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THANKSGIVING**

West River
Cooperative
Telephone
Company will be
closed November
24 & 25 in
observation of
Thanksgiving.



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Members Margaret and George Gerbracht, Larry Fritz, and Dick and Eleanor Johnson enjoy each other's company after the meeting adjourned.

Annual Meeting Highlights

We had a wonderful evening for the 69th West River Cooperative Telephone Company Annual Meeting. 187 people attended the Annual Meeting on October 3rd. This year, the Annual Meeting returned to the West River Cooperative Telephone Company Warehouse and a pancake and sausage supper was served. Each membership 707 5th Ave W, Lemmon; that attended received a \$15 bill credit, a raffle ticket for a chance to win a grand prize, and an Annual Meeting packet. Once members registered in the Social Room, they were directed to the warehouse to enjoy the pancake and sausage supper.

Before the meeting began, the Color Guard posted the colors, Channing Reiff, Bison, sang the National Anthem and Pastor Brad Burkhalter, Prairie City, gave the invocation.

The Credentials Committee Report was presented to the members by Attorney Drew Skjoldal. Joe Burke,

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Channing Reiff sings the National Anthem.

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Annual Meeting Continued:

Newell; Greg Fried, Bison and Garrett Schweitzer, ran unopposed and continue with their directorships.

General Manager Eric Kahler, reported on the challenges and accomplishments of the Cooperative over the past year and discussed future projects that are in store for the Cooperative.

President DeJon Bakken and General Manager Eric Kahler recognized Kerry Holmes for his 15 years of dedication to West River Cooperative Telephone Company.

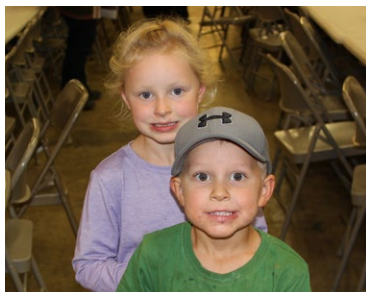


Kerry Holmes celebrates 15 years at WRCTC.

During registration, members were given a raffle ticket for the grand prize drawings and children PO Box 123, Vale; dropped their name in a jar for a chance to win a mini iPad. The grand prize drawings were held at the end of the meeting. Hailey Block, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Block, won the mini iPad and the five \$100 cash prize winners were Christina Block, Lemmon; Jens Hansen, Meadow; Eleanor Johnson, Faith; Max Matthews, Bison and Don McKinstry, Bison. Thank you to our members who made the night a great success! It was good to see everyone's smiling faces back at the pancake and sausage dinner in the warehouse!



Pastor Brad Burkhalter speaks before giving the Annual Meeting invocation.



Kinley and Kyle Sander smile for the camera!



Members listen to President DeJon Bakken speak.



Joyce Waddell, Sandy Wagner & Teddi Carlson.



Members register with the Member Relations Reps.



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS: Eleanor Johnson, Donny McKinstry, Jens Hansen, Max Matthews and Christina Block



KIDS GRAND PRIZE WINNER: Hailey Block

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Lemmon Appreciation Luncheon

On October 6, West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric traveled to Lemmon for an Appreciation Luncheon in order to thank our member-owners! Members were invited to John Lopez's Studio for an informal get together. Employees and Board Members were there to answer questions and General Manager Eric Kahler gave a brief update on the current happenings of both Cooperatives. St. Larry's BBQ catered a delicious 19496 128th St, Meadow; lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw and lemonade. A \$25 bill credit was up for grabs and the winner was Charlotte Kvale, Lemmon. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to chat, ask questions and enjoy yummy food and good company.



Anniversary



Bonnie Sander celebrates 35 years of work at West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric Cooperative this year.

Bonnie started work as a Billing Clerk on March 11, 1974. After a few years of work at WRCTC and Grand Electric, she left to pursue other interests. On September 10, 1990 she was rehired and returned to work. Her title has changed over the years from Billing Clerk to Customer Service 18920 113th St, Shadehill; Representative and now Member Relations Representative. When Bonnie is not at the office, she enjoys helping her son with farm work, working in her yard, having her children and grand children around, and spoiling her dog, Missy. Congratulations on 35 years, Bonnie!



New WRCTC Members

Buffalo

Lee, Tracy 375-3947

Lemmon

R Bar 374-7227

Thompson, Zac & Sarah 374-7987

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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 November 28, 2022.

\$20
bill credit

From the Mailbox

West River Telephone,
Thank you for sponsoring my premium at the Lemmon Jr. Livestock Show! I
appreciate you supporting local 4-H'ers.

Sincerely,
Joe Larson

Dear West River Telephone,
Thank you for sponsoring my premium at the Lemmon Junior Livestock Show. I
appreciate you supporting 4-H youth in our area.

Sincerely,
Eli Larson

Dear West River Telephone Company,
Thank you for purchasing my premium at the Lemmon Jr. Livestock Show. The
money will go to my college fund. I am planning on going to a jewel and gemology
school and then to continue my small jewelry business.

Sincerely,
Anna Larson

Dear West River Telephone,
Thank you so much for donating money to my premium sale! I enjoy getting
to work on the ranch and show calves and heifers every year. I am planning on
putting the money to my college savings and can't wait to show again next year!

Thanks again,
Allie Kohn

Dear West River Telephone,
Thank you for the add-on premium you gave me at the Lemmon Jr. Livestock
Show. I really appreciate it and plan to put the money in my savings account for
college. Thank you for the support!

Sincerely,
Sam Weishaar

Dear West River Telephone Company,
Thank you for continuing to support Live at the Lake each year. We appreciate
your willingness to take a risk on us the first year and then continue to be a major
supporter the past four years. Looking forward to our 5th year in 2023.

Thanks again,
Placemakers Live at the Lake Committee

Thank you, West River Cooperative Telephone Company, for donating to the
Annual Reva/Sorum Volunteer Fire Department pancake supper on
October 1, 2022.

Reva/Sorum Volunteer Fire Department

Thank you, WRCTC, for all that you do to support our county fair and rodeo. Your
support makes it possible. Thank you for the donation for the Gala Days Bronc
Ride. Thank you all SO much for the "behind the scenes" activities like the supper,
rodeo PO Box 513, Buffalo; books, etc.

With great appreciation,
Perkins County Fair board

WRCTC,
Thank you very much for choosing me as the \$500 scholarship recipient. It is an
honor to be supported by the local businesses and it will truly give me a head
start financially.

Sincerely,
Talon Trogstad - Lemmon Scholarship Recipient

West River Cooperative Telephone Company,
Thank you so much for the donation to the series! It was a lot of fun watching the
kids compete and have fun!

Thank you again,
Faith C2 Summer Series

West River Cooperative Telephone Company,
Thank you for your continued support of the Reva Turtle Races and for your
generous donation. Without you, the day wouldn't be possible.

Thanks again,
Reva Turtle Races