- Sue Ann Clanton, Buffalo
- Monte Richards, Vale
- Jim Goddard, Prairie City
- Cindy Kahl, Shadehill
- Lynn Frey, Lemmon
- Tammy Ring-Gjerde, Vale
- Christina Block, Lemmon

Fundraiser Games (cont'd)



Manager Reed Metzger gets ready to throw a freethrow while WRCTC's Board President, DeJon Bakken, refs the game.

The person who had the closest "duck" to the bull's-eye won \$100! The winners of the "Chuck a Duck" games were Julia Brixey, Prairie City and Ava Roth, Bison.

While WRCTC and Grand Electric 972-4568 are proud of the efforts

the WRCTC/Grand Electric boys and girls teams put forth, we are very pleased to say that over \$6,000 was raised during the games! We appreciate everyone's help and efforts at these fun events.

All proceeds were donated to the Bison 788-2203 School District Capital Project Fund.