

Calling on You

A Message from General Manager, Eric Kahler



It's hard to believe that we are in the middle of the 2022 holiday season and Christmas is just around the corner. It seems like just yesterday that spring was upon us. I guess the old saying is true, "time goes by way too fast". I wanted to take a moment and share where West Po Box 85, Reva; River Cooperative Telephone Company currently stands financially. The year-end forecast indicates that 2022 will be a good year for the Cooperative. An advantage of being part of a Cooperative is that your Cooperative always has you in mind and we strive to be of service and value to you, our member-owners. As a result, I am pleased

to announce the Board of Directors has approved issuing a \$50 bill credit to all members of the Cooperative with an active account. The bill credit should be reflected on your December bill. The Board of Directors felt this was a great opportunity to provide some degree of financial relief to the Cooperative's members, especially given the impact that inflation is having on our membership. I hope that you and your families have a great rest of the holiday season and as always, we look forward to continuing to serve you well into the future.

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West River Cooperative Telephone Company will be closed December 23 & 26 in observance of Christmas, and January 2 in observance of New Years Day. Happy Holidays!



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THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

MANAGED WI-FI

Today through December 27th, sign up for one month of

FREE MANAGED WI-FI!!!

*Subscribers must keep Managed Wi-Fi for two months in order to receive one month free. Managed Wi-Fi will show up on your February bill - \$10/month.

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Win a FREE Trip to Washington, D.C.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE: All 15, 16 & 17 year olds (at the time of tour) whose parent or guardian is a member of WRCTC

WHAT DOES IT COST? Airfare, hotel & meals are FREE. The only expense to attendees would be extras: snacks, souvenirs & shopping.

WHEN: May 31- June 4, 2023

HOW DO I ENTER TO WIN A FREE TRIP?

1. Must be a dependent of a WRCTC Member.
2. Must be 15, 16 or 17 at the time of the tour-18 year olds are ineligible.
3. Write an essay, no more than 500 words, on the topic of:

How does your local Telephone Cooperative keep you "connected"?

4. Cover page including your essay's title, your name, address, phone number, email, name of your parent/guardian, name of your school, the grade you are currently in, date of birth & your T-shirt size.
5. Essays will be judged and 2 winners will win a FREE trip to D.C.!

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS JANUARY 3, 2023

Contact Brooke Schecher at 605-244-5211 * email bschecher@wrctc.coop * or visit www.wrctc.coop for more information.

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 17498 SD Hwy 20, Bison; fallen on hard times. If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, please contact one of WRCTC's Round-Up Committee members:

Julie Hatle - Bison - 605-788-2968

Renita Brunner - Vale - 605-456-2592

Yvonne Campbell - Lemmon - 605-374-5362

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

Thank you so much for your support of the Lemmon Junior Livestock Show and the 4-H Program.

The Beer Family

Thank you for supporting me at the Lemmon Jr. Livestock Show.

Blaze Beer, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

We thank you for the \$100 prize at the Telephone Annual Meeting.

Dick and Eleanor Johnson

Thank you so much for supporting me this year at Lemmon Jr. Livestock Show. I appreciated it greatly. My steers name was Timothy and I look forward to showing again next year.

Sienna Peterson, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Thank you for the premium donation towards my steer. I look forward to showing again next year. I plan to save my 4-H money for college.

Sutton Peterson, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Thank you for supporting 4-H.

Kaden Kvale, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Thank you for your support at Lemmon Jr. Livestock. I really appreciate the premium money.

Darla Barnes, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Thank you for the premium money at the Lemmon Jr. Livestock. I really appreciate your support.

Reva Barnes, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Thank you for the premium 610 2nd Ave W, Lemmon; money at Lemmon Junior Livestock.

Lila Barnes, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

My name is Riley. You are the one who bought my sheep named Jack. Thank you very much. I plan to use the money to start my own herd this year. Your support of 4-H is appreciated. I hope we can count on your support next year.

Riley Feistner, Butte Lawrence County Fair Contestant

Thank you for your financial support of me and my 4-H goat and sheep projects. This was my fourth year showing goats and I had a great year with my home raised market wether, Axel and my yearling breeding doe, Prissy that I bought. This was also my first year showing sheep. I loved showing my yearling baby doll ewe, Velma that I bought and I am breeding her to

start a small flock of baby dolls. Thank you for adding onto my goat and sheep premiums. I really appreciate your generosity and support of me and I plan on using my premium money to help with costs for my goat herd and to buy more bred sheep to show in next year's point series, state fair and county shows. Thank you again for supporting me at the Lemmon Jr. Premium Sale. Sincerely,

Brea Bauer, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Thank you for supporting me and my 4-H goat and sheep projects this year. I appreciate you adding onto my premium and for supporting me and other 4-Hers. It's because of people like you who help me do what I love. Without your support I couldn't have gone to nine different shows and the North Dakota State Fair. I did extremely well this year by placing 2nd in most shows with my goat and won showmanship at two shows. I plan on using my premium money to increase my goat herd and buy another market doe next year. Thanks again for supporting me and my animals.

Ayla Bauer, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Thank you for your financial support of me at the Lemmon Junior Premium Sale. This is my sixth year showing goats and I showed a home raised market wether, Jeffery and my home raised breeding doting, Blakley. Although I didn't always place in the top five at the multiple shows we attended this year, I'm proud to show the goats me and my sister's worked hard to raise. Thank you for adding on to my goat premium. I really appreciate your generosity and support of me and I plan on using my premium money to help with costs for my goat herd and to buy a more competitive market doe to show in next year's point series, state fair and county fair shows. Thank you again for supporting me and the other 4-H youth at the Lemmon Junior Premium Sale.

Myah Bauer, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Thank you very much for your support of me and my 4-H Goat Project. Also, thank you for adding to my Lemmon Jr. Livestock Premium this year. I really appreciate your generosity and support of me and the 4-H program. I plan on saving my premium money for college next year. I greatly appreciate your support of me throughout the years and I am grateful to have had your support throughout my showing career. Thank you again for supporting me and other 4-Hers.

Dara Bauer, Lemmon Jr. Livestock Contestant

Western Dakota Career Showcase

West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric attended the Western Dakota Career Showcase on November 7th at the Lemmon Armory. Tori Kling, Lyle Reiff and Brady Hathaway were available to answer questions about careers at both of the cooperatives. The main objective of the showcase was to encourage our young people to continue to live in our communities while building a career right here in their home area of the western Dakotas.



Pictured above, Tori, Brady and Lyle speak to students about careers at WRCTC and Grand Electric.

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 PO Box 97, Nisland; filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Person with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, 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

Buffalo, Camp Crook

Moseley, Shirley 797-4482
Teller, Jacie 375-3461

Lemmon

Franklund, Bernice 374-6704
Gebhart, Dalton & Sara 374-0588
Ginther, Weston & Katelin 701-376-3968
Kling, Todd & Alise 374-8018

Newell

Mooney, Jacobie 456-3836

Cooperative Appreciation Month \$50 Bill Credit WINNERS

1. Wade & Lorena Derflinger, Faith
2. John & Noreen Green, Lodgepole
3. John & Susan Henrichsen, Rapid City
4. Lance Hourigan, Lemmon
5. Betty Macauley, Meadow
6. Leone Meidinger, Lemmon
7. Charles L. & Mildred Reid, Nisland
8. Greg & Paula Richter, Buffalo
9. Horace Seim, Shadehill
10. James Wishard, Bison

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 23, 2022.**

\$20
bill credit



National Do Not Call Registry Q&A

Don't let Telemarketers Ruin your Day!

Why would I register my 13365 184th St, Newell; 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 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 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).



**WRCTC will be CLOSED December 14
from 9am - 3pm for an employee meeting.**