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Annual Meeting Highlights

We had a wonderful evening for our Annual Meeting. Over 190 people attended WRCTC's Annual Meeting on October 7th. 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 456-1420 colors and Eliza Loughlin, Bison, sang the National Anthem.

Members who registered were entered for a chance to win one of several door prizes as well as five chances to win \$100 CASH. Those lucky winners were: Jens Hansen, Meadow; Jerry & Diana Landis, Bison, Jill Archibald, Bison; Harold & Lillian Flatmoe, Meadow and Nancy Brixey, Prairie City.

John Blosmo, Bison, won a 972-4597 chance to play PLINKO for cash. John walked away with \$95 in his hand.

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Grace Holzer, Bison, with her new iPad Mini.



John Blosmo, Bison, won \$95 by playing PLINKO.

Annual Meeting (continued)

During the meeting, numerous door prizes were handed out, including several \$50 bill credits! Kids were encouraged to register for a chance to win an iPad Mini, which was won by Grace Holzer, daughter of Sarah Holzer, Bison.

The Nominating Committee 374-5337 Report was presented to the members by Secretary, Alice Holcomb. Garrett Schweitzer, Lemmon; Greg Fried, Bison and Joe Burke, Newell, ran unopposed and continue with their directorships 866-4847.

There was a proposed bylaw amendment as well. After all ballots were cast and 257-2113 counted, the bylaw amendment passed.

General Manager Colle Nash reported on the challenges and accomplishments of the Cooperative over the past year and discussed some of the future projects that are in store. President DeJon Bakken and Manager Colle Nash also recognized the individuals with anniversaries: Directors – Greg Fried, 15 years, Matt DeBow, 5 years and employee Trevor Fisher, 20 years. 244-7787

TOP: Directors re-elected – Garrett Schweitzer, Greg Fried and Joe Burke. MIDDLE 1: Years of service – Matt DeBow, 5 years; Trevor Fisher, 20 years and Greg Fried, 15 years. MIDDLE 2: The crowd enjoying their meal. BOTTOM: Winners of the 5 \$100 bills – Jens Hansen, Jerry & Diana Landis, Jill Archibald, Nancy Brixey and Harold & Lillian Flatmoe.





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Bison
68° ☀️
Mesonet AT SDSTATE

Lemmon
62° ☀️
Mesonet AT SDSTATE

WRCTC and Grand Electric have teamed up with SDSU to help provide our service territory with the most accurate weather data right from our website! There are currently weather stations located in Bison, the Antelope Range Research Station near Buffalo, Lemmon and Nisland. WRCTC and Grand Electric are 456-1582 currently sponsors of the Bison and Lemmon weather stations.

What does Mesonet mean?

Mesonet at SDSTATE is a network 788-2924 of automated weather stations that provides high

definition weather coverage: areas of just a few hundred square miles and time intervals of several times per hour. This can be contrasted with the typical coverage that is thousands of square miles and hourly. Mesonets excel in providing high precision data particularly with highly variable elements like wind and precipitation.

WRCTC and Grand Electric hope you take advantage of these current 374-7093 weather stations.

Nisland
75° ☁️
Mesonet AT SDSTATE

Antelope
70° ☀️
Mesonet AT SDSTATE

New WRCTC Members

Newell

Fagen Inc. 456-8830

Lemmon

Moser, Elaine 374-4874

Richter, Brittany & Gabbrielle Smith 374-9012

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Find Your Phone

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

Lynn Waddell, Shadehill;

Stanley Brixey, Prairie City;

Arlene Sundstrom, Newell; Susan Schilling, Buffalo and David Frohman, Vale. 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 from your telephone bill. New connect numbers do not count. **Deadline is November 16, 2019.**

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From the Mailbox



WRCTC,

Thank you for the veterans' \$20 [bill credit] coupon for phone and for the Tilt & Fold Griddle door prize. The \$10 off phone service attendance gift is appreciated also.

Thanks again,

Dick & Eleanor Johnson, Faith
(Annual Meeting Attendees)

WRCTC,

Thank you very much for thinking of the veterans and what they have done.

Albert Colgrove, Lemmon
(Annual Meeting Attendee)

Dear WRCTC and members of the Round up fund, We would like to give our greatest thanks to you all! Receiving money from the round up program was truly appreciated. We are so blessed to live in such a caring community. 375-3188

THANK YOU,

Levi & Mari Beth Paulson
((\$500 July Round-Up Recipients))

Dear WRCTC Scholarship Committee, I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of the 2019 West River Cooperative Telephone Cooperative Scholarship of \$500. Your generous contribution has allowed me to pursue my Engineering degree at North Dakota State University...The WRCTC Scholarship will greatly help to pay for my tuition expense, allowing me to focus on my academic pursuits. Without your financial support provided through your scholarship, I wouldn't be able to achieve my degree without accumulating a large student loan debt and allows me to focus on my studies and maintain the honors grades necessary to fulfill my professional ambition of becoming an Engineer. Thank you for your continued support and investment in my future.

Sincerely,

Dillon Reede, Lemmon
(2019 \$500 Scholarship Recipient)

Dear West River Cooperative Telephone Company, Thank you for sponsoring the FRS Washington D.C. Youth Tour. It was a great opportunity and I enjoyed it very much! The chance to learn more about our nation's capital was extremely appreciated. It was an honor to represent the WRCTC on the FRS tour. Thank you so much - I loved it!

Sincerely,

Rachel Larson, Lemmon
(2019 FRS Washington Youth Tour Participant)