



West River Cooperative Telephone Company

Calling on You

2025 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. Any entrant over the age of 18 must be a membership holder. Each customer may submit FOUR photos. Photos must be taken in WRCTC's territory. Photos must be submitted by e-mail as a jpeg or pdf file. Photo must be cropped to the final version before being submitted. The photos must be in full-color. 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 2025 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 to participate.



LAST CALL!



BABY ANIMALS

2025 DIRECTORY PHOTO CONTEST

LAST CALL for photos for the 2025 WRCTC Directory. The photos can be of any type of baby animal! We want to see the view through your lens!

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WRCTC requires all photos to be submitted digitally. Digital photos are more vibrant and clear, they keep their quality and are easy to access while designing the directory cover. We 11584 US Hwy 85, Buffalo; will not crop your photos for the contest, they will be used as submitted.

Pictures must be taken within WRCTC's Service Territory.

Deadline to enter the 2025 Directory Photo Contest is July 31, 2024.

Please submit pictures to: bschecher@wrctc.coop



PROTECTIQ

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ME?

In the next couple months, we will cover PROTECTIQ AND EXPERIENCEIQ and discuss WHY these options are beneficial to YOU! Check out last month's edition for more information on COMMANDIQ or call the office 106 4th Ave W, Lemmon; and talk to a Member Relations Representative!

PROTECTIQ is part of the COMMANDIQ App- The PROTECTIQ option protects all devices that are connected to your router. Visualize this as a big blanket! PROTECTIQ makes sure all devices are safe while connected to your network by pushing away threats. Not only are all devices protected, but the app will send you notifications when a threat has been blocked! This provides one more layer of protection above and beyond Anti-Virus protection (downloaded on an individual computer). PROTECTIQ protects computers, smartTVs, cellphones, tablets, etc. by blocking threats while downloading documents, and blocking websites that are not secure or are suspicious. As long as the device is connected to your network, it is protected! Let's keep you safe with PROTECTIQ - a blanket of protection over all your network devices! (\$3/month)

There are so many benefits to the COMMANDIQ App! The list goes on and on! Call the office today for more information!

- ❑ **COMMANDIQ is available to all Managed Wi-Fi subscribers. PROTECTIQ and EXPERIENCEIQ require our GigaSpire.**
- ❑ **Already have a GigaCenter? Call us today to upgrade to a GigaSpire for FREE!!**
- ❑ **Not sure what you have? Give us a call and we can check if it's time for an upgrade!**



**A BLANKET OF
PROTECTION
OVER ALL DEVICES
CONNECTED TO
YOUR NETWORK!**



**Protect your
Credit and Cash**

ProtectIQ™ Network Security



Gebhart and Odenbach tour Washington, D.C.

Each year, West River Cooperative Telephone Company collaborates with the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) to organize an educational trip for youth from rural areas nationwide. Earlier this year, we announced the winners of this trip, Chel Odenbach and Laine Gebhart, who traveled to Washington, D.C., from June 3 to June 7.

During their visit, Chel and Laine, along with many other students from across the United States, explored numerous landmarks including the Capitol, the White House, the Washington Monument, the Air and Space Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian, Capitol Hill, Mount Vernon, the Vietnam 13492 Valley Township Rd, Vale; Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. The group also had the opportunity to meet House Representative Dusty Johnson during their tour. This unforgettable experience was truly one for the books for these young ladies! Check back next month to read about their adventures!



Chel Odenbach and Laine Gebhart visit the South Dakota column at the WWII Memorial.

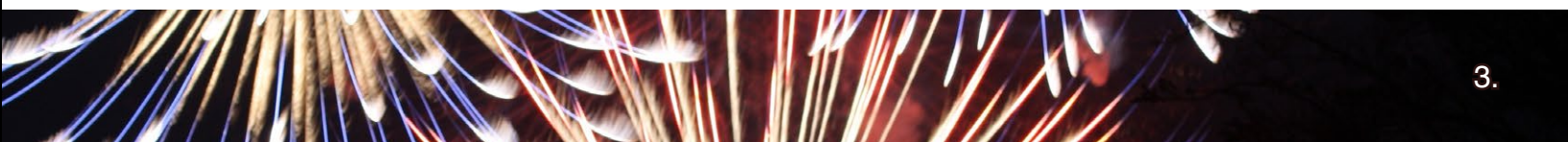


Laine Gebhart, House Rep. Dusty Johnson, Chel Odenbach and other Youth Tour guests pose for a photo.



Youth Tour participants pose by the South Dakota flag just outside of House Rep. Dusty Johnson's office.

WRCTC is closed, Thursday, July 4, 2024, in observance of Independence Day.



New WRCTC Members

Bison

Larson, Duane & Amanda 605-244-7294

Lemmon

Dickinson, William & Margaret 605-374-4300
Nelson, Michelle 605-374-7041



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844-252-5267

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 July 29, 2024.

\$20
bill credit

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 18324 Knutson Rd, Newell; 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. The committee members represent the areas served by WRCTC and decide how the funds will be distributed. The current Round-Up Committee members are: Paula Reedy, Newell; Pat Dalzell, Lemmon and Cheryl Turbiville, Camp Crook At this time we are still looking for more members to be part of the Round-Up Committee. If you are interested or know of anyone interested, please contact Brooke at 605-244-5213.



911 Increase

The State of South Dakota increased the 911 emergency services surcharge to \$2.00 during the 2024 legislative session, making this mandatory increase effective 7/1/24 through 7/1/26.

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws § 34-45-4 voice service providers are required to collect and remit the 911 emergency surcharges to the SD Department of Revenue and to state such charges in any billing statement, invoice, or receipt.

This increase will PO Box 687, Buffalo; only affect members with telephone services, located in South Dakota.