

# We Take Copyright Infringement Seriously



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When West River Cooperative Telephone Company receives a notice from a copyright holder or its authorized representative regarding an alleged violation of law by someone using an IP address identified as belonging to West River Cooperative Telephone Company, we are obligated by law to notify the customer of the infringement by telephone and email. If it is a first time offense, the customer will be notified and advised that an alleged violation of copyright law has been received and that any further violations could affect the customer's access to the internet. Notification of a second offense will result in the same action. A third offense may result in notice that internet service will be restricted for ninety (90) days to limit the ability to violate the law. A fourth offense may result in the termination of internet service, unless instructed otherwise by federal law or copyright holder.

If you have any questions regarding copyright infringements, please contact our office at 605-244-5213 or 777.

## Tailgate Parties

West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric are back at it! They are teaming up to serve a meal at football games 18293 Sheep Corner Rd., Nisland; in the communities we serve! The schedule is posted below:

August 19, 2021 – Harding County vs. Bison

Grilling starts at 6:00 PM at the Harding County Football field.  
Game starts at 7:00 PM.

August 27, 2021 – Bison vs. Timber Lake

Grilling starts at 6:00 PM at the Bison Football field.  
Game starts at 7:00 PM.

September 9, 2021 – Lemmon vs. Timber Lake

Grilling starts at 6:00 PM at the Lemmon Football field.  
Game starts at 7:00 PM.

September 17, 2021 – Faith vs. Lemmon

Grilling starts at 6:00 PM at the Faith Football field.  
Game starts at 7:00 PM.

October 1, 2021 – Newell vs. Bison

Grilling starts at 1:00 PM at the Newell Football field.  
Game starts at 2:00 PM.



## New WRCTC Members

<b>Lemmon</b>	
Romancin' The Range	374-7872
<b>Newell</b>	
High Plains Restaurant & Bar	456-3333
Mike & Linda Mackrell	456-7195
Michael Slover	456-5130

**SECURE PAY**  
Make a payment on your bill over the phone using a debit/credit card or check.  
Available 24/7!  
844-252-5267

**INTERNET 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 next telephone bill. Changes of address in the New WRCTC Members section do not count.  
**Deadline is August 23, 2021.**

**\$20 bill credit**

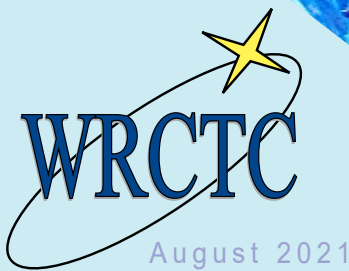
## Fair Suppers

**July 29, 2021**  
WRCTC, along side Butte Electric, will be serving a free supper at the 100th Anniversary of the Butte/Lawrence County Fair. Supper will begin at 5:00 PM.

**August 6, 2021**  
WRCTC and their sister company, Grand Electric, will be serving a free supper at the Perkins County Fair Grounds. Supper will begin at 5:00 PM.

## Montana Plow

Last month, a few of WRCTC's telephone techs were plowing new fiber to residents who have not been hooked up to the new system. They found themselves in some very beautiful country in Montana! Trevor Fisher is on the tractor ahead, Brent Simons is on the rear plow and Jace Prella keeps a watchful eye.



West River Cooperative Telephone Company will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day.



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West River Cooperative Telephone Company

# Calling on You

Help us choose the winners of the 2022



# WEATHER PHOTO CONTEST

The 2022 Directory Photo Contest officially closes August 2, 2021, and we are doing things completely different this year! In the past, employees' chose their favorite photos and those were the pictures that were on the cover of the phonebook. This year we want the Members involved in the judging process! Once all photos have been submitted, West River Cooperative Telephone Company employees will choose their top 7 favorite photos. As soon as the 12720 Schmeke Rd., Newell; 7 favorites have been chosen, we will be sharing these to Facebook. THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN! On August 3rd, Log into Facebook, search for West River Cooperative Telephone Company, click the LIKE button and open up our Facebook page! Here you will see the TOP 7 photos that have advanced to the next round. The 3 photos that have the most likes by 12 PM on August 13, 2021, will be the winners! Winners will be contacted the week of August 16, 2021. Thanks for participating!



2021 Board of Directors Election

2021 Director Election at upcoming October 4th Annual Meeting  
A bylaw change approved at the 2019 Annual Meeting resulted in the creation of districts and a requirement that directors be chosen from specific districts along with one At-Large director. If you reside in District 1 or District 4 and are interested in running for one of the Directorships, you will need to submit a Nominating Petition, which is due in the office no later than Friday, August 20, 2021 by 5:00 pm. Petitions are available at the office, or call 605-244-5213 or westriver@sdplains.com to receive one by email. Each petition requires 15 signatures from WRCTC members.

Directors whose terms expire in 2021 are:

- DeJon Bakken – District 1
- Kacie Turbiville – District 4
- Sandi Helms – District 4

Districts are designated as follows:

- District 1: All areas within the North Lemmon Exchange 376; and All areas within the Lemmon Exchange 374.
- District 4: All areas within the Buffalo Exchange 375; All areas within the Camp Crook Exchange 797; and That portion of the area within the Sorum Exchange 866 located in Harding County.

The WRCTC Board of Directors appointed the 2021 Credentials Committee at their regular meeting in July. In August, the Credentials Committee will meet to approve the credentials of those submitting Petitions nominating him/her for a director position.

If you have any questions regarding the Nomination process for Directorships, please feel free to call the office at 605-244-5213 or 800-592-1803 and ask for Pam.

Corporation Voting Delegates

The West River Cooperative Telephone Company (WRCTC) Annual Meeting Voting Delegate Certificate for Corporations is printed below. We are asking you to please fill out this Certificate at your next regular meeting and either mail it to WRCTC or present it at

the registration table prior to the meeting.

These Certificates are for all corporations, churches, townships, halls and schools who are members of WRCTC and want to be represented at WRCTC’s Annual Meeting in Bison on October 4, 2021.

Please have an authorized officer of the corporation or organization sign the Certificate.

2021 Voting Delegate Certificate

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of delegate)

of \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_  
(address) (print name of delegate)

of \_\_\_\_\_, is authorized to represent  
(address)

\_\_\_\_\_ at the Annual Meeting of  
West River Cooperative Telephone Company to be held Monday,  
October 4, 2021, in Bison, South Dakota.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(President) or \_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Changes needed for the 2022 Directory

We are currently in the process of updating the West River Cooperative Telephone Directory for 2022. **Anyone who would like changes made to their directory listing should contact our office no later than September 10, 2021.** Individuals,

organizations or churches with an additional listing for their employees or pastors should contact our business 13818 200th Ave., Meadow; office to verify that our current information is correct. Any additional listing for 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](http://www.wrctc.coop).

The Power of Pennies

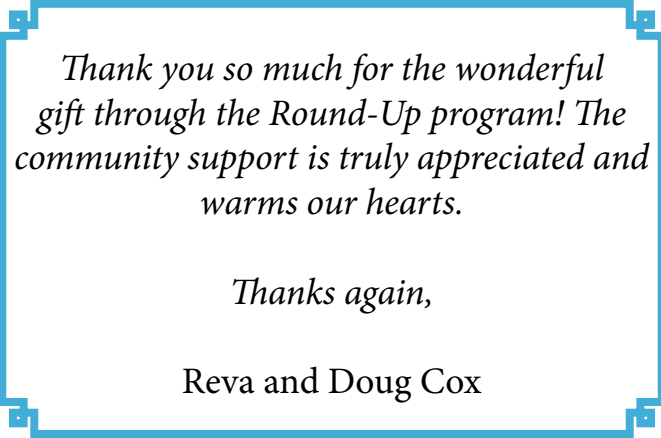
Twice each year, the West River Cooperative Telephone Company Round-Up Committee submits names of community members or groups who have experienced some type of hardship. Money is then given to these individuals as a small way for our Cooperative members to “Give Back.” Every penny distributed has been collected from members “Rounding Up” their telephone bill to the nearest dollar. Committee members nominated the following members to receive \$500 each: Wendy Block, Lemmon; Richard Greff, Lemmon; Jerry Goodroad, Nisland; Reva Cox, Vale and Don Trohkimoinen, Vale.

**Do you participate in West River Cooperative Telephone Company’s Round-Up Program?**  
Doing so can make a significant difference in the lives of those in the communities WRCTC serves. The Round-Up Program was started in 1998 and has since donated \$114,160 to Cooperative members or groups experiencing a hardship. The Round-Up

Program is funded by WRCTC members who round up their monthly telephone bill to the nearest dollar. The most the program can cost a member is 99 cents per month. West River Cooperative Telephone Company does not withhold any administrative or accounting fees.

**Do you know someone who could benefit from receiving Round-Up funds?**  
Our Round-Up Committee would be happy to take your submissions! Melissa Breeding, Buffalo; Kathy Edwards, Vale; Lexy Kindsvogel, Bison; Judy Berge, Lemmon and Ken Wetz, Newell, currently serve on the committee. You may also call 605-244-5213 or 777 (toll-free in WRCTC’s service territory) or submit your request online at [www.wrctc.coop/contact](http://www.wrctc.coop/contact).

**Want to participate in our Round-Up program?**  
Please fill out the form on page 4 and return it with your bill. Or, give us a call and we will be happy to help! 605-244-5213 or 777.



Reva Cox receives her Round-Up check.

**It is amazing what a few pennies every month can do for families in need! The Round-Up Program is one way of showing others in your community that you care.**

Round-Up Committee Positions

We are looking for members to serve on our Round-Up Committee starting June 2022! Committee members will serve for three years and will meet via conference call two times a year. During these calls, Committee members 804 1st Ave W., Lemmon; will discuss and nominate people in the community that would greatly benefit from receiving Round-Up funds. If you are interested in serving on the Round-Up Committee, please contact Sara at 605-244-5213 or 777.



Don Trohkimoinen receives his Round-Up check.

**As many of our members have stated, you never know when you might be a recipient.**

New Employee: Welcome Emilee Besler!!

Emilee Besler joined the Grand Electric Accounting Department on July 12, 2021. Emilee has a Bachelor’s Degree of Science in Accounting. Before starting her career at Grand Electric and West River Cooperative Telephone Company, she worked for Black Hills CPA Group in Rapid City for 9 years. Emilee and her husband, Will, moved PO Box 465, Buffalo; back to Bison with their family 6 years ago. They have three wonderful children, Lila, Cora and Beckett. When Emilee is not working, she enjoys spending time with her kids and family, gardening, reading and crafting. Welcome, Emilee!!



WRCTC’S ROUND-UP PROGRAM  
THE POWER OF CHANGE  
GIVE A LITTLE...GAIN A LOT!

As a WRCTC member, you have a unique opportunity to support Round-Up, a program that provides financial support to Community members facing hardship or an organization in need of financial support.

By signing this form you authorize West River Cooperative Telephone Company to Round-Up your telecommunications bill each month to the nearest dollar. Send this form back with your monthly bill or mail to: PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620.

Name(s) on Account \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_