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offices
will be
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Monday,
Sept. 7
for Labor
Day.**



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SPEED INCREASE

WRCTC recently completed a system
upgrade giving all internet customers
FASTER SPEEDS at no extra cost!

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15/3 increased to 25/3
30/3 increased to 40/3
50/3 increased to 60/3

15/15 increased to 25/25
30/30 increased to 40/40
50/50 increased to 60/60



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WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY DIRECTORS APPOINT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Directors of West River Cooperative Telephone Company of Bison, South Dakota, appointed the following members to the Credentials Committee:

Alice Holcomb	Buffalo, South Dakota
Gary Jorgensen	Meadow, South Dakota
Gail Knutson	Vale, South Dakota

The Committee is to function in connection with the Annual Meeting to be held on October 5, 2020. The committee on credentials shall have final authority in determining the qualifications of a nominee and the validity of any petition submitted.

For the purpose of explaining the bylaws in connection with the nomination, the following quotation is made from the bylaws:

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

Section 4. **NOMINATIONS**

It shall be the duty of the board to appoint, not less than ninety (90) nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on credentials consisting of three members. Each director up for election shall propose one member for the credential committee. No member of the board may serve on such committee.

Any fifteen or more members from the entire membership, acting together, may make nominations by petition not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days before the meeting. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates.

The committee on credentials shall be called to meet no less than thirty (30) days and no more than sixty (60) days before the annual meeting. The committee on credentials shall have final authority in determining the qualifications of a nominee and the validity of any petition. The ballot to be used at the election shall list the names of the candidates nominated. The credentials committee may meet telephonically.

The positions up for election include the following:

District 2 – one position currently held by Judy Gano

District 3 – one position currently held by Don Trohkimoinen

AT LARGE – one position currently held by Matt DeBow

The Credentials Committee will meet in the office of West River Cooperative Telephone Company in Bison, South Dakota, on August 25, 2020.

TAILGATE PARTIES SCHEDULE

WRCTC and Grand Electric are teaming up once again to serve a meal at tailgate parties in the communities we serve! Extra 374-9586 precautions will be taken to safely serve each meal in a grab-and-go style with individually packaged items available.

* All tailgate parties are tentatively scheduled, pending approval on fan attendance of games by the individual schools.



AUGUST 21 – FAITH VS. NEWELL

Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Faith Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



AUGUST 28 – LEMMON VS. NEWELL

Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Lemmon Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 4 – BISON VS. DUPREE

Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Bison Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 11 – HARDING CO. VS. BISON

Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Harding Co. Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 18 – NEWELL VS. DUPREE

Grilling starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Newell Football Field. Game starts at 6:00 p.m.



Changes needed for 2021 Directory

We are currently in the process of updating the West River Cooperative Telephone Directory for 2021. **Anyone who would like changes made to their directory listing should contact our office no later than September 11, 2020.** Individuals, organizations or churches with an additional listing for their employees or pastors should contact our business office to verify that our current information is correct. Any additional listing for 375-3813 residential and business members will be charged \$1.00 per month per listing. Any questions or changes should be directed to our business office by dialing 777 (toll-free) or 605-244-5213 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also submit changes online at www.wrctc.coop.



Perkins County Fair and Rodeo Supper



West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric Cooperative teamed up again this year to provide supper at the 2020 Perkins County Fair and Rodeo! This year looked a little different with 456-2838 the masks and extra precautions taken but our Board, Staff and Employees sure made the best of it. This year WRCTC and GEC served BBQ roast beef sandwiches, chips and macaroni salad. It was a beautiful evening that was enjoyed by all!



THANK YOU!!!

*West River Telephone & Grand Electric Coop.,
Thank you for supporting our fair and rodeo. Your support is greatly appreciated and means so much to the success of the Perkins County Fair and Rodeo. Thank you for your donations and your help in all we do. Thank you for the supper on Friday night.*

*With great appreciation,
Perkins County Fair and Rodeo*

HELP US FIND THESE PEOPLE!

We need your help! In May, West River Cooperative Telephone Company sent out capital credit checks and many 797-4615 members received a credit on their monthly WRCTC bill. However, there are some who have yet to receive their checks because 257-2566 we do not their have current addresses on file. If you know the current address for any of the people listed below, please contact our office at 605-244-5213.

Gary J Adzima	PT Charlotte, FL	Grangaard Construction Inc	Watertown, SD
Anna Alsaro	Vale, SD	Tome Green	Manville, WY
Chris J Andersen	Nisland, SD	Kathryn Grife	Rawlins, WY
Clinton & Mary Anderson	Newell, SD	Rebecca Griffin	Sturgis, SD
Andrew Baatz	Elgin, ND	Lydia Gunhammer Estate	Faith, SD
Martha Bobst & Martha Mutchler	Rapid City, SD	%Angela Martin	
Oscar Bachand	Faith, SD	Stephanie Hagedorn	Lemmon, SD
Todd & Shannon Bonney	Lewistown, MT	Terry Haire	Wewahitchka, FL
Brian Bosch	Nisland, SD	Charles Hall	Denver, CO
Dale Brock	Vale, SD	Robert Hammill	Nisland, SD
Dale Bradley	Springfield, OR	Paul Hanmore	Burney, CA
Matt Brunner	Custer, SD	Roxanne Harrison	Lemmon, SD
Annette Bryant	Hot Springs, SD	Sunny Hinzman	Belle Fourche, SD
Nichole Canton	Lemmon, SD	Rory Hise	Nisland, SD
Carquest 3119	Raleigh, NC	Travis & LeeAnn Hoff	Hebron, ND
Laura M Carriere	Manchester, CT	Kathy Hogan	Aitkin, MN
Cenex Of Lemmon	Mandan, ND	Lori Holtz	Lemmon, SD
Irene M Chapin	Minot, ND	Michael Howell	Lemmon, SD
Debra Collins	Sturgis, SD	Doug & Paige Hughes	Lander, WY
Luke Crea	Belle Fourche, SD	Bradley Humbracht	Sturgis, SD
Detrich Fossils	Great Bend, KS	Doug & Julanne Hyatt	Ft Thompson, SD
%Robert Detrich		Janeen Iversen	Black Hawk, SD
Randy Detwiler	Nisland, SD	Morris Jacobs	Hettinger, ND
Robin Dieken	Bison, SD	Lyndia Johansen	Belle Fourche, SD
Kermit & Liz Diers	Reading, KS	Celestine Johnson	Spearfish, SD
John H Douglas Jr	Nisland, SD	Doris Johnson	Spearfish, SD
Thomas W & Rosemary Dreiske	Keldron, SD	William Killinen Estate	Muncie, IN
Pam Dressler & Luther Mace	Wright, WY	%Gregory Killinen	
Thelma Falzerano	Las Vegas, NV	Amy Kjellsen	Galien, MI
Kandi Fitch	Rapid City, SD	Denise Knapp	Camp Crook, SD
Robert Foster	Newell, SD	Jeremiah & Crystal Knutson	Cheyenne, WY
Leslie & Adeline Friez	Mott, ND	KTA Designs	Lemmon, SD
Ken & Linda Gabert	Belle Fourche, SD	L H Designs	Newell, SD
John Gerkin	Hulett, WY	%Linda Hartman	
Don Goff	Sturgis, SD	Rodger LeFebvre	New Underwood, SD
Dan Graham	East Glacier Park, MT	Lemon Drop Aircraft Sales	Sioux Falls, SD
		Heath Lien	Belle Fourche, SD

HELP US FIND THESE PEOPLE (Continued)

Kevin Louwagie	Marshall, MN	Dan Slutz	Belle Fourche, SD
Kim Ludwig	Spearfish, SD	Ethlene Smalls	Rapid City, SD
Dale Mahaffy	Sturgis, SD	Smaltz Brothers	Bison, SD
Maggie Manthei	Ellensburg, WA	Brenda Snyder	Belle Fourche, SD
Bernie & Jenny Martin	Springview, NE	Randie Stairs	Nisland, SD
Mardell Martin	Sisseton, SD	Duane Stark	Rapid City, SD
Mato Commercial Linings	Newell, SD	David Starr	Willow Lake, SD
%Tony Meriam		Robert D Steinmetz	Hot Springs, SD
Dawn (Jones) Meckle	Mandan, ND	Michael Raelyn Sterrett	Newell, SD
Renay Meier	Scottsbluff, NE	Lynn Stuen	Newell, SD
Tony & Debbie Meriam	Newell, SD	Ryan Sundberg	Worland, WY
Ken & Lori Merritt	Wilcox, PA	The Curio Shoppe	Newell, SD
Delton & Nancy Mitchell	Fruitdale, SD	Leonard & Sheryle	Newell, SD
Morocco Inc.	Newell, SD	Toohey	
%Glen Morovits		Emilio Vega	Belle Fourche, SD
Jeff Nehmer	Nisland, SD	Roxanne Wagner	Mobridge, SD
Jewell Nelson	Lemmon, SD	Glenn Wardell	Louisburg, KS
Nisland Mall & Café	Nisland, SD	Darlene Wells	Breien, ND
%Andrea Richards		West River Invasive Weed	Winner, SD
Oasis %Lee Toft	Cherry Valley, IL	Control %Judd Schomp	
Rosalie Overstreet	Belle Fourche, SD	Deloris Weyer	Box Elder, SD
G & C Patten	Vancouver, WA	Roger White	Grand Forks, ND
Trevor & Heather Peters	Sturgis, SD	Yvette Wilen	Jamestown, ND
M Phillips & Kendahl	Wright, WY	Marcus White Bull	Lead, SD
Wetz		Lesa Wolf	Thunder Hawk, SD
Nathan Phillips	Brookings, SD	Jay Yoshida & Marla	Natchez, MS
Katherine Potter	Aberdeen, SD	Yoshida-Lanphear	
William Potts	Olympia, WA	Terri Zarling	Ettrick, WI
Prairie Lites Arcade	Newell, SD	Sherry Zimmerschied	Belle Fourche, SD
Destiny Price	Sturgis, SD		
Tara Pumphrey	Lemmon, SD		
Jack & Sally Purvis	Emery, SD		
Rebecca Rankin	Spearfish, SD		
Jerry & Harley Rathbun	Prairie City, SD		
Wesley & Sarah Rhoden	Upton, WY		
Michael Rivera	Newell, SD		
Nicholas Ronning	Besemer, MI		
Robert Rothermel	Rapid City, SD		
Weslie Schalesky	Newell, SD		
Emrel Schmidt	Rapid City, SD		
Goldie Schneider Estate	Las Vegas, NV		
%Kathy Paulson			
Corine Seidel	Lemmon, SD		
Robert L & Lorna L	Belle Fourche, SD		
Shevling			
Shovelhead Excavating	Rapid City, SD		

Lifeline Program Update

Beginning December 1, 2020, all Lifeline Program members with phone service ONLY will see a change in their Lifeline credit. The Lifeline Program credit, which 374-7356 is applied to each monthly bill, will be reduced from \$7.25 to \$5.25. This will affect members with Telephone ONLY services. Telephone and Internet members who are on the Lifeline Program will continue to receive the \$7.25 credit towards each monthly bill. Please contact the WRCTC office at 605-244-5213 with any questions regarding this change.

New WRCTC Members

Camp Crook

Wolffy's Garage 797-4633

Newell

Knodel, Ty & Tracy 456-2727

VIP Agency 456-1321

Nisland

Spurs Resturant & Campground 257-2929

Sorum

Thybo, Tyrel & Jamie 866-4689

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: Charles Humbracht, Camp Crook; Marilyn Schoenberner, Newell and Ryan Kohn, 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 September 21, 2020.**

\$10
bill credit

Taxes Paid in 2019

West River Cooperative Telephone Company's 2019 four percent gross revenue tax amounted to \$354,346. This tax is based on the total amount paid by the members for telephone 456-3312 service in each school district. The following breakdown shows how the taxes were paid to each county and school district for 2019.

COUNTY

Butte County	\$91,282
Corson County	6,850
Harding County	73,366
Meade 866-4884 County	5,273
Perkins County	176,413
Ziebach County	<u>1,162</u>
TOTAL	\$354,346

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newell	\$89,736
Lemmon	117,474
Harding County	72,179
Bison	64,885
Faith	3,017
McIntosh	298
Sturgis (Meade County)	4,698
Belle Fourche	<u>2,059</u>
TOTAL	\$354,346

WRCTC,

Thank you for serving our teachers and students during this hectic time and unknowing future. Keeping us all connected and able to continue the kids education will help us through this time. You made my day! Thank you very much,

Brianne Bonnet
Newell School Board Member

Thank you for supporting the Perkins 4H rodeo. Your support is much appreciated! Thank you for 376-3216 sponsoring the Sr. boys steer wrestling.

—Cayden Floyd

Dear Friends at WRCTC,

Thank you so much for sponsoring our community play "Tonight at Bullock and Finders Creepers" It was a wonderful production and fun to introduce so many youngsters to the Arts! We truly do appreciate your loyal support and hope you know what a 244-7564 wonderful endeavor you are supporting.

Thank you,
Bullock Community Players

West River Cooperative Telephone Co.,

Thank you for this amazing opportunity. This scholarship will help fund my academic dreams and goals to further my education. My educational pursuits would not have been possible without your ability to provide this scholarship to students in my community. Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift!

Karli Verhulst

