

# Calling on You

## Photo Contest Winners

The 2025 Directory Photo Contest Winners have been selected! This year's theme was "BABY ANIMALS" and there were many excellent entries. The winners of the contest were:

1st Place: SHANNON GEBHART - LEMMON

2nd Place: MEAGEN WALTERS - LEMMON

3rd Place: KAHLEA SEIDEL - BISON

Congratulations to our winners! Getting our members involved in voting on Facebook is a lot of fun and it allows members to have a say in what photos are used on the cover of their Directory. Members "liked" their favorite photos on the West River Cooperative Telephone Company's Facebook page and the three photos with the most likes were named the winners. These three photos will appear on the cover of the 2025 WRCTC Directory. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos and went on our Facebook page and participated in the voting!



HAPPY

HALLOWEEN...

FROM WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY: 711 SECOND  
ST, NISLAND;



[facebook.com/WRCTC](https://facebook.com/WRCTC)

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## REMINDER:

Your West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
Annual Meeting is:

**OCTOBER 7, 2024**

Hope to see you there!

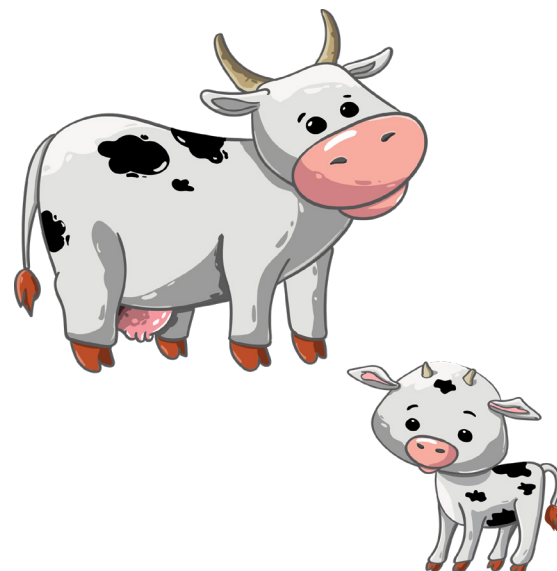


## Camera Systems- NOW is the Time to Order!

Want to relieve the stress that occurs during calving and lambing season? Install a monitoring system, it's just what you need! If checking the cattle from your couch while it's snowing and blowing outside sparks an interest, ORDER TODAY! Ordering ahead of time will allow for the devices to ship, arrive and be installed in a timely manner. Our monitoring system allows you to check your cameras from a computer, TV or any wireless device (ex: laptop, tablet or smartphone).

Have a few cows grannyng on a calf and wish you knew who it belonged to? We offer a DVR system that you can record and rewind to view what has happened in the past!

Call us today at 605-244-5213 for a free quote – let us help make this stressful time a little more stress free!



## Cooperative Month- Member Appreciation!

In celebration of Cooperative Month, WRCTC will be giving away \$50 bill credits to ten lucky members! Cooperatives work to the benefit of their members and their communities. West River Cooperative Telephone Company wants to 801 2nd Ave W, Lemmon; show our appreciation to YOU, our member-owner! We will be giving away 10 – \$50 bill credits! To enter the drawing, please fill out our online form at [www.wrctc.coop](http://www.wrctc.coop) or complete the certificate located below and return it to West River Cooperative Telephone Company, PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620.

**Deadline to register is Tuesday, October 22, 2024!**

*You must be a member of West River Cooperative Telephone Company to win. Please enter only once.*

### Cooperative Member Appreciation Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to WRCTC • PO Box 39 • Bison, SD 57620. Deadline to enter is Tuesday, October 22, 2024.



## Appreciation Luncheons

October is Cooperative Month! What better way to celebrate you, our members, than an Appreciation Luncheon? It is a great time to show our Members how much we appreciate their patronage! Cooperatives were built by the members and are powered by YOU! We will host our Appreciation Luncheons in Meadow, Reva, and Buffalo. Please join us for a wonderful meal, good 11000 Holcomb Pl., Buffalo; company, and an informal setting to have any questions you may have answered. We hope to see you there!

# COOPERATIVE MONTH

## APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS

**MEADOW – OCTOBER 11, 2024 – 12PM**  
INDIAN CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

**REVA – OCTOBER 18, 2024 – 12PM**  
SLIM BUTTES LUTHERAN CHURCH

**BUFFALO – OCTOBER 29, 2024 – 12PM**  
BUFFALO REC CENTER

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



Senior Division Quiz Bowl Winner: Freshman, Kaydence Gilbert, daughter of Pine and Tami Gilbert, Ludlow, SD.

## 2024 Quiz Bowl Winner

Each year, Grand Electric and West River Cooperative Telephone Company sponsor the Quiz Bowl at the Harding County Fair. Participants are 306 1st Ave W, Lemmon; quizzed on their knowledge of agriculture by answering a series of questions. The Senior Division winner is presented with a \$500 scholarship when they attend their first year of college. The winner of the Senior Division and \$500 scholarship was Kaydence Gilbert. A BIG congratulations to our 2024 Quiz Bowl Winner!

## New WRCTC Members

### Bison

Kolb, Jacob & Chloe 605-244-5479

### Buffalo

Johnson, Kathy 605-375-3424  
Witt, Steven & Justa 605-375-3385

### Camp Crook

Humbracht, John & Linda  
%Bunk House 605-797-4607

### Lemmon

Cywus, James 605-374-1041  
Kile, Mike & Kristy Lynn 605-374-4430

### Newell

Swenby, Candace 605-456-3358

## 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 October 29, 2024.

**\$20**  
bill credit



Above: General Manager Eric Kahler, Tally Seim, Brent Simons, and WRCTC Board President Dejon Bakken.

## SDTLA Leadership Graduates

Tally Seim, Member Relations Supervisor, and Brent Simons, Journeyman Combination Technician, successfully graduated from the South Dakota Telecom Leadership Academy after months of dedicated coursework and trainings. They began the monthly training program in January and concluded PO Box 117, Camp Crook; in August. Graduation was held at the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) Annual Meeting in Deadwood, SD.

Throughout this comprehensive course, students acquired insights into their leadership strengths, learning styles, and personality traits, enabling them to effectively manage situations and shape their decision-making processes based on their distinctive leadership styles. Congratulations to the graduates on their achievement!

Below: Former Leadership Graduate and Mentor, Kerry Holmes, Brent Simons, Tally Seim, and Former Leadership Graduate and Mentor, Brady Hathaway, celebrate the occasion.

