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The new SmartHub communications tool provides more information than ever before on your computer, smart phone or tablet.

Check it out at www.wrctc.coop.

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 866-4534 receive donations from the Round-Up funds. Receiving $550 each were: Linda Frerking, Lemmon; Joyce Bosch, Nisland; Brenda Eichler, Newell; Ken Erlenbusch, Lemmon and Mary Helen Clark, Bison.

Each family was very appreciative of the monetary donation. When faced with medical bills or other hardships, every 456-2360 penny makes a difference. If you are not "rounding up" your bill to the nearest dollar to help 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 happy to help you get set up on the program.

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TOP: Round Up Committee Member, Colette Wheeler (left), and WRCTC Board President, DeJon Bakken (right), present Linda Frerking with her check. BOTTOM: Colette Wheeler and DeJon Bakken present Ken Erlenbusch with his Round Up check.

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Cooperative Christmas Winners

In celebration of Cooperative Month, WRCTC gave away "Christmas Presents!" Cooperatives 374-5344 work to the benefit of their members and their communities. To show our appreciation to our member-owners, we celebrated Christmas in October. The winners of the prizes are as follows:

- $50 Bill Credit – Anne Marie Brienza, Buffalo
- $50 Bill Credit – Kevin Alton, Lemmon
- $50 Grocery Store Credit – Elizabeth Ebert, Lemmon
- $50 Grocery Store Credit – Pamela Larsen, Newell
- $75 Bill Credit – Anna Rose & Melvin Woll, Lodgepole
- Apple TV – Brian Hopfinger, Lemmon
- $100 Grocery Store Credit – Steve Brengle, Buffalo
- $100 Bill Credit – Brad & Linda Abelseth, Nisland
- Kindle Fire – Jessica Fried, Bison
- Apple iPad Air – Melanie Williamson, Newell
- 2-in-1 PC – Scott & Chandra Storm, Meadow

"Thanks so much for the iPad, and thanks for being such an important part of our rural community. West River Co-op has a great group of dedicated employees who serve in so many areas. Thanks again."
Melanie Williamson

TOP: Jessica Fried, Bison, with her new Kindle Fire. BOTTOM LEFT: Chandra & Scott Storm, Meadow, with their new 2-in-1 PC. BOTTOM RIGHT: Melanie Williamson, Newell, with her new iPad.

VISA Gift Card Winners!

Congratulations to our $25 VISA Gift Card Winners:

Dwight & Laurie Sabo, Reva
Clara Greff, Lemmon
Mary Ellen Fried, Bison
Mavis Even, Keldron
Rose Bucholz, Sturgis
Robert & Carolyn Ruff, Vale
Barbara Wahlfeldt, Camp Crook
Bill Christman, Lemmon
Connie Humble, Newell
Wally Stephens, Buffalo
Janice Ingles, Shadehill
Duane Shea, Bison

Appreciation Luncheons

Grand Electric and WRCTC co-hosted Appreciation Luncheons in November. Luncheons were held at the Vale Community Hall on November 11; Bull Creek Cafe in Union Center on November 16 and Buffalo Rec Center on November 19. Almost 150 members joined us for 788-2868 the lunches and a brief presentation regarding the Cooperatives. The Appreciation Luncheons are held to say "Thank You" to our members for their continued support. At each luncheon, two $25 bill credits were 456-2108 given away. Winners of the bill credits were: Norma Martin, Vale; Larry Backhaus, Vale; Ken Rhoden, Union Center; Louis Lemmel, Mud Butte; Shirley Latham, Camp Crook and Kathy Glines, Buffalo.

A special "Thank You" to the Vale Community Club, 375-3424 Bull Creek Cafe and the Grand River Lutheran Church group (Buffalo) who prepared the wonderful meals at each location.

TOP LEFT: Winners of the $25 bill credits in Vale were Larry Backhaus and Norma Martin. TOP RIGHT: Kathy Glines won the $25 bill credit from WRCTC and Shirley Latham won the bill credit from Grand Electric in Buffalo. BOTTOM: Colle Nash giving his presentation in Buffalo while Mike Lemburg waits for his turn in the back.

New WRCTC Members

Bison, Meadow, Sorum

Brixey, Heather	244-7586

Buffalo, Camp Crook

Douglas, Keith Jr.	797-4530
Ginsbach, Dusty & Sammie	375-3831
Grubl, Teigen	375-3165
Moncur, Ty	406-972-4427

Lemmon

Barnes, Chad	374-4471
Lockert, Jim	374-4468
Rosenberg, Dakota	374-8322
Suter, Jennifer	374-4472

Newell

Fortune, Vern	456-3794
Grant, Zack & McKenzie	456-3691
Stuart, Edward	456-3783

Nisland

Rowley, Juanita	257-2905

SECURE PAY

Make a payment on your bill over the phone using a debit/credit card or check. Available 24/7!

844-252-5267

Find Your Phone

Ten telephone numbers were hidden in the last newsletter. Those members who hunted and found their number were: Eric Adams, Vale: J. D. Brown, Buffalo; Lawrence Ehnes, Nisland; Matt Gilbert, Camp Crook and Pat Kochel, 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, 2016.**

The Power of Pennies
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The most it can cost is 99 cents a month, and you never know when it might be you or a 374-3163 member of your family who could benefit from this 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.

From the Mailbox

To our Friends at West River Co-op Telephone Co., Thank you so much for the HP Wireless Printer that we won at your annual meeting in October. We truly appreciate it and know we will get may years of service from it. We appreciate all that you do for the community too. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Jerry & Diana 244-5441 Landis, Bison

Thank you for the $100 worth of groceries. It was a wonderful surprise and very much appreciated.

Thanks again.
Steve Brengle, Buffalo

Thank you so much for the $50 gift certificate for groceries. I had been asked out for dinner Thanksgiving Day so I passed my good fortune onto the Lemmon Food Pantry.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Ebert, Lemmon

Vale Ag Show is Coming Up

WRCTC will be attending the upcoming 244-7218 Vale Ag Show on Wednesday, January 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Stop by our booth for great deals, door prizes and even a bag of popcorn. We 257-2787 will see you there!