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## Office Closed

West River  
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Company's  
office will  
be closed  
Monday,  
May 31st for  
Memorial Day.



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## 2022 Directory Photo Contest



# WEATHER

We are looking for photos for the 2022 WRCTC Directory. The photos can be of any form of WEATHER! Frost, lightning, storm clouds, rainbows – Any type of WEATHER you can catch on camera! We want to see your view through the lens!

Please submit your pictures to [bschecher@wrctc.coop](mailto:bschecher@wrctc.coop)  
This year, all photos are required to be submitted digitally. Digital photos are more vibrant and clear, they keep their quality and are easy to access while designing the directory.

Deadline to enter the 2022 Directory 610 6th Ave W., Lemmon;  
Photo Contest is August 2, 2021.

Contest Rules can be found on page 4.





## Students Receive Book from WRCTC

West River Cooperative Telephone Company recently visited local Elementary schools to drop off a copy of the book entitled My South Dakota Book - Hometown Snapshots. Each 4th grade student was given a book to take home. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Lemmon and Newell 4th grade did not receive their books last year, so they were given their books as 5th graders. The My South Dakota Book simulates a fun, photographic road trip of 33 South Dakota towns and their interesting landmarks. This book has some really neat information! Did you know that Webster, SD hosts a Pumpkin Fest each October that includes a kite flying, an Autumn Parade of Lights, a classic car show and hay rides? New Effington is a small town in northeastern South Dakota. This tiny little PO Box 93, Newell; town used to be on the South shore of one

of the most massive lakes in the world! How interesting is that? The book was published by SDN Communications out of Sioux Falls, SD of which WRCTC is a member. We hope this book will provide the students with the cultural and historical value of the small communities within this wonderful state and all the attractions they have to offer.





# SDTA to Award \$6,000 in 2021 Scholarships

The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) annually awards scholarships under two separate programs or scholarship funds administered by the South Dakota Community Foundation, those two programs/funds include our “SDTA Memorial Scholarships” and our “Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarships.”

**This year, for the fall 2021 college semester, (SDTA) will be awarding FOUR scholarships of \$1,500 under its Memorial Scholarship Program.** The deadline to apply for these Scholarships is June 15, 2021. To be eligible for the available Memorial Scholarship awards, you must have plans to attend or already be attending a college as a full-time student (taking at least 12 semester credit hours or its equivalent) and meet the following criteria:

- Have a High School Diploma or GED equivalent;
- Be accepted into or attending a multi-year program degree at any accredited technical college or other accredited post-secondary higher education institution in South Dakota for the fall 2021 semester;
- Be majoring in a degree/program or field of study that is useful in the telecommunications or broadband industry or which significantly relies on the use of broadband services and related technologies (see examples of majors eligible for this scholarship below); and
- Be a customer/member or have a parent or legal guardian who is a customer/member of a SDTA member company, such as West River Cooperative Telephone Company.

*\*Previous SDTA Memorial Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.*

Examples of eligible majors or fields of study for the SDTA Memorial Scholarship include, but are not limited to: Telecommunications; WiFi and Broadband Technologies; Information Systems Technology; Satellite Communications; Health Information Technology; Office Technology Specialist; Programming Specialist; Network Specialist; Engineering (Computer Science or Systems, Electrical, CAD, Software, Industrial, Communications Systems, Network Security); Technologies or Computers (Communications Systems Engineering Technologies, Computer Programming, Computer Software Specialist, Computer Systems or Software, Computer Applications, Utilities Technologies, Network Technician, Internet Apps Developer, Laser/Electro-Optics, Marketing, Network Administration, System Administrator); Technology Education; and Communication Arts (Graphic Design or Mass Communications, Commercial Arts, Multimedia/Web Development.)

The scholarship application can be completed online, submitted by email to [karasemmler@sdtaonline.com](mailto:karasemmler@sdtaonline.com) or mailed hard-copy to: SDTA, PO Box 57, Pierre, SD 57501. Applications are available online at [www.sdtaonline.com](http://www.sdtaonline.com), from any South Dakota post-secondary institution student financial aid office, the SDTA office, or any SDTA member company.

Award selections will be 12971 207th Ave., Meadow; announced on or around July 15th.

The Memorial Scholarship Program and Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarship programs are supported by SDTA and its member companies, including all of the following community-based rural broadband providers operating in South Dakota: Alliance Communications; Beresford Municipal Telephone; Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority; Faith Municipal Telephone; Fort Randall Telephone; Golden West Telecommunications; Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative; James Valley Telecommunications; Kennebec Telephone Company; Midstate Communications; RC Technologies; Santel Communications; Swiftel Communications; TrioTel Communications; Valley Telecommunications; Venture Communications; West River Cooperative Telephone Company; West River Telecommunications Cooperative.

## New WRCTC Members

### Buffalo

Holley, Blaise & Skyler 375-3012  
Latham, Jason & Kaeloni 375-3964

### Camp Crook

Cooper, Miles & Natalie 797-4451

### Lemmon

Schell, Gladys 374-4550

### Newell

Hansen, Matt & Angela 456-2198

## PHOTO CONTEST RULES:

*The photo must be an original taken by a WRCTC member. If the photo contains a person who is highly recognizable and it is chosen as a winner, a picture permission form must be signed by the individual. If the subject is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must sign prior to receiving the money. Each customer may submit FOUR 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 acknowledgment to the photographer. The winners will see their photo on the front cover of the 2022 directory and will be awarded \$100 cash prize for first place; \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. Employees and Directors are not eligible.*

## Local Graduation Schedule



May 8	2:00 p.m.	Bison
May 15	2:21 p.m.	Buffalo
May 16	2:00 p.m.	Lemmon
May 22	2:00 p.m.	Newell



Don't assume you know what's below.  
Protect yourself and those around you –  
Call 811 every time.

## Call Before You DIG

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree?  
Installing a PO Box 114, Nisland; 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 every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.

## Huber named Interim GM



After an unexpected medical situation with Colle Nash, Colgan Huber has 1011 Sheep Mountain Rd., Capitol; been named Interim General Manager. This will stay in effect until Colle Nash returns to the office.

## Find Your Address

Five addresses were hidden in the last newsletter. Hidden in this issue are five new addresses. If you find YOUR address, all you have to do is notify our office. The \$20 will then be deducted off your telephone bill. Changes of address in the New WRCTC Members section do not count.  
**Deadline is May 21, 2021.**

**\$20**  
**bill credit**