



West River
Cooperative
Telephone
Company

Calling on You

Nora Larson and Sierra Sattler Return Home from Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of West River Telephone Cooperative,

Thank you so much for the amazing opportunity to visit Washington, D.C.! For a farm/ranch girl like me it was quite the experience! It was my first time traveling by airplane, and I met people from all over the country.

We went to the National Mall, Hiroshima Memorial, the FCC, White House, Capitol, Library of Congress, Newseum, Mount Vernon and saw many other historical sites. There was so much to see and it was all so amazing! I noticed a few 257-2522 things that were quite foreign to me while I was there. There are so many trees! It was very humid in the D.C. area. And lastly, there wasn't any wind!

Thanks to you, I am now more informed about how our government 244-7143 is run and what part rural people play in this country. I really enjoyed the breakout sessions where we broke into small groups to discuss rural issues. I am so grateful to WRCTC for selecting me for the 2017 Youth Tour!

Nora Larson, Lemmon

Dear WRCTC,

I do not even know where to begin with a thank you. This has been an amazing trip that I will never forget. I had so many firsts on this trip, including first flight – that was both amazing and exhilarating at the same time. First time 456-2597 at the capital. First time ever talking to one of the FCC commissioners – Mrs. Clyburn. First time at the Smithsonians and Mount Vernon and so, so many more!

By far my favorite thing to do was to go to Mount Vernon. To not only learn about the history of this estate, but also take in the beauty of the forest that surrounded the house and the farm lands. Walking through those heavily wooded paths made me feel like I had stepped back in time to our nation's birth.

I had more eye-opening experiences in a span of around five days in D.C. than I have in my entire life. The smallest of these being the fact that there are places that aren't plains. And the largest being that the sheer size of 374-9745 everything and how beautiful everything has been made. With all their intricate designs and carvings. Places like the capital and National Cathedral are good examples of this. I have learned so much from this trip, not just about our Nation's history but also about how telecom's work.

So again, I would like to tell all of you thank you from the bottom of my heart. This trip has been amazing!

Sierra Sattler, Lemmon

Office Closed

West River Cooperative Telephone Company office will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.



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TAILGATE PARTIES ARE COMING!

West River Cooperative Telephone Company and Grand Electric will be attending area football games and serving a FREE meal to local football fans! So, head 244-7136 over to the nearest football field to grab some grub and maybe even catch a T-shirt!

- **August 25 – Lemmon vs. Harding County**
Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Lemmon Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **September 8 – Harding County vs. Timber Lake**
Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Harding Co. Football Field. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **October 13 – Bison vs. Crazy Horse**
Grilling starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Bison Football Field. Game 375-3478 starts at 7:00 p.m.

Dates for the Newell and Faith Tailgate Parties coming soon!

Nominating Committee Appointed

The WRCTC Board of Directors appointed the 2017 Nominating Committee at their regular meeting in June. The Nominating Committee will meet Tuesday, August 24, 2017, at 1:00 pm in Bison to select nominees for the director positions presently held by Judy Gano, Meadow; Don Trohkimoinen, Vale and Matt DeBow, Camp Crook. The 374-4186 director election will be held during WRCTC's Annual Meeting which is scheduled for October 2, 2017, in Bison.

The committee, keeping in mind the principle of geographical representation, is required to prepare and post a list of nominees for director positions at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting. The 797-4681 appointment and publication of the Nominating Committee provides an opportunity for any member wishing to be considered as a nominee for a director position.

Any member interested in being considered for one of the three director positions to be voted on should contact a member of the Nominating Committee listed below:

Alice Holcomb, Buffalo	375-3459	Dan Thompson, Buffalo	375-3265
Vicki Wilkinson, Reva	866-4847	Traci Routier, Buffalo	375-3489
Jerry Martin, Meadow	788-2823	John Johnson, Buffalo	375-3560
Debby Vetter, Bison	244-5278	Gary Jorgenson, Meadow	788-2259
Judy Larson, Lemmon	376-3993	Winfred Bauer, Vale	456-2971

The bylaws also allow nominations by petition of 866-4828 fifteen or more members. Such petition shall be filed not less than twenty (20) days before the Annual Meeting.

Corporation Voting Delegates

The West River Cooperative Telephone Company (WRCTC) Annual Meeting Voting Delegate Certificate for Corporations is printed below. We are asking you to please fill out this Certificate at your next regular meeting and either mail it to WRCTC or present it at the registration table prior to the meeting.

2017 Voting Delegate Certificate

This is to certify that _____
(print name of delegate)
 of _____, or _____
(address) (print name of delegate)
 of _____, is authorized to represent
(address)
 _____ at the Annual Meeting of
 West River Cooperative Telephone Company to be held Monday,
 October 2, 2017, in Bison, South Dakota.
 _____ or _____
(President) (Secretary)
 Date _____

These Certificates are for all 374-3730 corporations, churches, townships, halls and schools who are members of WRCTC and want to be represented at WRCTC's Annual Meeting in Bison on October 2, 2017.

Please have an authorized officer of the corporation or organization sign the Certificate.

Changes needed for 2018 Directory

We are currently in the process of updating the West River Cooperative Telephone Directory for 2018.

Anyone who would like changes made to their directory listing should contact our office no later than September 15, 2017. Individuals, organizations or churches with an additional listing for their employees or pastors should contact our business office to verify that our current information is correct. Any additional listing for residential and business members will be charged \$1.00 per month per listing. Any questions or changes should be directed to our business office by dialing 777 (toll-free) or 605-244-5213 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also submit changes online at www.wrctc.coop.

New WRCTC Members

Buffalo, Camp Crook

Routier, Riley (Tenant) 375-3592
Scherer, Taylor 375-3275
Wood, J. Swan 375-3806

Lemmon

Burchett, Chris 374-4518
Butler, Cathy 374-1473
Erhart, Jerome 374-6385
Julson, Ross 374-8533

Newell

Barnett, Zachary 456-6030
Brimmer, Glen 456-4521
Davis, Pam 456-3821
Green, Genia 456-7856
Kimbril, Charles & Cathy 456-1445
Salzer, Tait & Megan McLaughlin 456-7315
Skouge, Nicole 456-5301
Wood, Colin 456-3853

Nisland

Mininger, Brent & Anne 257-5177

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over the phone using a
debit/credit card or check.
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Find Your Phone

Ten telephone numbers were hidden in the last newsletter. Those members who hunted and found their number were: Beckie Ploszaj, Buffalo; June Hotchkiss, Reva; Ronald Hise, Nisland and Tim Glines, Buffalo. Hidden in this issue are ten new numbers. If you find your number, all you have to do is notify our office. The \$10 will then be deducted off your telephone bill. New connect numbers do not count.

Deadline is August 22, 2017.

2018 Directory Contest Kids & Their Pets



Snap a photo capturing that special moment between children and their pets and you could win \$100! Deadline to enter is August 17, 2017. Entries may be emailed to reggebo@sdplains.com or mailed to WRCTC, PO Box 39, Bison, SD 57620.

- 1st Place - \$100
- 2nd Place - \$50
- 3rd Place - \$25

**Deadline to enter is
August 17, 2017.**

RULES: *The photo must be an original taken by a WRCTC member. If the photo contains a child (under the age of 18) who is highly recognizable and it is chosen as a winner, a picture permission form must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to receiving the money. Child must be a dependent of a WRCTC member. Each customer may submit TWO photos. Photos may also be submitted on a computer disc or e-mailed as a jpeg or pdf file. The photos must be in full-color and will not be returned to the customer. 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 acknowledgement to the photographer. The photographer who captures first place will see his/her photo on the front cover of the 2018 directory and will be awarded a \$100 cash prize; second place will receive \$50 and third place will receive \$25. Employees and Directors are not eligible.*