

Calling on You

\$2,500 FRS Scholarship Available

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), along with WRCTC, is offering a \$2,500 scholarship! Preference will be given to individuals expressing an interest in returning to work in a rural area following college graduation.

Applications are available online at www.wrctc.coop, through the Guidance Counselor at your school or from WRCTC in Bison.

Completed applications require the signature of the manager, board president or designated employee PRIOR to February 18, 2022, to ensure applications are postmarked to FRS before the deadline.

West River
Cooperative
Telephone Company
will be closed
December 24 &
27 in observance
of Christmas and
December 31 in
observance of
New Years.
Happy Holidays!



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\$500 Scholarships Available

ATTENTION High School Seniors from Bison, Buffalo, Lemmon, Faith and Newell: Here is your chance to win a \$500 scholarship! One senior from each school district will be awarded a scholarship from WRCTC and Grand Electric for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year! Applications are available online at www.wrctc.coop, through the Guidance Counselor at your school or from WRCTC in Bison. Please mail your completed application and any extra documents to: WRCTC, Attn: Scholarship Program, PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620.


Applications must be postmarked by March 11, 2022.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!

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Do you know someone who could use a helping hand or someone who has fallen on hard times? What about an organization needing funds for a new project?

ROUND-UP CAN HELP!

The West River Cooperative Telephone Company's Round-Up Program was designed to help those in need! By donating a few pennies every month, you could give a helping hand to those who have fallen on hard times. If you know PO Box 422, Buffalo; of someone who could benefit from this program, please contact one of WRCTC's Round-Up Committee members:

Melissa Breeding – Buffalo – 605-375-3907

Kathy Edwards – Vale – 605-456-2879

12978 Hope Road, Newell;

Lexy Kindsvogel – Bison – 605-244-5759

Ken Wetz – Newell – 605-456-2247

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ROUND-UP COMMITTEE?

We are currently looking for new Round-Up Committee members starting January 2022! Committee members will serve for three years and will meet via conference call two times a year. During these calls, Committee members will discuss and nominate people in the community they feel would greatly benefit from receiving Round-Up funds. If you are interested in serving on the Round-Up Committee, please contact Sara at 605-244-5211 or 777 from a landline phone.

If you would like to sign up for the Round-Up Program, please submit the form below, call our office at 605-244-5213 or submit your request online at www.wrctc.coop/contact.

The Power of Change

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.

GIVE A LITTLE....GAIN A LOT!

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

Name on Account _____

Signature _____

Phone Number _____

From the Mailbox

Hi West River Telephone Company!

Just a note to say thanks for all the great service you provide. When we have a problem you help get it solved. Thanks to Josh for always coming to the house to make repairs. Thanks to you all! God Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Tracy, Kenny and Brianne Seieroe, Nisland

Thank you for the \$300 donation.

**Xander Brixey, Prairie City, Lemmon Jr.
Livestock Recipient (Pictured to the right)**



Dear West River Telephone,

Thank you so much for the add-on premium money at Lemmon Junior. I really appreciate it. I love showing! This year I showed a steer, feeder calf and a breeding ewe. I love showing and can't wait for next years' program.

Thanks again,

Shannon M. Gebhart, Meadow (Pictured to the left)



Dear West River Telephone,

Thank you so much for the add-on premium money at the Lemmon Livestock Show. I really appreciate it! This year I showed a market steer and a breeding ewe. I love showing and can't wait to show again next year.

Thanks again,

**Katelyn Gebhart, Meadow
(Pictured to the right)**



Thank you for the \$50.00 I won in your recent promotion. It made my day!

Dennis Maas, Lemmon, Cooperative Month Bill Credit Winner

WRCTC!!

Thank you so much for drawing my number at the Annual Meeting! That \$500.00 cold cash was surprising and exciting to receive. I will make sure to spend it within the WRCTC coverage area. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Karen Englehart, Bison

Statement of Nondiscrimination

West River Cooperative Telephone Company is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs).

Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Person with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202)720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800)877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available PO Box 54, Bison; in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail:
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

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New WRCTC Members

Bison, Meadow, Sorum

Clark, Caleb & Angela 866-4757
Fried, Bradley & Jessica- South Place 244-6518

Buffalo, Camp Crook

Blaha, James & Mary 375-3308

Newell

Cooper, Charles 456-7951
Preslicka, Brent & Ethan 456-7895
Waddell, Shirley 456-5772

Cooperative Appreciation Month \$50 Bill Credit WINNERS

1. Kermet Kahl, Shadehill
2. Larry Litzel, Buffalo
3. Dennis Maas, Lemmon
4. Dennis Kari, Bison
5. Kim Block, Lemmon
6. Roland & Karol Hoffman, Lemmon
7. Mylan Charles, Newell
8. Albert & Bridget Keller, Lemmon
9. Brad Brunner, Vale
10. Gregory Wetz, Vale



Congratulations!

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 December 22, 2021.

\$20
bill credit

National Do Not Call Registry Q&A

Don't let Telemarketers Ruin your Day!

Why would I register my phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry?

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you an opportunity to limit the telemarketing calls you receive. Once you register your phone number, telemarketers covered by the National Do Not Call Registry have up to 31 days from the date you register to stop calling you.

Who manages the National Do Not Call Registry?

The National Do Not Call Registry is managed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency. It is enforced by the FTC, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and state law enforcement officials.

How soon after I register will I notice a reduction in calls?

Telemarketers covered by the National Do Not Call Registry have up to 31 days from the date 305 4th Ave E, Lemmon; you register to stop calling you.

When I register my phone number, how long until it shows up on the National Do Not Call Registry?

After you register, your phone number will show up on the registry by the next day. Telemarketers have up to 31 days to get your phone number and remove it from their call lists.

What if I change my mind? Can I take my number off the National Do Not Call Registry?

You can delete your phone number only by calling toll-free 1-888-382-1222 from the telephone number you want to delete. After you contact the registry to delete it, it will be removed from the National Do Not Call Registry by the next day. But telemarketers have up to 31 days to access information about your deletion and add your number back to their call lists, if they choose to.

I have more than one personal telephone number. How can I register all of those numbers?

You may register up to three telephone numbers (including cell phone numbers) at one time on the National Do Not Call Registry website. You will receive a separate confirmation email for each number you wish to register online. You must open each email and click on the link in each one to complete the registration process. If you have more than three personal telephone numbers, you will have to go through the registration process more than once to register all of your numbers. There 13528 Valley Township Rd, Vale; is a limit on the number of phone numbers you can register in this manner. If registering via telephone, you can register only one number at a time and you must call from the telephone number you are registering.

How do I get more information about the registry?

You can visit the website for the National Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov or call the registry's toll-free number (1-888-382-1222).