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West River Cooperative Telephone Company will be closed November 28 & 29 in observance of Thanksgiving.



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Everly Kronberg enjoys her sausage and pancake supper before the business meeting starts.

Annual Meeting Highlights

The 71st West River Cooperative Telephone Company Annual Meeting was held on October 7th. We had 178 attendees, who enjoyed a delicious pancake and sausage supper in the WRCTC Warehouse. Each membership that registered received a \$20 bill credit, a Bingo card for a chance to win one of five \$100 grand prizes, and an Annual Meeting packet. Once members registered in the Social Room, employees directed them to the warehouse to enjoy the pancake and sausage supper. Tonya Collins was available to answer questions and get members signed up to save \$1.00 off their bill for signing up for paperless billing and SmartHub!

Before the 11175 Pheasant Lane, Shadehill; meeting began, General Manager Eric Kahler and Board President Dejon Bakken took a giant group selfie, the Rogers-Smith Post #255 Color Guard posted the colors, Oakleigh Seidel, Bison, sang the National Anthem, and Pastor Phil Hahn, Grace Bible Fellowship, Bison, gave the invocation.

Attorney Drew Skjoldal presented the Credentials Committee Report to the members. DeJon Bakken, Lemmon;



Oakleigh Seidel sings the National Anthem.



Annual Meeting Continued:



Pastor Phil Hahn gives the invocation.

Sandi Helms, Reva; and Kacie Turbiville, Camp Crook, ran unopposed and 12927 Schmele Rd, Newell; continued with their directorships for another three year term.

General Manager Eric Kahler reported on the cooperative's challenges and accomplishments over the past year and discussed future projects. Kara Semmler, SDTA's Executive Director, was a guest speaker.

President DeJon Bakken and General Manager Eric Kahler recognized Director Greg Fried for his 20 years of dedication to the West River Cooperative Telephone Company Board of Directors. Kacie Turbiville was recognized for completing the NTCA Director Core Curriculum and new employee, Julianna Zittleman, who started as the Cashier/ Receptionist in May, was introduced.



Kara Semmler from SDTA speaks to the Members.

A \$250 scholarship opportunity was added as a giveaway during the Annual Meeting to any 2025 graduating Senior who attended the Annual Meeting with their guardian. The winner of the \$250 scholarship was Josh Cook, son of Brady and Charity Hathaway. After the scholarship was awarded, it was time for door prizes.



DeJon Bakken congratulates Greg Fried on his 20 years at the co-op!



DeJon Bakken presents Kacie Turbiville with her Certificate for completing training!



Julianna Zittleman is introduced to the Members!

Annual Meeting Continued:



Josh Cook was the \$250 Scholarship Winner!

Twenty-two door prizes were handed out to the members from our suppliers and a member business, Gayle's Show Box & Boots in Newell. During registration, members were given a Bingo Card for a chance to win one of five \$100 grand prizes. The five \$100 bingo winners were Bert Lewton, Bison; Jacob Lyons, Meadow; Sarah Shinabarger, Bison; Karen Voller, Bison; and Karen Englehart, Bison. After Bingo, the kids 11165 177th Ave, Lemmon; were brought back to the warehouse to see who the winner of the iPad was. This year, Korbin Keller, son of Albert and Bridget Keller, was the lucky winner. Rogers-Smith Post #255 retired the colors, and President Bakken adjourned 13625 Rabbit Creek Pl, Reva; the meeting.



Korbin Keller wins the iPad!

Thank you to our members who made the night a great success! It was good to see everyone's smiling faces at the pancake and sausage dinner in the WRCTC warehouse!



Grand Prize Bingo Winners: Bert Lewton, Jacob Lyons, Sarah Shinabarger, Karen Voller and Karen Englehart.



New WRCTC Members

Buffalo

Rolling in the Dough 605-375-3461

Camp Crook

Tennant, Jean - Shop 605-797-4480

Lemmon

Bierman, Evelyn 605-374-6037

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 November 25, 2024.

**\$20
bill credit**

2024 Tailgate Suppers

West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric Cooperative employees, directors and members 12051 N Camp Crook Rd, Camp Crook; had a great time at the 2024 Tailgate Parties!

On September 6th, hot dogs and brats were served at the Lemmon-McIntosh game in Lemmon. Serving at this game were Tyrell Ellingson, Tally Seim, Julianna Zittleman, Nancy Miles, Lyle Reiff, Sharon Longwood, WRCTC Board Vice President Garrett Schweitzer and WRCTC Board President DeJon Bakken.

On September 13th, WRCTC and GEC tailgated in Faith at the Longhorns game! Serving at this game were Janelle Goddard, Bonnie Sander, Brooke Schecher, Clay Brown, Reggie Kennedy, General Manager Eric Kahler, and GEC Board President John Long.

On September 20th, West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric Cooperative traveled to Buffalo to serve at the Harding County/Bison football game. Employees and Directors serving at this game were, Tonya Collins, Pat Palmer, Mike Stadler, Brady Hathaway, Bill Anders, Laura Johnson, Kacie Turbiville and Greg Fried.

We had a wonderful turnout for tailgates this year and we had a great time serving our members in each community! There is nothing better than enjoying a good football game in the fall! Good luck to all of the teams as they finish out their seasons!

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