

West River Cooperative Telephone Company

Calling on You

2017 Directory Photo Contest This year's theme is

SUNSETS & SUNRISES

Snap a photo capturing one of our beautiful sunsets or sunrises in our service territory and you could win \$100! Deadline to enter is August 17, 2016. Entries may be emailed to westriver@sdplains.com or mailed to WRCTC, PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620.

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

RULES: The photo must be an original taken by a WRCTC member. Photos must be of a sunset or sunrise within WRCTC's service area and include the location where the photo was taken. Animals or people may be included in the photos; however, if the person or people are highly recognizable in the photo and it is chosen as a winner, a picture permission form must be signed prior to receiving the prize. Each

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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 2017 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.

Local Service Rate and Access Recovery Charge to Increase

In November 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) made a ruling that over the next few years they were going to move more of the network 456-2969 cost to those who own the network. To do this, they have set benchmarks for local 788-2847 service rates and have implemented an Access Recovery Charge (ARC) that we are required to charge our members if we want to retain our USF funding. **On July 1, 2016, the local telephone service rate will increase by \$2.00 per month.** This increase will 244-5549 affect ActPak bundling prices as well.

The Access Recovery Charge enables WRCTC to recover a limited portion of revenues lost due to FCC mandated reductions in intercarrier payments. Effective July 1, 2016, residential members will 375-3618 see their ARC increase by \$0.50 per month. Multi-line business customers will not see an increase. **Therefore, the ARC for residential members and single-line businesses will increase from \$2.00 per month to \$2.50 per month, and the ARC for multi-line businesses will stay at \$3.00 per month.** This will be the fifth step of the six step increase. The last increase in this process will be in July 2017.

Call Before You Dig

Color Code
for Marking Underground Utility Lines

Electric
Gas-Oil-Steam
Communication CATV
Potable Water
Irrigation, Reclaimed
Water, Slurry Lines
Sewer
Temporary Survey
Markings
Proposed Excavation

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? WAIT! Here's what you need to know first.

Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling **811** before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether

or not they should get their utility lines marked, but 374-5396 every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.



Do the dog days of summer have you



Chase it away with West River's FiberVision's Premium Movie Packages! We have something for everyone! For more information on our packages, please visit www.wrctc.coop or call us at 605-244-5236. We would be happy to help you find the perfect FiberVision package!

HBO°

201	НВО
202	HBO FAMILY
203	HBO2
204	HBO SIGNATURE
205	HBO COMEDY

STARZENCORE. \$14

231	STARZ
232	STARZ HD
233	STARZ EDGE
234	STARZ CINEMA
235	STARZ KIDS & FAMILY
238	ENCORE
239	ENCORE ACTION
240	ENCORE CLASSIC
241	ENCORE SUSPENSE
242	ENCORE BLACK
243	ENCORE FAMILY
244	ENCORE WESTERNS

211	CINEMAX
212	MOREMAX
213	ACTION MAX
214	THRILLER MAX

HOWTIME

220	SHOWTIME
221	SHOWTIME HD
222	SHOWTIME TOO
223	SHOWTIME EXTREME
224	SHOWTIME FAMILY
225	SHOWTIME NEXT
226	SHOWTIME BEYOND
227	SHOWTIME SHOWCASE
228	SHOWTIME FLIX
229	THE MOVIE CHANNEL
230	TMC XTRA

New **Employee**



BRENT SIMONS

was hired by WRCTC as a Journeyman Combination Technician on May 16. His main responsibilities consist of installing and repairing telecommunications services and 374-3218 installing the new FiberVision Digital Video.

Brent worked as summer help for WRCTC in 2010 and then he went to work in the oil field near Williston, ND.

Brent graduated from Faith High School 456-1046 and attended Mitchell Technical Institute.

He and his wife, Misty, have two daughters, Alexia and Palmer. Brent enjoys camping 972-4585 with his family and friends in his spare time.

New WRCTC Members

Bison, Meadow, Sorum	
ETZOS L.L.C.	244-6198
Giesler, Matt	244-7456
Lei, Brady	866-4553
Wilkinson, Kent	866-4636
Buffalo, Camp Crook	
Besler, Brock	375-3544
Britton, Callie	375-3394
Long, Joe & Debra	797-4587
Mundell, Rich & Sarah	375-3185
Wallace, Dorothy	375-3052
Lemmon	
Baumeister, Thomas	374-4496
Bright Beginnings Daycare	374-4384
Broadbent, John (Town)	374-4497
Fisher, Zachary	374-7667
Hommel, Kaitlin & Markus Moen	374-3168
Johnson, C. Craig	374-2063
Newell	
Donovan, Tyson & Kirsten	456-7450
Froelich, John & Tere	456-2387
McTaggart, Levi & Cierra	456-6366
Nohava, Charlene	456-4415
Peterson, Whitney	456-5275
<u>Change</u>	
Two Twelve Sinclair Service from	456-2365

Find Your Phone Number

Ten telephone numbers were hidden in last month's newsletter. Those members who hunted and found their number were: Sherry Basford, Bison; Darc Duprel, Vale; bill credit Kenneth Finck, Newell; Dean

456-0133

to

Howard, Buffalo; Will Johnson, Belle Fourche; Marlin Knutson, Lemmon; Anna Lehman, Newell; Austin Risty, Reva and Dave Smith, 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 July 22, 2016.

Office Closed

West River Cooperative Telephone Company's office will be closed Monday, July 4th for Independence Day.



Round-Up Program

Do you know of someone who has suffered a hardship?

Or maybe there is an organization in your area that has a project they wish to complete, but funds are tight. The WRCTC Round-Up Committee will be meeting in July to select individuals, families and organizations who are in need of a little financial 257-2594 assistance. If you know of someone in your area who could use a little help, please contact one of our current committee members: Colette Wheeler, Lemmon; Stacie Morell, Vale; Deb Steele, Newell; Monica Thompson, Buffalo; Penny Lemburg, Bison and Emily Kling, Lemmon.

Are you interested in serving on the WRCTC **Round-Up Committee?**

We are currently looking for individuals from WRCTC's service territory who would be interested in serving on the Round-Up Committee. Each 374-3477 year, the committee meets twice a year via a conference call to select individuals or organizations deserving of the funds. After the committee meets in July, they will be looking for replacements. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact Rachel Eggebo at 605-244-5213 or 777.