

## LAST CALL!

### 2022 Directory Photo Contest

# WEATHER

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**LAST CALL** 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 PO Box 71, Bison; the 2022 Directory Photo Contest is August 2, 2021.**

Contest Rules can be found on page 2.



# 2021 Directory 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.*

## IPTV Changes

- Effective August 1, 2021, we will no longer carry the Fusion Network on Channel 157 and HD 657 (Platinum Package). NCTC does not intend to renew the 11126 Ladner Rd, Buffalo; Fusion agreement based on lack of any customer value afforded by Fusion.
- WGNA, Channel 4 and HD 504, has now changed its name to NewsNation.
- Fox Sports North, Channel 25 and HD 525, has changed its name to Bally Sports North.

## Round-Up: Make a Difference!

For many years now, West River Cooperative Telephone Company has been collecting donations for the Round-Up Program. This program allows WRCTC to donate to members who have experienced a hardship, members who have medical bills and even organizations in need of funds for a new project. Donating to the Round-Up Program is as easy as rounding your bill up to the next dollar! The most it would ever cost is .99 cents a month. If you know 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 distributed. The current Round-Up Committee members are: Melissa Breeding, Buffalo; Kathy Edwards, Vale; Lexy Inghram, Bison; Judy Berge, Lemmon and Ken Wetz, Newell.



# Employee News: Anniversaries & New Employees



**DARIN PRELLE** recently celebrated his 20 year anniversary with WRCTC! Darin came to work for the Cooperative in 2001 as a Combination Technician. In 2003, he was promoted to Journeyman Combination Technician and in May 2005, he was once again promoted to Area Journeyman Combination Technician. Darin's job responsibilities include maintaining and repairing telecommunications services with the Bison, Sorum and Meadow areas. Darin and his wife, Tammy, have two sons, Clay and Jace. In his spare time, Darin enjoys hunting, watching movies, working out and spending time with his family.

**JOSH MACKABEN** recently celebrated 15 years of service with WRCTC. In 2006, Josh started working for WRCTC as a Combination Technician, and in 2009, he was promoted to Journeyman Combination Technician. In November 2015, Josh was promoted to Area Journeyman Combination Technician for the Newell, Nisland and Vale areas. His main responsibilities include installing high-speed DSL Internet service, maintaining and repairing telecommunications 100 4th Ave W, Lemmon; services and locating underground facilities. Josh and his wife Cori have three boys and one girl: Corbin, Cooper, Cruze and Savana. In his spare time, Josh enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.



**JACE PRELLE** was hired as summer help for West River Cooperative Telephone for the second year in a row. Jace is from Bison, graduated from Bison High School in 2019, and is currently attending the University of South Dakota to pursue a degree in business administration. Previously, Jace has worked for Carmichael builders, the Town of Bison, and WRCTC. He is the son of Darin and Tammy Prella and has one brother, Clayton. In his free time, Jace enjoys working out, hanging out with friends, and playing with his dog. Welcome back, Jace!

## Letters from the Mailbox

*Dear Scholarship Committee,*

*Thank you for awarding me your \$500 scholarship. I will use it this fall attending the South Dakota School of Mines. It is an honor to be chosen PO Box 4, Newell; and I appreciate your help with my schooling.*

**David Morell- Newell School District  
2021 Scholarship Recipient**

*Thank you for supporting Bison High School for Blue Velvet Prom 2021.*

**Bison High School**

*Thank you for supporting our fair and rodeo. Your support is greatly appreciated and means so much to the success of our county fair.*

*With great appreciation,*

**Perkins County Fair and Rodeo**

## New WRCTC Members

### Bison

Wallace, Dorothy 244-6607

### Newell

Gardner, Matt & Dawn 456-2216  
Crago, Kim from: 257-2831  
to: 456-6795

### Belle Fourche

Runnings from: 568-0211  
to: 892-2588

## SECURE PAY

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

Available 24/7!

**844-252-5267**

**HELP is only a  
Phone Call Away  
(24/7 Support)**

**SDPlains Help Desk  
888-464-9513**

## 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. **Deadline is July 23, 2021.**

**\$20  
bill credit**

## Office Closed

West River Cooperative Telephone Company's office will be closed Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day.



## ATTENTION BUSINESSES:

### How Many Authorized Users are on Your Business Account?

To protect the privacy of information contained in your telephone account, WRCTC is only allowed to discuss account information with the person(s) listed on the account. This includes businesses. We must authenticate you (confirm your identity) before sharing account information. This is done by asking you two questions pertaining to your account that only you, as the account holder, would know.

As a business, you may want to check who is an authorized user on your account. If an employee retires or resigns, you may need to update your account information. Also, if the account is listed ONLY in the business' name, you PO Box 134, Vale; might want to consider adding an authorized user, or multiple users, to discuss account changes, payments or any other account data with our company.

Interested in adding or removing an authorized user? You will need to fill out an authorized user form. This form can be found on our website, [www.wrctc.coop](http://www.wrctc.coop), or you may call our office at 777 or 605-244-5213 and one of the Customer Service Representatives will be happy to help you.