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# Federal officials should investigate situation at Haskell

*Editor's Note: The following was written by Dolph C. Simons, Jr. for the Lawrence Journal and printed on Indianz.com. December 19, 2009*

It appears the time has come for a deep, thorough investigation of what is going on at Haskell Indian Nations University. Haskell is a unique and important university, and it deserves every opportunity to fulfill its mission of helping prepare American Indians to be involved, contributing members of today's "real world."

It's a good school, but it has the potential to be a far better academic institution. However, it cannot and will not rise to higher levels of excellence and become a nationally recognized and prized university for American Indians unless it has stable, enlightened leadership.

Over the years, there have been far too many changes in leadership at the school. There also have been and currently are elements within the faculty who make it extremely difficult to develop a sound, forward-looking academic curriculum.

Earlier this week, it was learned Haskell President Linda

Warner had been shuffled off to some relatively minor Indian-related position in Oklahoma City.

Warner is an able, highly educated administrator, but, apparently, internal politics within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education or actions and lack of cooperation by some at Haskell all have combined to keep her from initiating and overseeing a sound academic program for the benefit of Haskell students.

Before shifting Warner to Oklahoma City, powers within the BIA or BIE had her moved to a position in the Albuquerque, N.M., area.

Word of the internal mess at Haskell leaked out through a letter signed by Ted Wright, who spent a year as Haskell's vice president for university services. In the letter, addressed to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and all members of Congress, Wright asks for a thorough internal investigation of the school. He wrote, "Unfortunately, Haskell employs a group of about seven individuals who actively work against the administration. This group has been vocal, and since the BIE maintains a policy that does not allow administrators

to respond, only misinformation, rumor and innuendoes are spread to the public, to the students and to Congress."

He added, "I agree with a recent blog that said this should be embarrassing to BIE officials; it was embarrassing to me as a native person that the very group of people who should have native students in mind actually worked to create an environment of fictional drama on campus that was detrimental to the University's attempt to live up to its potential."

He then lists numerous situations that he thinks illustrate the immediate need for an investigation. Some of these cover areas such as ethics, hiring policies and budget/money issues.

He said, "You have many issues in Interior; I wonder where Indian students fit in your priorities?"

This letter was dated Oct. 8, 2009, and, according to those close to the situation, there has been no response from Salazar and, until recently, no response from members of Congress indicating they intend to check into what appears to be a very ugly situation at Haskell.

It should be embarrassing, but the reaction or response to Wright's letter or Warner's efforts

seems to be Indian officials to try to make Warner disappear, get rid of her.

She is a member of the Comanche tribe and has a bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., a master's in education from Pennsylvania State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. She has held senior positions at the Tennessee State Board of Regents, the University of Missouri and the National Science Foundation.

Haskell would benefit greatly by her leadership.

The sad part of this story is that officials of the BIE, BIA and Interior Department either don't care or don't think this is a sufficiently important situation to respond to Wright's letter or provide information to those in Congress who have asked for information.

Apparently, they think they don't have to reply and are not answerable to anyone.

Lawrence residents should be concerned. Haskell, founded in 1884, is the nation's oldest continuously operating BIA educational facility. It currently has approximately 1,000 students representing about 135 tribes from close to

40 states. It's an important university.

If Lawrence and Douglas County did not have Kansas University and Baker University, local residents would be doing everything they could to help Haskell.

Just as Kansas legislators face severe economic conditions that limit the number of dollars they can allocate to KU, the same situation applies to Congress and what it can, or wishes to, appropriate for Haskell. Even so, it seems Congress has shortchanged Haskell and thereby has limited what the school has been able to achieve in providing an excellent educational facility for American Indians.

The current situation needs to be examined and certainly BIA, BIE and Interior Department officials should make such an investigation a top priority. Also, they should respond immediately to members of Congress asking for information about what is going on at Haskell.

As Wright said in his letter, the current situation is an embarrassment.

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Some of South Dakota's talented artists and craftspeople are in the spotlight in January's TV show, DAKOTA LIFE.

The signature SDPB Television series, in its 12th year, features the stories, people and places that make South Dakota a great and fascinating place to live.

DAKOTA LIFE airs multiple times, giving South Dakotans an opportunity to drop in on interesting people and places in the state. The new episode airs:

- \*Thursday, Jan. 7, 8pm (7 MT)
- \*Friday, Jan. 8, 9:30pm (8:30 MT)
- \*Sunday, Jan. 10, 1pm (Noon MT)
- \*Monday, Jan. 18, 10:30pm (9:30 MT)
- \*Friday, Jan. 29, 10:30pm (9:30 MT)

January's line-up includes:

**Mouth-Painter Jack Reich** of Isabel Jack Reich was born with a birth defect that limited the use of his arms and legs. He overcame these issues in his own way, learning to paint and draw with his mouth. Despite the tragedies in his life, he is still painting and is a member of the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists of the World.

**Mike Marshall, Sicangu Lakota Artist, Mission**

Drawing on his cultural heritage, Mike Marshall incorporates natural materials in the objects he makes. He uses hides, beads, bone and paints - creating work that is utilitarian as well as decorative. His work includes buffalo robes, silverwork, beaded jewelry, Lakota toys and bone sleds.

**Black Hills Wood Workers Guild, Rapid City**

The Black Hills Wood Workers Guild, Northern Chapter, has a project near and dear to the hearts of many. They create wooden cases for folded military flags.

Tune in and join the DAKOTA LIFE. Past programs can be viewed online at SDPB.org/dakotalife.

For information about SDPB and the Friends of SDPB, go to SDPB.org or call 800-456-0766.

## A Guiding Light

Did you know you were chosen for greatness? Did you know that you were created and called to a special purpose? The Bible teaches that every man and woman, no matter what nationality or race is "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God. That includes you.

You were born prepacked. God looked at your entire life and determined what assignment to give you and gave you the tools to do the job. Psalms 139:14-16 not only says you are fearfully and wonderfully made but that God created your inmost being and knit you together in your mothers womb. At the sixth day of creation God saw everything he had made and behold it was very good. You are included in that statement.

Today is the day to embrace the goodness of God and his goodness that is within you.

Never let anyone or anything make you think you are less than what God created you to be.

God does not make junk. Resolve this coming year to find God's purpose for your life.

## BeefTalk: A New Year's Resolution - Apply What We Know

By Kris Ringwall, Beef Specialist  
NDSU Extension Service

Have you ever been around someone who knows everything? However, in this case, I mean those people who actually do know a good share of stuff.

Granted, this is not a question concerning memory recall but an inquiry into how, as beef producers, we seek to obtain the answers we need to stay in business. Information overload may lead to a memory crash, but one does not need to simply rely on memory because there certainly is a lot of room in how each of us approaches problems and finds solutions. The bottom line is that there are answers, but it is important that we make some effort in understanding these answers.

As the New Year approaches, beef producers should stop and ask what we know today that we did not know at this time last year. Wow, health, nutrition, genetics, management, etc. The list is long and not simple. In fact, almost all of our newer technologies came about because of advances in laboratories that study, but do not feed, the beef cow.

As humbling as it might be, many who have a strong influence on the future of the beef cow seldom see cattle. Instead, these are dedicated individuals who enjoy making a living in the fields of study involving math and chemistry.

If we travel back in time, most would agree math and chemistry or perhaps many other biological applications of math and chemistry were difficult at best.

Anyone who has taught math or chemistry will need just a second to recall the numerous examples of trying to get students to understand a basic concept.

Having been at the receiving end, as most of us have, the frustration mounts as a fellow student tries to explain what to him or her is a simple answer but leaves us in a fog.

Why the discussion? Most of the changes that occurred in the past or will in the future involve a better and more complex understanding of biological systems that were or will be converted to some form of math or chemistry that we can apply to our lives.

For example, turn to any beef breed Web site and start browsing for information.

What used to be a fairly simple effort of reporting data or printing a form or bulletin now is stacked several layers deep with numerous opportunities to do something.

Since breed organizations are the repositories of data involving the cattle they register, it is only natural that they expand on the genetic opportunities that the database offers. That database keeps expanding and contains the answers to the many often

asked questions. The point is that those answers are available through a properly maintained, organized and analyzed data set.

Now we have the first point of this article. There are people who do know a lot or at least a very good share of what is known. They may not have a total recall of all things, but they do know how to ask data sets the right questions to get the right answers. If we fail to capitalize on the wealth of information contained within a data set, then we will fail to move forward.

A very good example is the use of expected progeny differences (EPDs). The concept of EPDs is laden with so much math that most of us have long since given up trying to figure out just how all these numbers come about. That is not necessarily a bad thing provided we come to trust the people who have painstakingly spent the better part of their careers building the mathematical models so we can make sense of the data and answer our questions.

The news becomes even more exciting. As the knowledge of DNA and other molecular genetics advances through chemistry are added to the mathematical models, the

answers we seek will become even more clear and concise.

Perhaps a good New Year's resolution for the beef industry and producers is to revisit the trust we have in the numerous tools we have available to improve beef production. We then should resolve to implement something we did not know last year.

May you find all your ear tags.

Your comments are always welcome at <http://www.BeefTalk.com>.

For more information, contact the NDBCIA Office, 1041 State Ave., Dickinson, ND 58601, or go to <http://www.CHAPS2000.com> on the Internet.

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## Moreau-Grand decides to shut off PCA for December

Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative's board of directors made the decision at the December meeting to

shut off the PCA (Power Cost Adjustment) for the month of December; thus the PCA line item for each meter on your December bill will read zero (0).

The PCA is designed to cover the increase in the wholesale cost of power purchased by Moreau-Grand. Total dollars collected via the PCA from January - November of 2009 are expected to cover the increase in power costs for the entire year. This is the beauty of operating a PCA - it provides flexibility, which in turn benefits the members.

The same PCA of 1.24 cents/kWh utilized in 2009 will again show up with your January, 2010 billing that will arrive in February.

Moreau-Grand Electric encourages anyone with questions to call them at 1-800-952-3158 or 605-865-3511.

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### Mobridge/Walworth County

Carlin Jewett, born July 1960, convicted May, 1987, of oral sodomy of a female of legal age.

William Schlepp of Mobridge, born October 1938, convicted in 1982 for rape of minor and in 1989 for rape and sexual contact with a minor.

Cleo Schlepp of Mobridge, also known as Cleo Summers, born March 1958, convicted 1989 for aiding and abetting rape, aiding and abetting sexual contact.

Paul David Long Chase III, born December 1969, convicted of third degree rape in 1989 for having intercourse with a 15 year old female.

Richard Mound, Mobridge, born June 9, 1968, convicted of rape and sexual contact.

James Cooper, aka Booker T. Ayers, Charles Leland Cooper, Larry Paul Loon, Michael David Vance, Lee Vance, born April 11, 1940, convicted in 1993 of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14.

Aubrey Vaughn Two Hearts of Mobridge, born Dec. 2, 1962, convicted of abusive sexual contact.

Justin Luke Flying Horse, Mobridge, born September 9, 1980, convicted in 2003 of sexual abuse of a child, involving a 14-

year-old.

(The Mobridge Police Department has a sex offender registry with photos and addresses of the offenders on the MPD website at [www.mobridgepolice.org](http://www.mobridgepolice.org).)

### Corson County

Alvin Ducheneaux of McLaughlin, born April 1933, convicted May 1996 of sexual contact with a minor.

Charles Eagle Pipe of Little Eagle, born April 1973, convicted 1992 of sexual contact with a minor.

Peter Flying Horse of McLaughlin, born March 1963, no further information available.

Greg Lorenzo Weatherspoon of McLaughlin, born July 1964, convicted of gross sexual imposition.

Ronald Gene Hayes of McLaughlin, born November 4, 1946, convicted of aggravated sexual abuse.

Kermit Minor of Bullhead, born October 11, 1964, convicted of felony sexual contact with a minor.

Lyle Archambault of McLaughlin, born October 4 1984, convicted of first-degree sexual conduct.

Frederick James One Feather of McLaughlin, born February 1949, convicted of rape.

Todd Dewane Hauck of McLaughlin, born January 1977, convicted of rape of a minor.

Kerry J. Larson of McLaugh-

lin, born May 27, 1956, convicted of sexual contact with a minor.

Jess H. Poras of McLaughlin, born June 1960, convicted of abusive sexual contact with a minor.

Ronald Gannon of McIntosh, born June 11, 1948, convicted of sexual contact with a person incapable of consenting.

Justin Luke Flying Horse of Mobridge, September 9, 1980, convicted in 2003 of sexual abuse of a child, involving a 14-year-old child.

Keith Looking Back of Little Eagle, born June 20, 1982, convicted of gross sexual imposition.

Corey Yellow Earrings of McLaughlin, born August 26, 1989, convicted of sexual contact with a minor.

Steven Ray Thompson of Mobridge, born January 11, 1959, convicted of sexual contact with a minor.

Howard Eggleman of Wakpala, born July 1, 1940, convicted of abusive sexual contact with a minor.

Stoney Luke End of Horn of Wakpala, born January 16, 1978, convicted of possession of child pornography.

John Louis Lawrence of McLaughlin, born February 23, 1962, convicted of sexual abuse of a minor.

Adrian Paul Martinez of McLaughlin, born May of 1956, convicted of sexual abuse of a

minor.

Franklin Redbear of Bull Head, born August 27, 1968, convicted of rape of an 8-year-old female.

### Dewey County

Offender registered with the Dewey County Sheriff's Department:

Jason L. Selby of Ridgeview, born December 16, 1969, convicted of third degree rape.

Annie Marquis of Eagle Butte, born March 22, 1978, convicted of sexual abuse of a minor involving a 14-year-old girl.

Daren Wayne Bagola, Eagle Butte, born January 31, 1971, convicted of aggravated sexual abuse.

Christopher Bollinger of Timber Lake, born July 25, 1977, convicted of third degree rape.

Benjamin Bowker, Eagle Butte, born Dec. 25, 1952, convicted of aggravated sexual abuse of a 7-year-old male.

Sylvan Brown of Eagle Butte, born March 25, 1935, convicted of felony sexual contact with a 9-year-old female.

Wade Preston of LaPlant, born March 17, 1976, convicted of sexual abuse of a 15-year-old female.

Joy Circle Eagle, Eagle Butte, born Oct. 3, 1968, convicted of rape of 14-year-old male.

Fabian Comes Flying, Eagle Butte, born June 13, 1967, convicted of aggravated sexual rape.

Gene Condon, Eagle Butte, convicted of felony sexual contact with 14-year-old male.

Merrill Condon, Eagle Butte, born Jan. 16, 1956, convicted of sexual abuse of a 10-year-old female.

Theophil Eagle, Eagle Butte, born April 6, 1975, convicted of sexual abuse of a 14-year-old female.

Rex Glanagan, Isabel, born Oct. 14, 1952, convicted of attempted rape in the third degree. Victim was incapable and drug induced.

Clardy Garfield, Eagle Butte, born Jan. 2, 1928, convicted of felony sexual contact with 10-year-old female.

Marques High Elk, Eagle Butte, born June 21, 1980, convicted of sexual contact with a 17-year-old female.

Thomas Iron Moccasin, Eagle Butte, born Dec. 14, 1948, convicted of federal abusive sexual contact.

Mark Iron Wing, La Plant, born April 25, 1976, convicted of abusive sexual conduct.

Vine Janis, Eagle Butte, born July 30, 1980, convicted of abusive sexual conduct with 15-year-old female.

Mahlon Jeffries, Eagle Butte, born Feb. 21, 1963, convicted of abusive sexual contact with an 8-year-old female.

Gregory Jewett, Isabel, born Jan. 10, 1951, convicted of sexual abuse of a 10-year-old female.

Michael Jew ett, Mobridge, convicted of sexual contact with a 10-year-old female.

Aaron Johnson, Eagle Butte, born Sept. 7, 1962, convicted of rape.

Douglas LaPlante, Eagle Butte, born Oct. 12, 1966, convicted of sexual abuse of a minor.

Tracy Lee, Eagle Butte, born March 6, 1967, convicted of abusive sexual contact.

Orville Marrowbone, Eagle Butte, born Oct. 29, 1967, convicted of aggravated sexual abuse with 17-year-old boy.

Marlin Mixer, Eagle Butte, born Dec. 21, 1955, convicted of felony sexual contact.

Charles Moran, Eagle Butte, born May 28, 1977, convicted of sexual abuse of a minor.

Ralin Noisyhawk, Eagle Butte, born Sept. 14, 1983, convicted of aggravated sexual abuse and aiding and abetting.

Shane Oakie, Eagle Butte, born Dec. 7, 1975, convicted of abusive sexual contact.

William Phillips, Trail City, born June 9, 1968, convicted of sexual contact involving a 14-year-old girl.

Daniel Redhorse, Eagle Butte, born July 23, 1970, convicted of abusive sexual abuse with a 13-year-old female.

Clayton Rice, Mobridge, born Jan. 15, 1952, convicted of sexual contact with a 16-year-old female.

Jayme Rivers, Eagle Butte, born April 29, 1979, convicted of sexual abuse.

Daryl Scott, Eagle Butte, born Feb. 10, 1979, convicted of rape.

Shondo Talks, Eagle Butte, born Sept. 10, 1975, convicted of sexual abuse.

Joseph Tapio, La Plant, born Nov. 8, 1950, convicted of rape.

Shane Thompson, Eagle Butte, born Sept. 27, 1969, convicted of aggravated sexual abuse.

James Uses Many, Timber Lake, born Aug. 25, 1948, convicted of aggravated sexual abuse involving a 14-year-old girl.

Aaron Widow, Eagle Butte, born Jan. 14, 1953, convicted of abusive sexual contact.



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McIntosh residents. They are daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moser of McIntosh - Mobridge.

Megan Blotsky of Watertown spent the Labor Day weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blotsky of Sturgis and Mrs. Ray Evenson, Harold Gall and Mr. and Ex Ternes were among the McIntosh residents who attended the open house Sunday for Ruben and Mary

Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Baked port chop, macaroni salad, pineapple strawberry Ambrosia and whole wheat bread.

## A Guiding Light

Luke 10:41-42 Martha was concerned because Mary would not come to help her but Jesus said that Mary had chosen the better part.

How important are the

tree. A certified horticulturist said the tree had bacterial wet wood and to keep an eye on it. I am hoping from what he told me that there will be clear signs as to when the tree has to come down.

I also know of Murphy's Law. My wife is not very fond of this messy tree, but it provides great shade that has saved me significant money in cooling energy costs through the years. She would like for it to come

your happiness, a happy wife or shade and money saved on the cooling bill? You sound like a smart man to me, so I think I know your answer. However, before giving in to her wish,

ways to control her. I tried it but have heard folks who have witnessed success.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Coal Springs Threshing Bee & Antique Show

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Friday, September 24 - Coal Spring Wagon Train Arrives  
6:00 p.m. Chuckwagon Supper  
Followed by Local Entertainment - Everyone Welcome

### Friday

6:00 p.m. - Chuckwagon Supper - Free Will Donation  
Followed by Cowboy Music

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Unscheduled Machinery Demonstrations  
9:00 - 12:00 noon - Children's Activities  
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Car Show  
1:00 p.m. - Parade  
2:00 p.m. - Threshing  
2:00 p.m. - Tractor Pull  
5:00 p.m. - Auction  
(Proceeds go to Coal Springs Antique Club)  
7:00 p.m. - Musical Entertainment - Lorinda Price Band

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Church Service  
Vern Brown  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon -  
Machinery Demonstrations  
11:00 a.m. - Tractor Rodeo  
1:00 p.m. - Parade  
1:30 p.m. - Kid's Pedal Tractor  
2:00 p.m. - Threshing

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For More Information Contact:  
Wade Hofer - 605-788-2855 Brian Flismoe - 605-788-2881,  
Jens Hansen - 605-788-2227 Ed Scheldt - 605-374-7574

Admission: Free Will Donation  
Lunch will be available on the grounds  
Not responsible for theft or accidents

Sponsored by the Coal Springs Antique Club

WRT plans to sign up eligible consumers at events throughout its service area at the following times and locations. WRT encourages you to attend if you think you are eligible or would simply like to learn more about the programs. Additional information on Lifeline and Link-Up is available on WRT's website ([www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com)) or by contacting WRT at 748-2211.

- Monday, September 13 – Friday, September 17
  - Hazen - WRT office: 7 am to 4 pm MT
  - Beulah - WRT office: 7 am to 4 pm MT
  - Mobridge - WRT Office: 8am to 5pm CT
- Tuesday, September 14th
  - Flasher - Fitterer Oil: 10 am to 11 am CT
  - Selfridge - Cenex: 12 pm to 1 pm CT
- Wednesday, September 15th
  - Fort Yates – Food Distribution office: 11 am to 12 pm CT
  - McLaughlin - Cenex: 1 pm to 2 pm MT
- Thursday, September 16th
  - Hebron - Wagon Wheel: 10 am to 11 am CT
  - Glen Ullin - Farmers Union: 1 pm to 2 pm CT

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# WRT Provides Local Outreach for Lifeline Awareness Week

In today's increasingly connected world, telecommunications services provide a vital lifeline to emergency services, friends and family. No American should be offline simply because they cannot afford such services. Lifeline and Link-Up provide crucial financial assistance for qualified consumers so no one gets left out. Access to local emergency services and community resources is vital to all residents. For some, a local phone can be the difference between social connection and complete isolation.

WRT is reaching out to those who need phone service but can't afford it. During the nationwide "Lifeline Awareness Week," September 12-18, WRT will promote the Lifeline and Link Up Programs, which offer discounts to help residents gain access to basic local telephone service.

Telephone customers who are eligible for certain public assistance programs, or who meet income requirements qualify for these federal programs. Lifeline provides a discount on basic telephone

- Elgin - Our Place: 2 pm to 3 pm MT
- Friday, September 17th
- McClusky-Union Grill: 9 am to 10 am CT
- Turtle Lake-Bev's Café: 11 am to 12 pm CT
- Underwood - Underwood City Hall: 1 pm to 2 pm CT
- Washburn-Lewis and Clark Café: 3 pm to 4 pm CT

# Public Notices

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)  
NAME CHANGE  
:COUNTY OF CORSON  
IN CIRCUIT COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN THE MATTER OF )  
LINDA M. MERLINE\_)

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS GIVEN That September 20, 2010 at 1:15 p.m. of said day at the Courtroom of the Courthouse in McIntosh, South Dakota, is the time and place set to hear a Motion to have the Court change the name of Linda M. Merline to her maiden name of Linda M. Martell. any persons interested may appear and file his or her objections to said name change.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.  
Cain Law Office, P. C.  
Rick a. Cain  
318 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East

PO Box 490  
Mobridge, South Dakota 57601-0490  
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### ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR CORSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Corson County, will meet in the Courthouse at McIntosh, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2011 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the

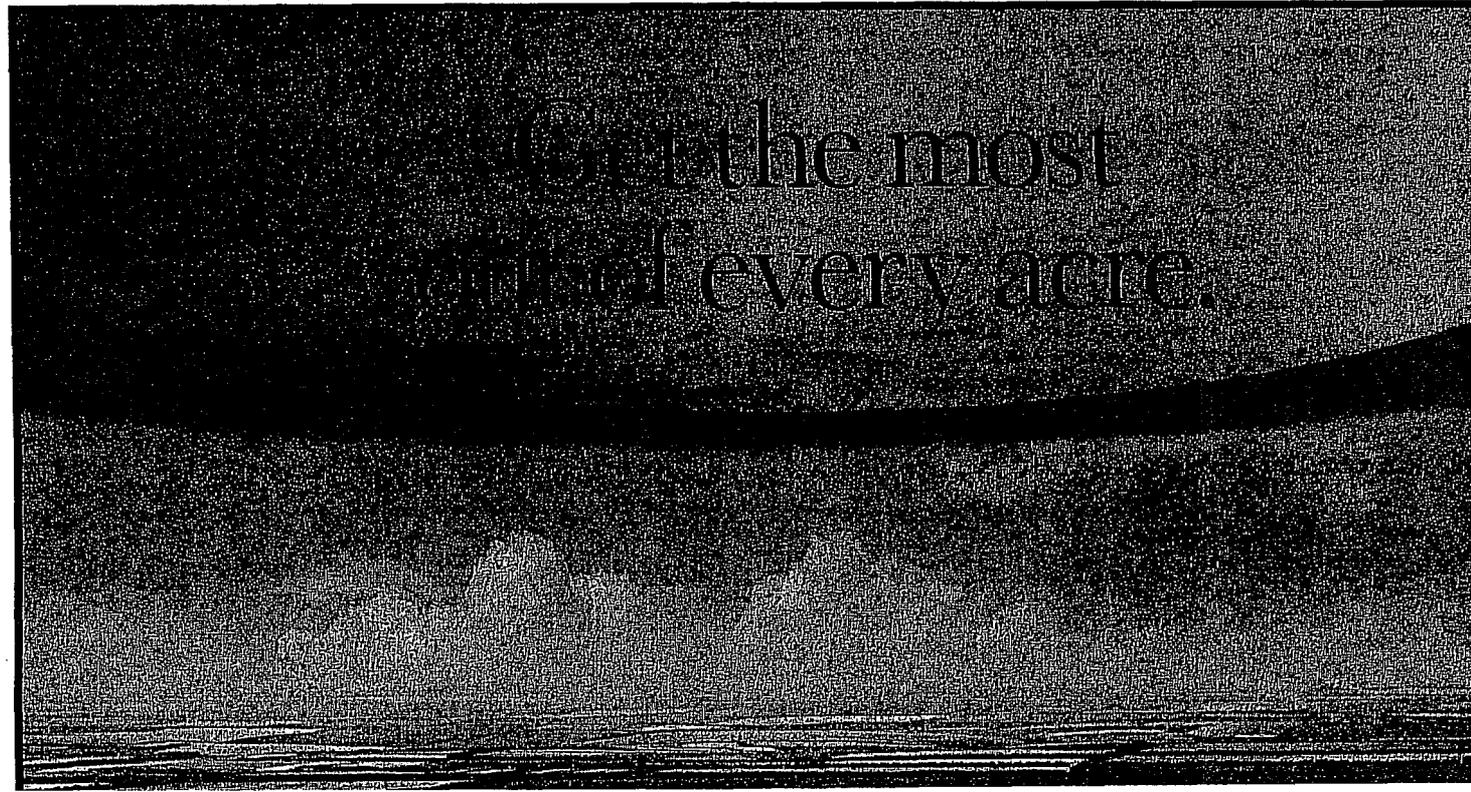
29<sup>th</sup> day of September, time any interested persons either in person or by a and will be given an c a full and complete dis purposes, objectives, ite appropriations, estimate matters set forth ar the Provisional Budget.

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# WRT to help connect area

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Area communications company West River Telecommunications is taking steps to ensure that those who cannot afford phone service can still be connected.

In today's increasingly connected world, telecommunications services provide a vital lifeline to emergency services, friends and family. WRT is helping to get people connected even if they cannot afford such services.

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gency services and community resources is vital to all residents. For some, a local phone can be the difference between social connection and complete isolation. During the nationwide "Lifeline Awareness Week," September 12-18, WRT will promote the Lifeline and Link Up Programs, which offer discounts to help residents gain access to basic local telephone service.

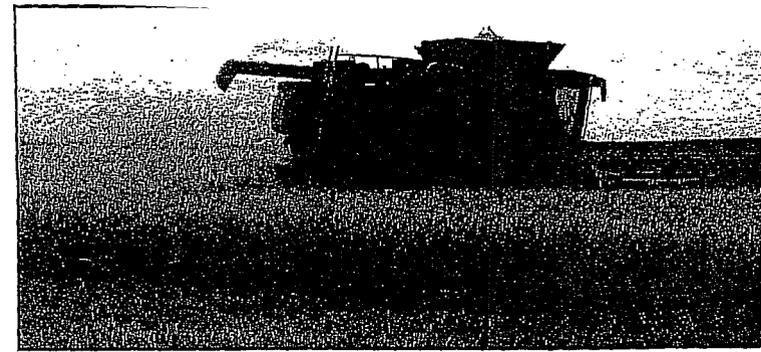
On Monday, Sept. 13, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., area residents will have a chance to get more information and to sign at the

WRT offices in Mobridge and other area offices throughout the week.

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, the same event will be held in Fort Yates at the Food Distribution office from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. Central Time and in McLaughlin at the Cenex from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Mountain Time.

Additional information on Lifeline and Link-Up is available on WRT's website ([www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com)) or by contacting WRT at 748-2211.

--Katie Zerr



--Photo by Sand

## Bringing it in

With the small grain harvest nearly complete in So Dakota, the attention will turn to the row crop harvest. Dry weather has stressed row crops in this area which is expected to impact harvest yields.

## Dry weather takes toll on corn, beans

What started out as a promising year for area farmers has turned into disappointment as the dry, hot weather saps the corn and soybeans in our area.

Although the spring and winter wheat crops provided higher yields, the recent hot and dry weather has had a negative impact on the corn and soybean crops.

According to Walworth and Campbell County Extension Agent David Vander Vliet, the lack of moisture has taken its toll on the crops still in the field.

The heat and high winds last week, along with the lack of moisture in August have caused problems with both the beans and corn.

"The soybeans will have less pods, and less bushels per acre. The beans abort pods during weather stress," said Vander Vliet. "The corn will have smaller

kernels, because there is no ture to fill them up."

He said some area producers have been cutting for silage three weeks before the normal

"Usually plants dry-down er," he said. "But I am sure how some of the crop has been despite the dry heat and low moisture."

He said there are still crops there that will benefit from precipitation.

"There is a lot of promise out there. The sunflowers are holding up well," said Vander Vliet. "There are some heads. For the most part they are doing well."

The small grain harvest is mostly completed with yields in both the winter spring wheat, according to Vander Vliet.

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--Photo by Katie Zerr

## Early Bird winners

Beef 'n Fun retail sponsors who were the winners of this year's Early Bird prizes for pledging sponsorships before the deadline are (from left) Jason Bauer and B.J. Schaeffbauer of Cahill, Schaeffbauer and

Bauer, LLC and Roger Hoffman of Mobridge Youth Organization. Beef 'n Fun Committee member Margie Reinbold presented the \$25 gift certificates from Paylessfoods and Merkel's Foods of Mobridge.

Volunteer Peter Forbes, National Commander of the Vietnam War, Inc. and the Veterans Coalition and his wife Nancy Terespy, National Board member and International Director of Pittston, Penn., are spearheading the project. Forbes, a combat medic of the Royal Australian Regiment, served during the Vietnam War.

There are an estimated 330,000 veterans who are homeless, according to UVBH. One third of the homeless have served in the United States military.

Veterans are homeless for many of the same reasons that

tion to drugs or alcohol. This has made it difficult to hold down a job.

Those with PTSD are six times more likely to abuse alcohol and drug and more likely to be unemployed than those without it, according to UVBH. More than half of homeless veterans have a drug or alcohol abuse problem that may have started or worsened during their military services.

"Beacon House will provide them with a structured environment where they can grow," she said. "Many of these veterans have veered off-track. Beacon

...to the society they willingly protected through their military service.

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goal is to have UVBHs across the country.

—Sandy Bond



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To Advertise in the

# LETTER TO CUSTOMERS

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April 15, 2011

Dear WRT Customer:

**Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Limitation Service** support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. **Note:** Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service as a portion of their telephone bill.

***What type of discount is available?***

**Lifeline** assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive at least \$8.25 per month in discounts.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$21.95 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

**Link Up** reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

**Toll Limitation Service (TLS)** support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

***How do I know whether I am eligible?***

An individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

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In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

**2011 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below  
135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

<b>Persons In Family Unit</b>	<b>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
1	\$14,702	\$18,360	\$16,929
2	\$19,859	\$24,813	\$22,856
3	\$25,016	\$31,266	\$28,782
4	\$30,173	\$37,719	\$34,709
5	\$35,330	\$44,172	\$40,635
6	\$40,487	\$50,625	\$46,562
7	\$45,644	\$57,078	\$52,488
8	\$50,801	\$63,531	\$58,415
For each additional person, add	\$5,157	\$6,453	\$5,927

Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Tribal TANF

***How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support discounts?***

To apply for Lifeline, Link Up and TLS discounts please contact WRT at 845-3100.

Sincerely,



Ranae Schmidt  
WRT Customer Service Manager

# DIRECTORY

# HOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

*Can't Afford Telephone Service? Link-Up and Lifeline Programs May Be Able to Help*

## Lifeline

Can save you at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service. This applies only to primary telephone service in the home where you live. Toll Restriction is also available at no cost to eligible customers.

## Link-Up

Can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Anyone qualified under one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for Link-Up & Lifeline.

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program) aka Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

## Tribal Lands Lifeline & Expanded Link-Up

Residents of tribal lands may be eligible for Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link-Up. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees. Toll Restriction is also available at no cost to eligible customers. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.



### **Who is Eligible?**

Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program) aka Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- BIA General Assistance Program
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start (only with income qualifying standard)

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

### **For More Information**

To apply or see if you qualify, call WRT at 748-2211.

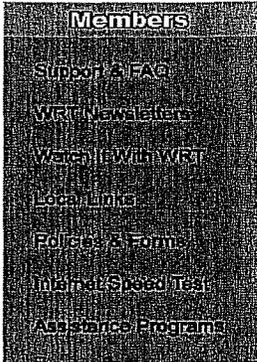
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WRT understands how vital the telephone is to everyday life. Help is available for those who can't afford telephone service—through Lifeline and Link Up Assistance Programs eligible people can receive help to pay part of their telephone costs.

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- Medicaid
- Food Stamps program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program

You may also be eligible if your household income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

[View Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)

[Download Lifeline/Link Up Application](#)

**Tribal Lands Lifeline & Expanded Link Up**

Residents of tribal lands who qualify for regular Lifeline are eligible for Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link Up. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees. Toll Restriction/Limitation is available to qualifying customers at no charge. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

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- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance
- Food Stamps Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- BIA general assistance
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start (only with income qualifying standard)

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[Download Tribal Lands Lifeline/Expanded Link Up Application](#)

**To Apply/For More Information**

Mail completed application to WRT, PO Box 467, Hazen, ND 58545. If you are applying based on income, please remember to include a copy of proof of income with your application. For questions or assistance please call WRT at 748-2211.

**Estimated Income Requirements for a Household  
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<b>Persons in Family or Household</b>	<b>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b>
1	\$14,702
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3	\$25,016
4	\$30,173
5	\$35,330
6	\$40,487
7	\$45,644
8	\$50,801
For Each Additional	\$5,157

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## Telephone Assistance Programs for Low Income Households

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*Selected state:*

North Dakota

*Please select your local phone company from the list below.*

*(Not all phone companies are listed. Please call your local phone company for more information if they are not listed here.)*

West River Telecommunications Coope Go

## Lifeline and Link Up Information for West River Telecommunications Cooperative Customers in North Dakota

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### Landline Service

**Lifeline** is a government program that offers qualified low income households a discount on their monthly local telephone bill. Each state has its own guidelines to qualify. The application and qualification process differs by state and sometimes by individual phone company.

- **How much can I save?**

You will save up to \$10.00-\$21.95 on your basic monthly bill. These benefits apply to your local telephone service charges that you purchase Primary Telephone Service . These benefits will also cover your subscriber line charge.

- **How do I know if I am eligible?**

Program based eligibility:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- National School Lunch (free program only)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Additional eligibility criteria may apply to residents of federally recognized tribal lands

Income based eligibility:

- Total household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

- **Are there any restrictions?**

Lifeline can only be used for the primary telephone line in a household. You may purchase additional services available to a non-Lifeline customer except Deposit depends on credit account. You must establish phone service prior to applying for the Lifeline discount. The name on the phone bill must match the name of the household member participating on the eligible program.

- **How do I apply?**

To apply for Lifeline call Customer Service directly at 701-748-2211. You may find more information about Lifeline and other telephone services available from West River Telecommunications Cooperative at <http://www.westriv.com> . An application can be obtained from Hazen, Beulah, or Mobridge office, or at a certified West River Telecommunications Cooperative retail store.

- **What proof of eligibility do I need to provide?**

You will be asked for proof of your eligibility by submitting a form signed under penalty of perjury that you receive benefits from or a copy of any dated document which verifies your participation in one of the qualifying programs listed above. Proof of total household income may be required for income based qualification. Your Lifeline benefits will take effect when proof of eligibility is received.

- **How do I continue to receive Lifeline benefits?**

Eligibility is reviewed periodically. Your benefits will be discontinued when you no longer meet the eligibility requirements or when proof of eligibility is not received. Customers who are no longer eligible for Lifeline benefits must notify their service provider.

- **Other Useful information**

There are other options that can help you save money, including free toll blocking, waived deposit with toll blocking and voluntary limit on long distance calling (toll control).

**Link Up** helps households reduce the cost of initiating telephone service. This program pays some of the cost of connecting local telephone service to your home or activating wireless phone service. However, Link Up does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home.

- **How much will I save?**

Link Up will pay 50% of your installation charges for total discount of \$15.00. (Maximum benefit \$30.00) An additional discount may apply to residents of federally recognized tribal lands.

- **How do I know if I am eligible?**

If you qualify for Lifeline, you also qualify for Link Up.

- **Are there any restrictions?**

You must provide proof of eligibility before telephone service can be activated. Link Up can only be used for the charges for activating a primary telephone line or moving existing service to a new address. Charges related to wiring and telephone jacks within your home and wireless handsets are not eligible for the Link Up discount.

- **How do I apply?**

To apply for Link Up you will follow the same application process as Lifeline and the same proof of eligibility as Lifeline.

**Being a Lifeline or Link Up customer does not protect you from being disconnected if you fail to pay your telephone bill.**

**Lifeline and Link Up discounts cannot be applied to an outstanding balance owed to your phone company.**

**Lifeline can only be applied to one wireless OR wireline telephone per household.**

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# Your Telephone Service is Your Lifeline

***If you can't afford telephone service, you may be eligible for discounts through the Lifeline & Link Up assistance programs.***

***To see if you qualify, call WRT and ask about Lifeline & Link Up.***

## Lifeline

Can save you at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service. This applies only to primary telephone service in the home where you live. Toll Restriction is also available at no cost to eligible customers.

## Link Up

Can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.

## Who is Eligible?

Anyone qualified under one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for Link Up & Lifeline:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Food Stamps program
- Medicaid

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. *(Please see chart below for income guidelines.)*

**Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous States & D.C.
1	\$14,621
2	19,670
3	24,719
4	29,768
5	34,817
6	39,866
7	44,915
8	49,964
For each additional person, add	5,049



*\* Residents of tribal lands who qualify for regular Lifeline may be eligible for separate programs called Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link Up. Contact WRT for more information on eligibility.*

*Annual Meeting Packet June 2006*

# Bundle & SAVE!

SAVE  
**\$10.00**  
EACH MONTH  
ON HIGH-SPEED  
INTERNET

UNLIMITED  
LOCAL  
CALLING

UNLIMITED  
FEATURES:  
CALLER ID  
VOICE MAIL  
& MORE

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DATES TO REMEMBER:  
Jan 20 • WRT Payments Due  
Feb 5 • WRT Scholarship/Apps Due  
Feb 20 • WRT Payments Due

# WRT

Your monthly newsletter from West River Telecom • January 2010

# News & Notes from WRT's CEO...

It is with sadness that I note the death of Richard Glaser. Richard was a member of the WRT Board of Directors from March, 1993 until his passing on December 11, 2009. Richard was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board and then won re-election six times.

Richard attended Board meetings faithfully until nearly the end. Richard will be remembered for his unique perspectives, his candor and his willingness to represent WRT at state and national conferences.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard's wife and family during this time of loss and mourning.

The past year was a busy and productive year at WRT. We are nearly done with our upgrades to enable us to provide WRT broadband to basically all of our customers. We are still waiting on the FCC for some spectrum but are hopeful it will happen in the not too distant future. Government agencies operate at their own pace. The only deadlines they believe in are the ones they impose on others. It is very frustrating but there is really very little, if anything, we can do to get them to act in a timelier manner.

On February 17, 2010 the FCC is mandated to present to Congress a broadband plan for the nation. There is a lot of stress by government to get broadband to everyone. There is talk of using the Universal Service Funds for providing broadband services in non-rural areas. These are the funds that help provide affordable telecommunications services in rural areas such as we serve. If this happens there is a distinct possibility that the rates for basic telecommunications services would increase.

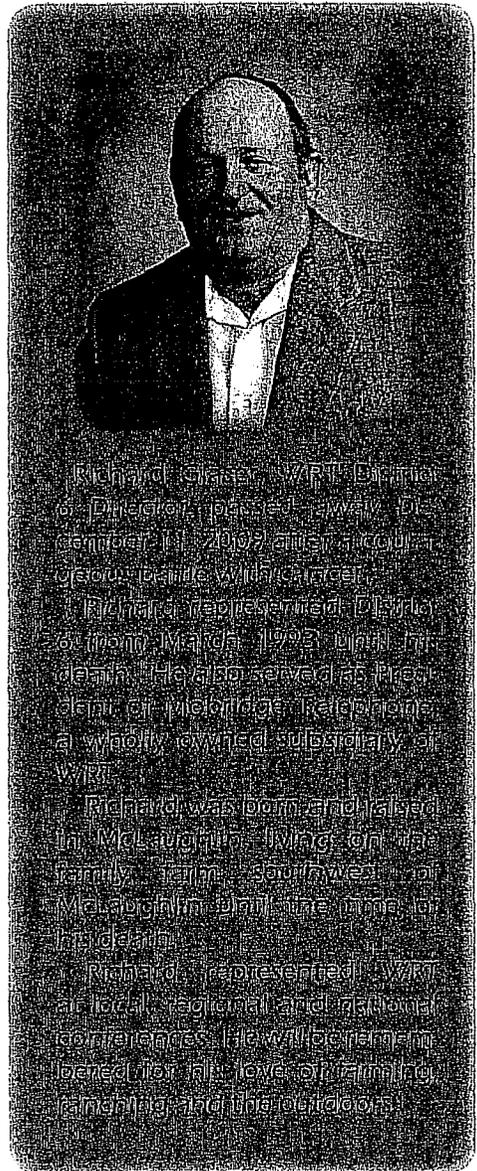
We are in agreement that broadband services are vital to most people and should be available to all people. But, we also feel it is premature to stop supporting voice communications. For many of our customers their voice landline is their lifeline. It is their connection to the world and is also their connection to emergency services.

Our fear is that the funds needed to provide basic telecommunications services to all will be diverted to other uses. That would greatly increase the cost of basic telephone service thus jeopardizing the ability of our most vulnerable customers to afford their lifeline to the world.

We will be working diligently with and through our state and national organizations to insure that quality, affordable telecommunications services, both voice and data, will be available to all of our customers.

The New Year will bring new changes and challenges. Your Board of Directors and Employees are ready, able and eager to meet these challenges and provide the services you need.

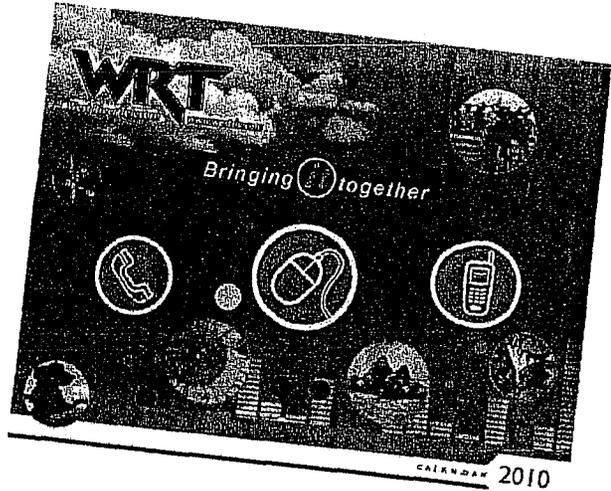
On behalf of the Board of Directors and the employees of WRT, I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and prosperous New Year. I hope 2009 was a good year for you and 2010 will be even better.  
~ Mick Grosz



# CALENDAR IN APPRECIATION ALL YEAR LONG!

## WRT recently mailed out our Complimentary Customer Photo Contest 2010 WRT Calendar!

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# BIG

## Savings

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# WIRELESS!

# \$30

Wireless Modem  
with NEW DSL signup

SAVE \$85!!

# FAST!

178 x faster  
than dial-up!

Up to 10 meg download  
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Sign Up for WRT's High Speed DSL Internet  
by Jan. 31 for **BIG SAVINGS!**

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DSL Internet

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per month  
with bundle

**FREE**  
Installation &  
Tech Support

**FREE**  
**MONTH!**

\$24.95 Savings!

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## BEST WISHES BRUCE!

### WRT would like to thank Bruce Sampson for his years of dedicated service & friendship.

Bruce Sampson recently announced his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to WRT.

Bruce began his career in the telecommunications industry while working for North Central Data Center (currently NISC) in Mandan. His knowledge of their billing and programming software made him a valuable asset to WRT when he started in 1979 as a computer programmer. In 1988, Bruce was promoted to the position of Information Systems Manager. He was later promoted to the position of Customer Service Department Manager in 2004. This department included the Office Department and the Information Services (Internet) Department.

During his years of service at WRT, Bruce was instrumental in the development of WRT's Internet Service, as well as transitioning from Dial-Up to High Speed DSL and Fixed Wireless. He also worked on the implementation of WRT's Service Order and Billing software.

Bruce and his wife, Linda, live in Stanton, ND. They have two grown daughters and one grown son, as well as three grandchildren. In his free time, Bruce enjoys riding his Harley and spending time with his grandkids & family.



## OVER \$33,300 IN DENIM DOLLARS



**ABOVE:** Director Mary Kelly (L) and Helen Parikian, Shelter Manager, (R) accept a WRT Denim Days check for Bridges Against Domestic Violence in Mobridge.

WRT employees proudly support the local communities that support us. Since 1995, many employees have deducted \$1 from their paychecks every Friday to participate in the Denim Day for Charity program. Their generosity has added up over the years to over \$33,300!

Contributions have been made to many local groups and organizations that have submitted written requests for support from the Denim Day fund. WRT employees review all requests and distribute the contributions.

WRT employees recently donated \$2,765 in 2009 Denim Day funds distributed in our local communities including Akicita Hun-

sca Elders Group, Fort Yates; Hazen Lions; Mobridge Ministerial Association; WARC, Beulah; McLean Family Resources, Washburn; Hazen Food Pantry; Washburn Helping Hands; Almont Santa Days; Boys and Girls Club, McLaughlin; St. Mary's Guild, Fort Yates; Bridges Against Domestic Violence, Mobridge; House of Manna, Center; and Sakakawea Hospice, Hazen.



**RIGHT:** WRT employee & WRT Denim Day participant Sharon Schmalz (L) presents a Denim Days check to Alvina Hagler (R) representing the Hazen Food Pantry.



## Q: WHAT IS POSTINI?

**A: Postini (now a wholly owned subsidiary of Google) is a spam and virus e-mail filtering service.** If you're a WRT Internet customer with a westriv.com e-mail address, you automatically get Postini virus protection at no cost. (Postini Spam Filter can also prevent more than 95% of spam e-mail from ever reaching your inbox for only \$1 per month! Contact WRT if you're interested in adding Postini Spam Filter.) Postini shelters WRT e-mail users and WRT's network from an otherwise unbridled flood of virus-laden messages.

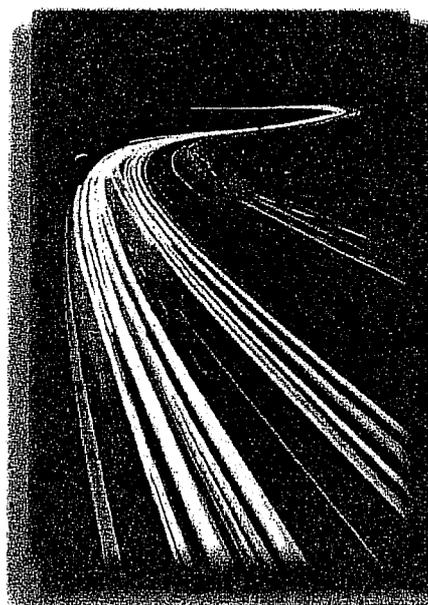
### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO USE POSTINI?

You don't have to do much but enjoy your virus-free e-mail inbox! You can access your Postini account on WRT's web site ([www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com)) on the lower left hand corner of the homepage. Once logged in, you can control your filter level and check for any mistakenly filtered e-mails (this is rare, but happens on occasion). If you need any help logging into or using Postini, contact WRT tech support at 748-2211, send an e-mail to [techdesk@westriv.com](mailto:techdesk@westriv.com), or open a "live chat" session by clicking on the icon at the top right corner of any page on WRT's web site.



### WHY YOU STILL NEED ANTIVIRUS PROTECTION

Postini does not completely protect your computer from viruses and spyware; it only catches those that would arrive via e-mail. Some dangerous "phishing" e-mails may not be caught with Postini, and you could get a virus by clicking on a web link in a phishing e-mail. Simply being connected to the Internet without protection can leave you open to viruses and spyware, which is why it's important to invest in updated antivirus and anti-spyware software. SecureIT Plus from WRT is a great choice because it updates itself! Once installed, it's completely automated—you don't have to do anything to keep up with new online threats. Contact WRT for more information!



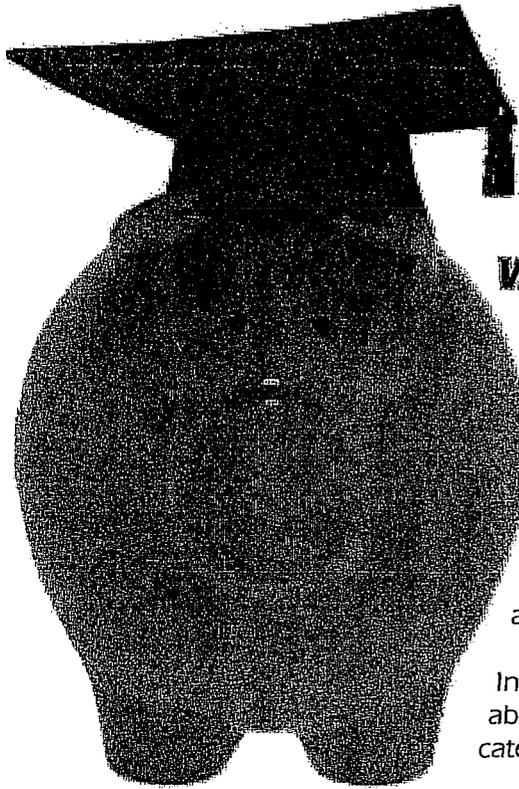
## SPEED UP IN 2010!

### DO YOU WANT & NEED FASTER UPLOAD SPEEDS?

They can be awesome for gamers, great for businesses and perfect for PC lovers! Get WRT High-Speed DSL Internet Service at speeds up to 10 meg download/1 meg upload for only \$95/month.

### NEED EVEN MORE SPEED?

WRT also offers 10 meg download with upload speeds of 1.5 meg and 2 meg. Call today and speed up!



# GET CASH FOR COLLEGE!

## WRT Announces 2010 Scholarships

Need money for school? Applications for West River Telecom's Annual Scholarship program are now available. Eight \$500 scholarships will be awarded to area high school or college students who have service (or whose parents have service) with WRT. Applicants must attend or plan to attend an accredited college, university, vocational school or other post-secondary institution. Since establishing the program in 1990, WRT has awarded nearly \$60,000 in scholarships to support area students in their pursuit of continuing education.

Information and applications for the 2010 scholarship are available at WRT's website ([www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com)) and at WRT Offices located in Mobridge, SD, and Hazen and Beulah, ND.

**WRT scholarship applications are due Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

As a member of NTCA (National Telecommunication Cooperative Association), WRT also participates in the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) College Scholarship Program. This program offers graduating high-school seniors a chance at one of 30 scholarships worth \$2,500 each. Applicants must receive local service from and be sponsored by WRT. Preference will be given to individuals expressing an interest to return to a rural community following graduation. FRS scholarship applications can also be downloaded from the WRT website at [www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com) or from [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org).

**FRS scholarship apps must be completed & postmarked by March 1, 2010**

### WRT TRIVIA / CONGRATS TO LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Palma Levey, Underwood • Dianne Kuch, Beulah • Sharon Meisel, Hazen

1. WRT's Phone & Features \_\_\_\_\_ combines both services to save you money!

2. WRT Customers submitted over \_\_\_\_\_ photographs for the 2010 WRT Calendar!

3. A PIC \_\_\_\_\_ stops your long distance from being switched without your knowing!

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this section and return it to WRT, PO Box 467, Hazen, ND 58545 or email to [trivia@westriv.com](mailto:trivia@westriv.com)

Please include your name and phone number. If you answer each question correctly, your name will be put in a drawing for a \$10 credit on your WRT bill. Entries must be received by February 5th.

# PIC FREEZE PROTECTION

Got a PIC FREEZE? Get PROTECTED!

A PIC is a primary interexchange carrier or, basically, who your long distance carrier is, such as WRLD, AT&T, or Sprint.

A FREEZE is an order to stop your long distance carrier from being switched without your permission. Some people have been switched without their knowledge - not knowing until they get an expensive long distance phone bill.

WRT offers a PIC FREEZE form (in

pink box on right). It insures that your carrier is NOT switched unless you notify us at WRT and tell us to switch it. The best part is that this protection is FREE!

We rehere to help you and provide the best care for our customers. Many of our customers already have a PIC FREEZE. If you don't have a PIC FREEZE in place and would like one, please fill out the form below and return it to WRT.

If you already have a PIC FREEZE on your telephone line, we suggest you check to see that it is for both your In-State and Out-of-State Long Distance. Often times only one lata has a PIC FREEZE.

## WRT PIC FREEZE AUTHORIZATION FORM

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

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize WRT to implement, effective immediately, a freeze of my provider for the service or services indicated by my signature or signatures below.

I understand that I will be unable to make a change in provider for any of the services on which I place a freeze, unless I first instruct WRT to remove the freeze.

Freeze my IntraLATA (in-state 1+ long distance calls) long distance carrier to the following:

IntraLATA Long Distance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Freeze my InterLATA long distance carrier to the following:

InterLATA Long Distance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED & RETURNED TO WRT BEFORE THE PIC FREEZE CAN BE PUT ON YOUR ACCOUNT.** Please make sure that the name and address on this form matches the name and address for the telephone number.

**TO PUT ON YOUR PIC FREEZE, SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FORM ABOVE AND MAIL IT BACK TO WRT, PO BOX 467, HAZEN, ND 58545**

# WRT RATES & SERVICES

**WRT MONTHLY SERVICE RATES:** Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, "universal service" means basic telephone service that is available to all consumers. WRT provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area, which includes Beulah, Carson, Center, Elgin, Flasher, Fort Yates, Glen Ullin, Golden Valley, Goodrich, Hazen, Hebron, McClusky, McLaughlin, Mercer, Mobridge, New Salem, Pick City, Riverdale, St. Anthony, Selfridge, Solen, Stanton, Turtle Lake, Underwood, Washburn, & Zap. Basic services are offered at the following rates: **Single Party Residence Service for \$16.45 and Single Party Business Service, Key systems, PBX lines for \$19.45.**

**LOCAL RESIDENCE & BUSINESS SERVICE INCLUDES:** voice grade access to the public telephone network; single party service; flat-rated local exchange service free of per minute charges; access to directory assistance services; access to other operator services; access to 911 emergency services; access to interexchange (long distance) service; dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch-tone) service; & toll blocking/toll limitation.

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**NOTICE OF FCC MANDATE CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION:** The FCC has adopted rules to protect your privacy with regard to telecommunications information that is personal to you. This information is called "Customer Proprietary Network Information" or "CPNI" and includes the type of services you subscribe to, the equipment and facilities used, and the numbers, dates, times and duration of the calls you place. From time to time WRT may make new features and services available that may enhance the services to which you are already subscribed. Allowing us to use your CPNI gives WRT the ability to give you more personalized service and offer you the products and services that best fit your needs.

If you allow us to use your CPNI, it will ONLY be used by WRT and its subsidiary companies, West River Long Distance and WRT WestNet Internet. We DO NOT sell or in any way provide this information to any other company, other than the 911 records we are required by law to provide if you are a telephone customer. Under federal law, you have the right to have your information protected, and we have the duty, to protect the confidentiality of this information. Therefore, your account will be treated confidentially, regardless of whether you consent or not to allow us to continue to provide you with educational mailings.

If you agree to let WRT use your CPNI, no action is necessary. If you want to restrict use of your CPNI, you must contact WRT at 748-2211 or 1-800-748-7220 within 30 days of receipt of this notice. You may miss the opportunity to learn of new services, new packaging that could reduce your monthly bill, and other information that keeps you informed of the happenings at WRT. Your decision on the use of CPNI by WRT will remain valid until you change it, which can be done at any time by contacting WRT.

**10** ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WRT, PO BOX 467, HAZEN, ND 58545 OR CALL 748-2211

# CUP & SAW WRT PHONEBOOK UPDATES

The following listings do NOT appear in the WRT 2009 Telephone Directory.

## BEULAH

Auto Tube & Tire	873-2886
Baulah Job Service 1119 Main St	873-5607
Blevins Sandy	873-2583
Dschaak-Wilson Contracting	873-2276
Hear in Hand Chiropractic	873-4400
Mitzel Matthew & Lindsey	873-2483
Roger Fischer Electric	873-2732
Valley Grain Milling Inc	873-4413

## CARSON including Leith

Person Wade & Mary	622-3088
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## CENTER including Hannover & Hensler

Carpenters Training Center	794-3658
Vorland Aaron	794-3110

## ELGIN-NEW LEIPZIG including Heil

Haas Tom	584-3728
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## FLASHER including Lark & Raleigh

Rotten Gale & Kathy	597-3018
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## FORT YATES including Cannon Ball & Solen

Jensen Deborah	854-3777
Klein Robert M	854-3493
Tepper Neal & Allyssa	854-3135
White Eagle Ashley	854-3086

## GLEN ULLIN

Gartner B	348-3125
Morrissey Robert	348-3097
Roth Ranch	348-3474

## GOODRICH including Denhoff

The Lodge Bar	884-2020
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## HAZEN

Bison Auto Works Inc	748-3330
Hair Gallery (Lynners)	748-7024
Leopold Trent	748-5222
Strop Kent & Laura	748-2314
Triple M Pets Hobbies & Supplies	748-2322
Wiersom Financial & Wealth Management	748-2301

## MCCLUSKY

A & C Trucking	363-2289
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## MCLAUGHLIN-SD including Little Eagle & Kenel

JR's Used Tires	823-2154
Ladenix Farm	823-4854
Minaer Kermit	823-2402
Sjogren Sharniko	823-2233
Tompson Melanie	823-2097
Yellow Earrings Ivan	823-2265

## MOBRIDGE, SD including Trail City & Wakpala

Experience Works Inc	845-2812
Flying Horse Timothy & Marissa Eagleman	845-7719
Hanne Bertha	845-2186
Hometown TV & Appliance	845-5200
Long Chase Carla	845-2443
Miss Loxie's Boutique	845-2548
Morristown Specialties	845-2419
Overland Andrew & Heather	845-2336
Sioux Assembly of God	845-2181
Special Foods for Dakota & Cup & Cone	845-3663
Stout Family Funeral Home	845-7400
U-Haul CO	845-2481
White Bull Cheyenne	845-2845

## NEW SALEM - ALMONT including Judson

Bossert Jayme	843-7085
CFS Transport	843-7427
New Salem-Almont School	843-7610

## PICK CITY

Knell Trucking	487-3314
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## RIVERDALE

Vetter Matt & Pam	654-7137
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## ST. ANTHONY

Miller Angus Ranch (Dale & Valerie Miller)	445-7329
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## STANTON

Absolute Java	745-3289
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## TURTLE LAKE

Lakoduk Sharon	448-2075
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## UNDERWOOD including Coleharbor

D'Eggos Diner	442-3099
Dakota Missouri Valley & Western Railroad	442-3047
Keplin Gracora JV	442-3036
Myers Steve & Rebecca	442-3085

## WASHBURN

Berg Jerry	462-3535
Leader News (607 Main Av)	462-8126
Federal Railroad Admin	462-3896

## ZAP

Basin Transload LLC	948-2262
Zap Apartments	948-2292

**We are working on the new phone book so please contact WRT with your changes!**



# WRT



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already  
SAVING MONEY  
with WRT  
Bundles.





**FREE**  
**LUNCHEON & Health Screenings**  
starting at  
**10:30 am** MT  
Hazen Elementary School

**REGISTRATION**  
starting at  
**11:00 am** MT  
Hazen High School

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
starting at 12:00 pm MT  
Hazen High School

# WRT 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**Friday, June 4**

starting at

**1:00 pm** MT

Hazen High School

**WRT CASHBACK/  
CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS**  
will be mailed out prior  
to the Annual Meeting.

**NEW**  
**ONLINE BACKUP  
FROM SECUREIT**  
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**ANNUAL  
MEETING**  
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**KIDS  
INTERNET  
SAFETY**  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

May 20 • WRT Payments Due  
May 31 • WRT Offices Closed  
(24/7 Repair & Tech Support Available)



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# News & Notes from WRT's CEO

A reminder that on June 4, 2010 West River Telecommunications will hold its 58th Annual Membership Meeting in the Hazen High School gymnasium at 1:00 PM MDT. Registration for the annual meeting will begin at 11:00 AM MDT. There will be a lunch served at 10:30 AM in the grade school cafeteria located across the street from the high school gym. At this meeting, you will get to exercise your rights and responsibilities of membership. You will elect two Directors, receive reports and conduct the business of the Cooperative that will be brought before you. Cooperative members run their business through an elected Board of Directors. The Board sets the goals and direction for the Cooperative. The employees carry out the direction set by the Board. The most important responsibility of the membership is to elect representatives to the Board of Directors.

This year there are two Board positions open for full three year terms. There was only one member filing a petition in District 1 and one in District 3.

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting if at all possible. Your input about the Cooperative is important to the Board and management. Informative reports are given on the state of the Cooperative. By attending, a member also has the opportunity to interact with Board members and employees of WRT.

Elsewhere in the newsletter are the biographies of the members who have filed to run for a position on the WRT Board of Directors. The candidates for the two open positions have filed petitions with the required number of signatures. WRT By-laws governing the election process dictate that to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors a member must submit a petition with signatures of at least 15 members. The WRT By-laws do not allow for nominations from the floor unless there are no candidates for an open position on the Board of Directors.

Each year the Board of Directors allocates the previous years margins. Margins are the revenues in excess of expenses. These margins are then retired in an orderly manner with the amount and fashion decided by the Board of Directors. In 2010, the Board of Directors will retire over \$2.5 million of capital credits. Your capital credit checks will be mailed out prior to the Annual Meeting. You should receive your check in late May. You receive "Cashback" because you do business with WRT, a cooperative telecommunications company. This year you will get back approximately 10% of the amount spent with WRT in 2009 plus 50% of the capital credits earned in 1999. This "Cashback" from WRT will be a great economic stimulus for the rural communities served by WRT. The Board of Directors, employees and I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Once again we were hit with a snow and ice storm, this time on Good Friday. This storm was even more wide spread and devastating than the storm earlier this year. The electrical outage lasted longer than the previous storm so restoration of service took longer. Once again, I was impressed and grateful of the job the employees of WRT and the electrical companies did to restore service after this storm. Even though it took longer after this storm than the previous, it is still impressive at how quickly telecommunications and electrical service was restored especially when considering the magnitude of the challenge. Kudos to all those involved! ~ Mick Grosz, WRT CEO

## WRT TRIVIA / CONGRATS TO LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Dorothy Rabenherr, Mobridge • Florence Kiban, Hebron • Larry & Denise Walker, Beulah

1. WRT District 3 Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ is President of WRT's Board of Directors.
2. Try NEW SecureIT Online Backup service \_\_\_\_\_ of charge for three months from WRT.
3. Typing in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS in an email means you are \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this section and return it to WRT, PO Box 467, Hazen, ND 58545 or email to [trivia@westriv.com](mailto:trivia@westriv.com). Please include your name and phone number. By including your email address you authorize WRT to use it for future correspondence, special offers, etc. (unless noted otherwise). Completed entries will be put in a drawing for a \$10 credit on your WRT bill. Entries must be received by June 5, 2010.

# WRT'S 58TH ANNUAL MEETING

WRT's Board of Directors is made up of seven individuals serving three-year terms and representing the seven Districts in WRT's service area. Any member living in DISTRICT 1 or DISTRICT 3 was eligible to run for this year's open positions and needed to file a petition containing signatures of at least fifteen WRT members to be on the ballot. Petitions were due on April 5th, 2010.

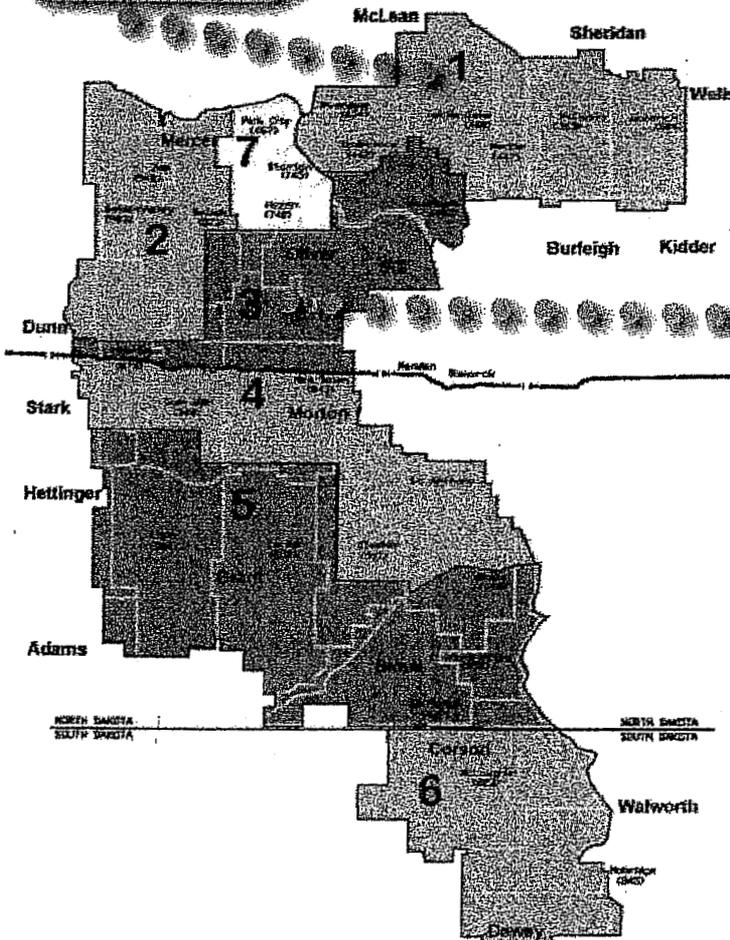
The current WRT Board of Directors are: District 1 – Brittany Lelm, District 2 – Theo Reich, District 3 – Matt Erhardt, Jr., District 4 – Ray Carlson, District 5 – Nick Vollmuth, District 6 – Harley Overseth and District 8 – Randy Christmann. The following WRT members will appear on the 2010 Ballot:

**DISTRICT 1 – BRITTANY LELM** is the current Director for District 1, which covers Parts of McLean, Sheridan, Burleigh and Kidder Counties in ND including the parts of the Underwood, Turtle Lake, Mercer, McClusky and Goodrich exchanges lying within these counties. She was raised on a farm north of Turtle Lake and graduated from Turtle Lake-Mercer High School. Brittany attended North Dakota State College of Science at Wahpeton. Brittany was elected to the WRT Board of Directors last year, making her a second-generation Board Member. Brittany lives in Turtle Lake and currently works for ICI (Industrial Contractors Inc.). She is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. Brittany is engaged to TJ Sathren, Turtle Lake.



**DISTRICT 3 – MATT ERHARDT, JR.**

is the current Director for District 3, which covers Parts of Oliver, Morton, McLean and Stark Counties in ND including the parts of the Center, Hazen, Beulah, Hebron, Glen Ullin, New Salem and Washburn exchanges lying within those counties north of Interstate 94. He owns and operates a ranch east of Center. Matt currently serves as President of the WRT Board of Directors and serves as the Alternate Director on the ND Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives Board. Matt has three children, Jenny – a senior at Center-Stanton High School, Tyler – a student at Dickinson State College, and Drew – a graduate of Dickinson State College, who recently married and moved back to help on the ranch.



**FRIDAY – JUNE 4TH, 2010** 3

# 1st

1st baby,

1st belly-laugh  
in the bathtub,

1st home video,



## 1st computer crash!

There are many "1st's" in life - don't lose them!  
Trust me, I lost them all - photos from his 1st year, video of his 1st non-stop giggling in the bathtub, as well as email addresses & plenty of bookwork. All GONE when our PC's hard-drive crashed. ~Beth K.

## Try it 1st for FREE!

With SecureIT's New Online Backup your photos, videos, music files & documents on your computer can be "saved" in case you experience your 1st computer crash, 1st natural disaster, 1st accidental-deletion or other 1st major uh-oh!

- Easy-to-use service that automatically backs up the files on your PC using your WRT High-Speed Internet connection.
- Files are transferred using government-standard 128 bit SSL encryption to a state-of-the-art data center.
- Use it to backup your photos, music, videos, email, documents, etc.
- Restore data lost due to viruses, hard drive crashes, deletions, natural disasters or transfer information to a new computer.
- Set it & forget it (automatic daily backups) or customize backup times.
- Works with Windows & Mac and MULTIPLE COMPUTERS! Backup your PC, your kids PCs, your home office PC - No limit to the number of computers, only the amount of space!
- Three Levels of Storage (with auto-notification when getting "full")
  - 5 GB: \$2.95 monthly \*TRY IT FOR FREE - FOR 3 MONTHS!!\*
  - 50 GB: \$5.95 monthly
  - 250 GB : \$14.95 monthly

Not sure? 50GB storage = app. 16,000 photos 10,000 songs or 200,000 word documents.

\* Must be a High Speed Internet Customer. 5GB service FREE for 1st three months. Service will be automatically billed at \$2.95 per month after unless notified by customer. Service & liability provided by SecureIT. Some restrictions may apply.

Automatically  
BACKS UP YOUR  
Photos, Music,  
Videos, Emails &  
Documents

1st  
three months  
of 5GB storage

**FREE!**

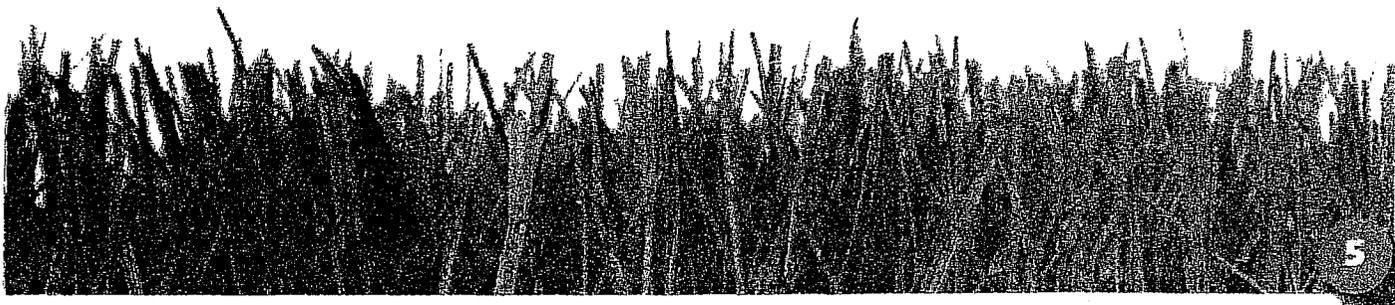
SHARE YOUR  
STORAGE!

Backup several computers  
on the same storage...  
home, kids & office!

# SPRING

## Cleaning Tips with WRT

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- **REDUCE:** Reduce some of the clutter around your house by upgrading to WRT's Voicemail. It works with any phone in your home - so you can get rid of that clunky answering machine on the counter!
  - **REUSE:** Have an old cell phone laying around? Drop it off at WRT. Last year we collected over 1000 cell phones & accessories to donate to the Cell Phones for Soldiers campaign. (for more details go to [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)). WRT can also set you up with a new cell phone and gear too through our Verizon Wireless authorized agent office in Hazen!
  - **RECYCLE:** Cut down on paper, sign up for WRT's eBill - paperless online billing. It's secure, easy to use and FREE! Visit [www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com) and click on "E-BILL" at the top of the page to get started!
  - **REMEMBER:** Check out your bill and see how much you can save with a WRT Bundle. A WRT Bundle is a combination of phone service, free calling features and a reduced rate on High Speed Internet Service - why not sign up & start saving?!
  - **REFURBISH:** Clean up your computer with SecureIT! They offer services that can refurbish your computer by removing viruses, spyware and other junk to keep it running at top speed.
  - **RECEIVE:** WRT will give you a FREE wireless-ready modem when you sign up for High Speed Internet Service. Receive the very best in tech support, installation and high speed service from WRT!
  - **RENEW:** After you've cleaned your closets and the garage - sell your unwanted items on WRT's FREE Online Classifieds. It's easy to use and seen by over 10,000 visitors! Fill your wallet with the money you'll make from selling all your unwanted treasures! Check it out at [www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com)
  - **REMOVE:** Help WRT crews reduce the chance of accidents by removing tall grass & debris from around pedestals and cabinets. It will help keep these vital communications components more visible and more viable. Plus could prevent damage from grass fires, haying equipment and more.
  - **RESTORE:** Consider getting a UPS or battery-operated power supply to help restore your power and protect your electrical equipment during a power outage. And don't forget - new SecureIT On-line Backup makes it even easier for you to restore your files, photos, videos & more! See page 4.



# Class of 2010

**Emily Bauer • Mobridge**

Parents: Laurie & Joe Bauer  
Plans: South Dakota State Univ.

- Apparel Merchandising  
*(Joe is a WRT Installer)*



**Devon Belisle • Turtle Lake**

Parents: Denise & Darrell Belisle  
Plans: Minot State University

- Communication Disorders  
*(Darrell is a WRT Combination Tech)*



**Jenna Maas • Hazen**

Parents: Steph & Kelly Maas  
Plans: Bismarck State College

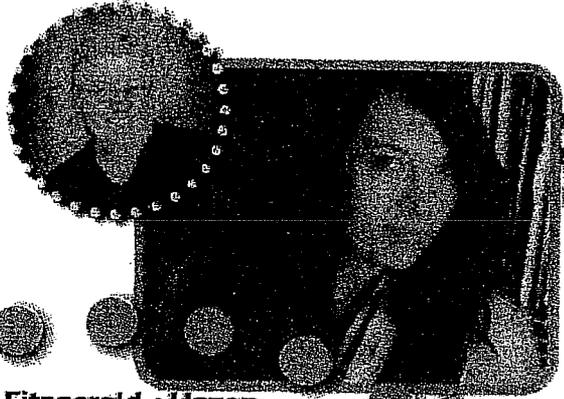
- Graphic Design & Communications  
*(Kelly is a WRT Combination Tech)*



**Jenna Fitzgerald • Hazen**

Parents: Pam & Bob Fitzgerald  
Plans: Dakota State University, SD

- Digital Arts & Design  
*(Bob is a WRT Construction employee)*



**Jenny Erhardt • Center**

Parents: Janet Erhardt & Matt Erhardt, Jr  
Plans: Bismarck State College

- Physical Therapy  
*(Matt is a WRT Board Member)*



**Tyler Schmidt • Beulah**

Parents: Ranae & Bruce Schmidt  
Plans: Bismarck State College

- Physical Education/Coaching  
*(Ranae is WRT's Customer Service Mgr)*



**\$24.95**  
**PER MONTH**

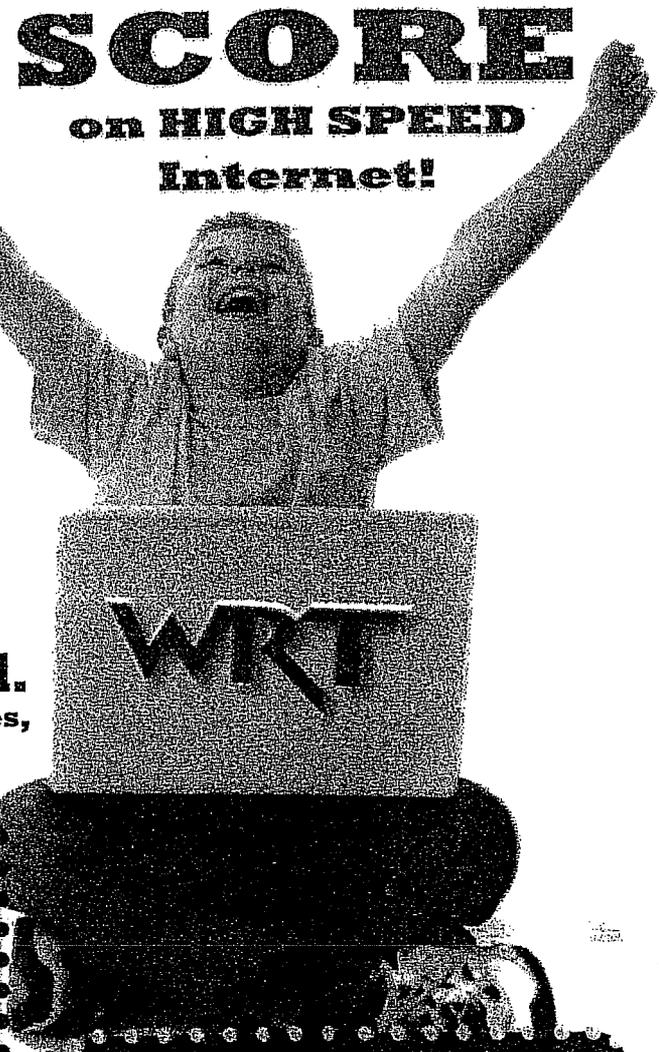
**each & every month,**  
**not just a few**

**FREE MODEM**  
**& INSTALLATION**

**Want WIRELESS?**

**Toss in \$25 & it's a done deal.**  
**One-time only fee, no added monthly charges,**  
**no modem rental fees, no worries.**

- FREE top-rated tech support • LIVE CHAT
- FREE virus protection • CASHBACK
- parental controls • added firewall security
- FREE classifieds/events postings
- FREE webmail • FREE server space
- NO MODEM RENTAL FEES • NO CONTRACTS



**Phone & Features BUNDLE**

- + unlimited local telephone calling within WRT's entire service area.
- + unlimited choice of calling features including caller id, call waiting, voice mail & more!
- + plus, super cool voicemail to email for free!

**\$25.00/mo**

(businesses can save too - get all of this for just \$3 more)

\$24.95 pricing based on DSL pricing available to residential customers with the Phone & Features Bundle. \$25.00/mo. Free from "wireless capable" modem. New DSL Customers only. One-time \$25 wireless activation fee, optional. Taxes & fees not included. Service restrictions may apply.

# Safe Surfing Tips for Kids WRT

PLAY!

## Fun & Games

Always ask for permission from an adult before you...

- Enter a contest
- Join a club
- Accept a prize or gift

Be careful with spam e-mails, e-mail attachments or pop-up ads. You could get a computer virus or give private information without knowing it.

## Don't Break the Law

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Downloading music, movies, or ringtones without paying for them, or sharing music and movies online can be illegal. Check with your parents first to make sure the sites you're using are ok. Napster, iTunes, & Real.com are safe sites.

## Protect your Privacy

OOPS!

Protect your passwords — don't give them to friends!

Be careful about what information you post online. Don't reveal information like your address, phone number, where you go to school, or where your parents work.

Think twice about what you post — remember everyone may be able to see it, and it might stay online forever!

Protect your friends' privacy too—get their permission before posting their picture or something about them.

Help!

## Know your "REAL" Friends

The people you talk to online may not be who they say they are. Make sure you know all your online friends IRL (in real life).

If someone you meet online asks to meet or call you, asks for your picture or wants to send you a picture — don't do it. Be sure you do tell a parent or teacher right away.

If you receive a message that makes you feel uncomfortable, don't respond to it. Show a parent or teacher.

## Practice Kindness

Use kindness and respect—don't say anything online that you wouldn't say to someone in person!

Don't spread rumors or lies on the web, through e-mail, or by text message!

Try to include everyone in the fun online! Excluding or "unfriending" people can hurt feelings.

:)

## Know your Netiquette

When you're online, sometimes people can't tell you are joking. Add a smiley :) or other emoticon to help express emotions in text.

Don't type in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS on e-mails or texts— that means you're SHOUTING! (

**Q: WHAT IS AN IPAD AND WILL IT WORK FOR ME?**

**A:** Is it a giant iPod? A keyboardless laptop? Much has been written about Apple's new iPad, but it's still a mystery to those who haven't used one.

Though netbooks (small portable notebook computers) are still top sellers, the latest trend in portable computers is the tablet! Apple's iPad is the biggest tablet success so far, with more than a million already sold since the gadget was launched in April.

Functioning like a combination of a small computer and large smartphone, the iPad has a 9.7" touchscreen display and an onscreen touch keyboard. An iPad's functions are more limited than a laptop or notebook computer, but it lets you surf the web, send e-mails, watch YouTube videos, view and organize photos and more.

Just like with Apple's iPod, thousands of apps (or applications) are available for the iPad. For a fee, you can download apps that let you watch movies, play games, or read virtual versions of your favorite magazines. An iBookstore app even lets you download entire books to your iPad.

All iPads are outfitted with Wi-Fi, so you can connect to the Internet using your WRT Wireless Internet modem. Wi-Fi + 3G iPads are also available, which require purchase of a plan that lets you connect to 3G mobile Internet service (much like a cell phone data plan).

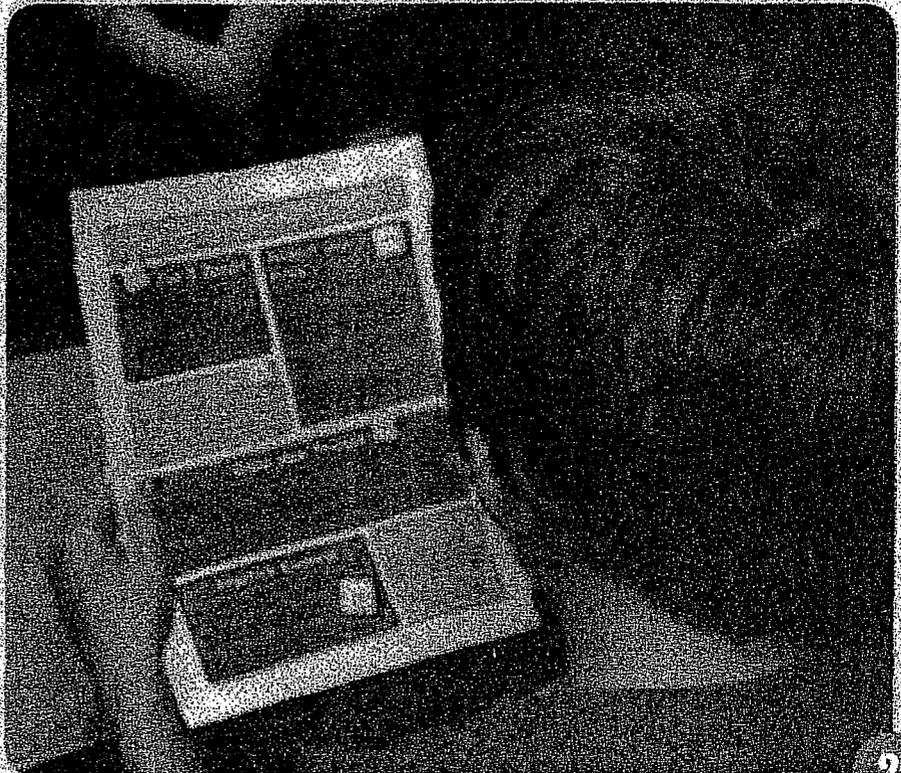
Several more tablets, including from Microsoft and HP, are expected to go on the market soon to try to compete with the iPad.

**No matter what your gadget, Wireless Internet from WRT is a great deal! Sign up now for WRT's High-Speed Internet and get free installation plus a free modem. Want wireless? Toss in \$25 and it's a done deal! Call 748-2211 to sign up.**

WRT Member Services Coordinator Linda Terfehr recently visited our area elementary schools to share these safety tips with kids. It is important for both children and parents to be aware of these great tips (see left page).

If you would like to have Linda visit your school or organization to present on Internet Safety, Telephone Etiquette or Lifeline/Linkup - please contact Linda at [lindat@westriv.com](mailto:lindat@westriv.com) or by calling 748-2211.

Left: An area student looks over the handout for valuable tips on Internet Safety.



Are you  
in need of assistance  
to help pay for your  
phone service?

## WRT CAN HELP

Please read this  
information...

### TO APPLY/ FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call WRT at 748-2211,  
visit a WRT office in Hazen,  
Beulah, or Mobridge,  
or visit our website at  
[www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com)

## LIFELINE & LINK UP

Lifeline and Link-Up are federal programs offering telephone discounts to low-income consumers. Lifeline offers a discount of at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service. This applies only to primary telephone service in the home where you live. Toll Restriction/Limitation is also available to qualifying customers at no charge. Link Up can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.

### QUALIFYING FOR LIFELINE & LINK UP

Anyone participating in one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for Link Up & Lifeline:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

## TRIBAL LANDS LIFELINE & EXPANDED LINK UP

Special Lifeline and Link Up programs are also available for residents of tribal lands. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees. Toll Restriction/Limitation is available to qualifying customers at no charge. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

### QUALIFYING FOR TRIBAL LANDS LIFELINE & EXPANDED LINK UP

Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs are eligible:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) aka Food Stamps Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- BIA General Assistance Program
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start (only with income qualifying standard)

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

# CLIP & SAVE WRT PHONEBOOK UPDATES

The following listings do NOT appear in the WRT 2009 Telephone Directory.

## BEULAH

Barbot Seibel Funeral Home ..... 873-7700  
Beulah Job Service, 119 Main St ..... 873-5607  
Corval Group, Inc ..... 873-2290  
Dschaak, Blake ..... 873-2617  
Erickson Farms ..... 873-4711  
High Plains Concepts ..... 873-2334  
Link, Leo ..... 873-4244  
Vesta Management ..... 873-4600

## CARSON including Leith

KZ Welding Auto & Perf ..... 622-3710

## CENTER including Hannover & Hensler

Enerfab, Inc ..... 794-3654  
Wahlman Heating, Air & Plumbing, LLC .... 794-3517

## ELGIN-NEW LEIPZIG including Heil

Erickson Oil ..... 584-2014  
Jacobs, Gertrude ..... 584-2067  
Lake Tschida - Rec Office ..... 584-2201  
Wells, Heather ..... 584-2053

## FLASHER including Lark & Raleigh

Dogtooth Bar ..... 597-3812  
Schaff, Casey & Kari Schneider ..... 597-3056

## FORT YATES including Cannon Ball & Solen

Brought Plenty, Angela ..... 854-3090  
Circles Of Care ..... 854-3635  
Harrison, Steven & Larissa Wolf Necklace ... 854-2178  
Meth Initiative Program ..... 854-3291  
Standing Rock Substance Abuse Program.. 854-2131

## GOODRICH including Denhoff

CC Grain ..... 884-2413  
Steichen Farms - East Elevator ..... 884-2707  
The Lodge Bar ..... 884-2020

## HAZEN

Barbot Seibel Funeral Home ..... 748-6100  
Bison Auto Works Inc ..... 748-3330  
Grunett Information Solutions Inc ..... 748-2050  
Hair Gallery (Lynne's) ..... 748-2024  
Mad Skillz Contracting ..... 748-2224  
McKenna, Aaron & Heidi ..... 748-2006  
Weinand, Teresa J ..... 748-2315

## HEBRON

Guttman, Hanna ..... 878-4038  
Hebron Floral ..... 878-9059

## McCLUSKY

Dearborn, Josie ..... 363-2380  
Holen's Super Valu ..... 363-2224

## MCLAUGHLIN, SD including Little Eagle & Kenel

Iron Thunder, Kimberly ..... 823-2199

## MERCER

Grosz, Donald & Sylvia ..... 447-2293

## MOBRIDGE, SD including Trail City & Wakpala

Charles Dutt Electric ..... 845-7365  
Dame, Justin ..... 845-2099  
Jachim, William & Judith A ..... 845-3262  
Laplante, Allison ..... 845-2875  
Mobridge-Pollock School ..... 845-9200  
Moreno, Elaine ..... 845-2919  
One Feather, Ronald ..... 845-2735

## NEW SALEM - ALMONT including Judson

Aune, Mary ..... 843-7233  
Barley, RoseMary ..... 843-7208  
New Salem-Almont School ..... 843-7610

## PICK CITY

Knell Trucking ..... 487-3314

## TURTLE LAKE

Turtle Lake Tax Service ..... 448-2249

## SOLEN including Cannon Ball

Isaacs, Mark & Kim ..... 445-7302

## STANTON

Absolute Java ..... 745-3289  
Ballensky, Marvin & Lois ..... 745-3258

## UNDERWOOD including Coleharbor

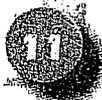
Salhus Septic Pumping ..... 442-3881  
Underwood Quality Lumber ..... 442-3187

## WASHBURN

Jaeger Logistics ..... 462-8258  
Haugeberg, Lyman & Dorothy ..... 462-3427  
Leader News (607 Main Av) ..... 462-8126  
Yunker, John ..... 462-3508

## ZAP

Basin Transload LLC ..... 948-2262  
Zap Apartments ..... 948-2292



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114 1st Ave NW, Beulah  
114 4th St W, Mobridge

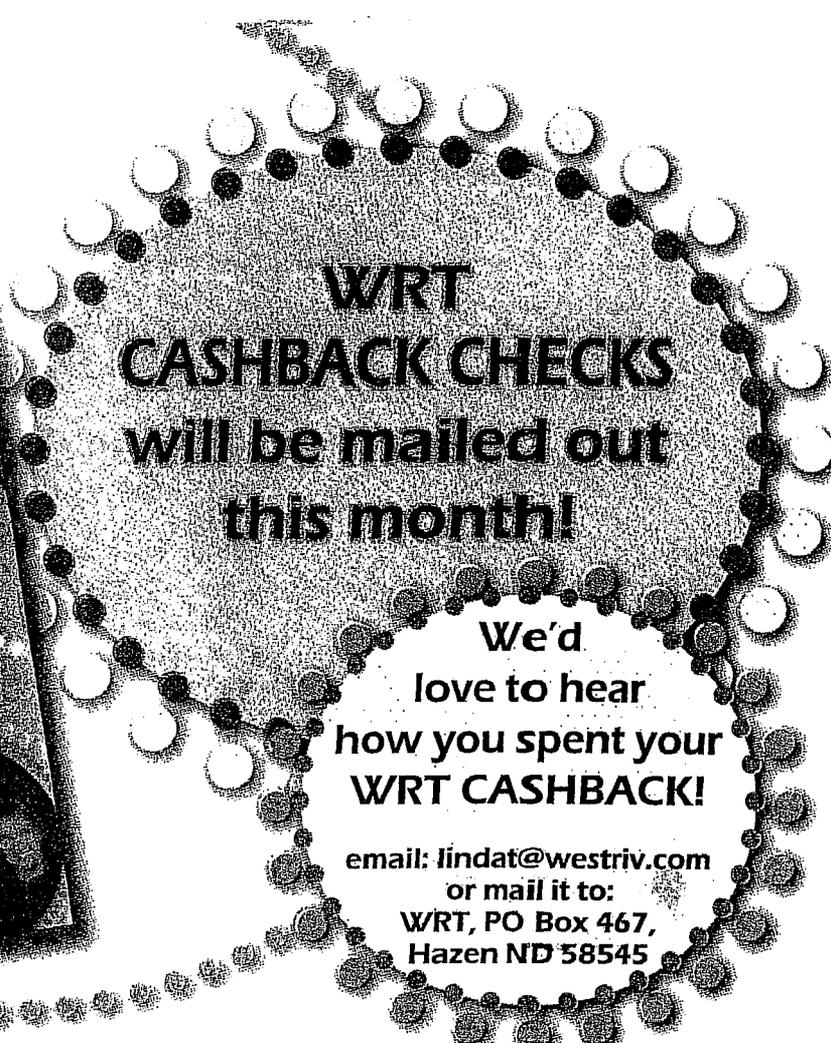
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Internet Tech Support



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email: [lindat@westriv.com](mailto:lindat@westriv.com)  
or mail it to:  
WRT, PO Box 467,  
Hazen ND 58545

*naah, naah, nah, naah, nah!*

**I'VE GOT  
HIGH SPEED!**



*get faster, get smarter*

**GET FREE STUFF!**

*just in time for school!*

**11  
WAYS TO  
SAVE \$\$\$  
PG 4 & 5**

**PARENTS:  
TAKE  
CONTROL!  
PG 6**

**PHONE  
ASSISTANCE  
PG 10**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
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Sept 23 • Autumn Begins



# News & Notes from WRT's CEO

Summer is over and fall is here. Small grain harvest is about finished and the crops seem to look good. It is always great to see a good crop harvested. In most of our service area a good crop means a good economy for the coming year.

School has started and the children are once again attending classes to prepare for their future. An essential tool for the education of your children is the internet. It has become an indispensable tool in our day to day lives and especially in our education. If you do not have DSL yet call and ask about our special prices available now.

We have been very busy doing various construction projects throughout our service area. We will soon have WRT provided terrestrial broadband internet available to virtually all people living within our service area. It has been a tremendous effort both financially and physically. It is a great feeling to complete this step.

We continue to upgrade the backbone of our system to carry the ever increasing amount of data traffic generated by our customers. As our customers use the internet to send and receive more and more data it is vital that we have the capacity available to do so. This all takes a lot of planning and execution and of course a lot of money.

But even though we can now provide broadband to virtually all of our customers our job is not finished. Technology changes rapidly. Our need for more speed has increased over time. Many of our customers depend on the internet as much as on their voice connection.

We will continue to upgrade and improve our service to you in the years ahead. The need for quality, affordable telecommunications services will not decrease over time. Our commitment is to provide those services to you now and in the far future.

To provide this service in the rural areas we rely on revenues from the Universal Service Funds and access fees from long distance carriers. Both of these sources are under attack. The FCC is contemplating a National Broadband Plan that would be very bad for rural America.

The Board of Directors and management are very active in making WRT's needs known to state and federal regulators and policymakers. This is a very important task for us. We are also working with industry organizations to get the word out about the needs of rural America. It is vital that regulators and policymakers understand this and make certain the funding is available or rural America will not receive the services it needs.

I hope everyone had a great summer and are ready for some nice beautiful fall weather. ~ Mick Grosz, CEO

## WRT TRIVIA / CONGRATS TO LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Jennifer Wallender, Hazen • Brian Bush, Elgin • Lillian Orman, Mobridge

1. You receive Parental Control settings free of charge when you sign up for \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ are two phone assistance programs.
3. A WRT \_\_\_\_\_ can save you money and provide all your services on one bill.

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this section and return it to WRT, PO Box 467, Hazen, ND 58545 or email to [trivia@westriv.com](mailto:trivia@westriv.com). Please include your name and phone number. By including your email address you authorize WRT to use it for future correspondence, special offers, etc. (unless noted otherwise) Completed entries will be put in a drawing for a \$10 credit on your WRT bill. Entries must be received by October 5, 2010.

*naah, naah, nah, naah, nah!*

**I'VE GOT  
HIGH SPEED!**

*get faster, get smarter*

**GET FREE STUFF!**

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- **FREE** Month - High Speed Internet
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\*DSL pricing based on \$24.95 monthly service charge only available to customers with the phone & features bundle. \$34.95 for non-bundle customers. DSL service includes free DSL activation, free DSL installation (home or business), 1 free month of service, and free 4-port, wireless capable modem. One-time \$29 wireless activation fee optional. Free memory stick while supplies last. Taxes & fees not included. Where service is available. First-time customers only. Some restrictions may apply. Special offer ends October 29, 2010.



*Confused by  
all the  
talk about  
bundles?!*

# GET SIMPLE SAVINGS!

## NO Limited Time Offers.

## NO KIDDING!

### Your Choice of FREE Features Includes:

- anonymous call rejection
- call forwarding
- call return
- call screening
- call transfer
- call waiting
- caller ID
- continuous redial
- distinctive alerting
- do not disturb
- special call acceptance
- speed dialing
- three-way calling
- voicemail
- voicemail to e-mail

*#1  
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& features  
bundle*

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high speed  
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*Call for  
a free  
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# 11 Ways a Bundle Saves you Money!

We have bundles for both home & office!

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- 2. Best Priced High Speed Internet Around\***
- 3. All the "Talk Time" You Want & Need**
  - Unlimited Local Calling, No Limits on Minutes!
- 4. Caller ID, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding & Voice Mail**
- 5. Over 11 more calling features to choose from**
- 6. The Cool New Voicemail to Email - FREE**
- 7. Both Residential & Business Customers can Bundle**
- 8. WRT has over 58 years of reliable quality service**
- 9. You Earn CASHBACK for each dollar spent with WRT**
- 10. It's SUPER EASY to Sign-up - Just call WRT at 748-2211**
- 11. Over 1,600 customers are already SAVING MONEY with WRT's Phone & Features Bundle.**

\*phone & features bundle for everyone! \$25 residential / \$28 business customers. DSL pricing based on \$24.95 monthly service charge only available to customers with the phone & features bundle. Voicemail to Email feature free with Phone, features & DSL bundle only. DSL service includes free DSL activation, free DSL installation and free DSL modem. Some restrictions may apply.



SecureIt Plus Computer Protection available for \$4.95 per month; with \$14.95 professional one-time installation fee. Call WRT for further details.

# Get Parental Controls - FREE with SecureIt Plus!

- Get a heads up with email notifications of inappropriate access
- Summary reports available daily or weekly
- Receive reports on web activity, list of URLs visited and security violations

## REPORT CARD TIME

- Restrict time on certain programs
- Limit the number of hours each child can use the computer - per day or per week
- Control internet surfing, chatting & game playing - set time & duration for each child!

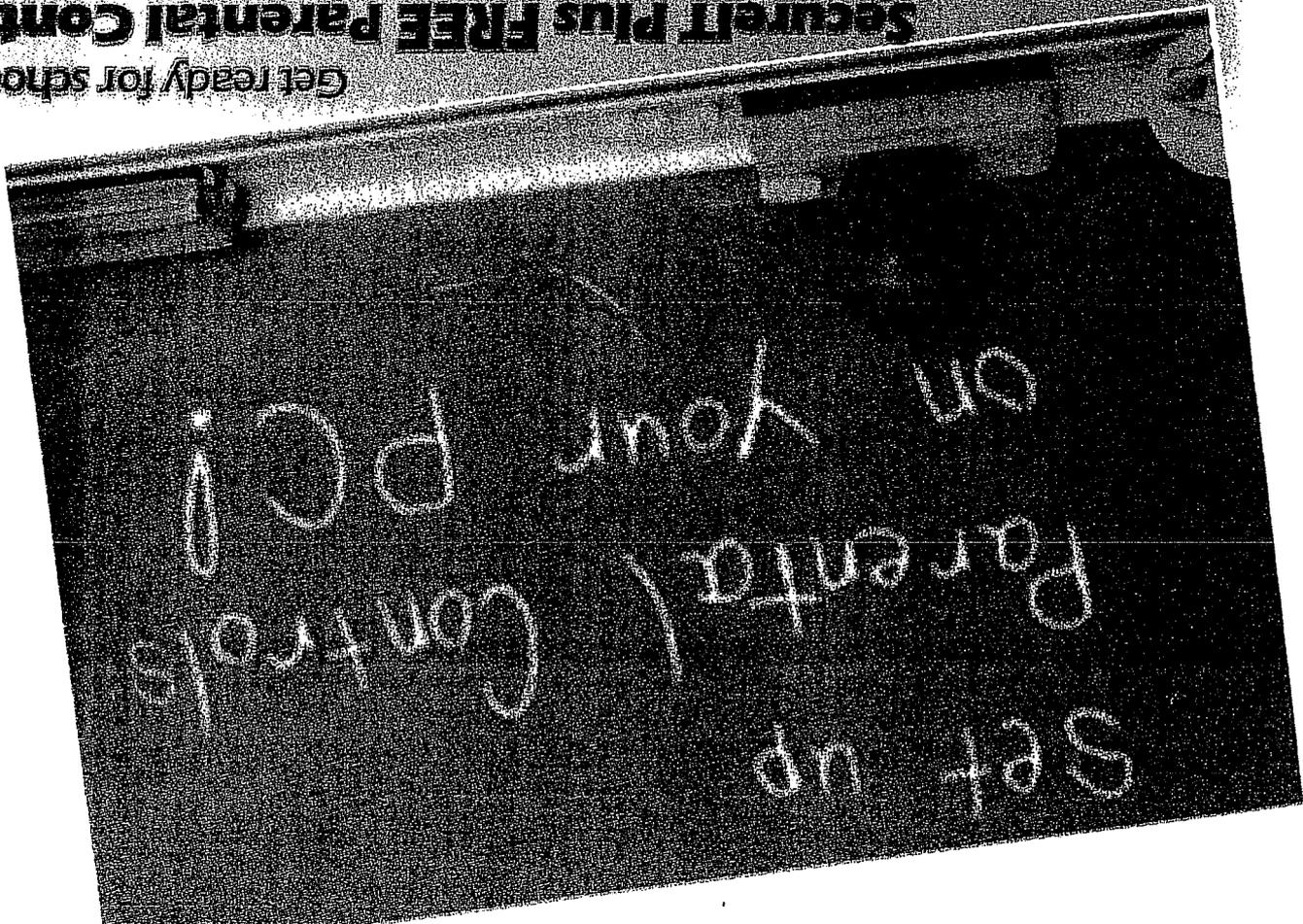
## TARDINESS NOT ACCEPTED

- Create different profiles for each child
- Customize the options as you want/need for each child
- Block pages based on keywords & patterns that appear in web addresses
- Block web chat & instant messaging
- Stop phishing attempts
- Protect against file downloading & sharing

## BE THE TASK MASTER

# SecureIt Plus FREE Parental Controls!

Get ready for school with



# 1st Day of School

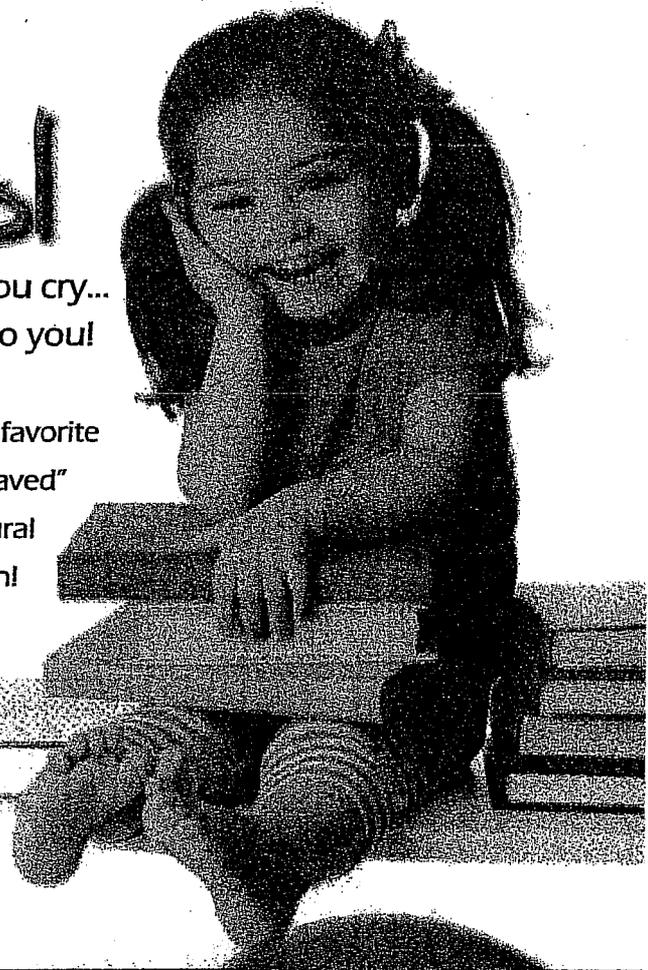
If you thought seeing your baby go to school made you cry...  
imagine what losing all her baby pictures would do to you!

With SecureIT's New Online Backup your precious first photos, favorite  
videos, music files & documents on your computer can be "saved"  
in case you experience your first computer crash, first natural  
disaster, first accidental-deletion or other first major uh-oh!

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- Easy-to-use service that automatically backs up the files on your PC using your WRT High-Speed Internet connection.
- Files are transferred using government-standard 128 bit SSL encryption to a state-of-the-art data center.
- Use it to backup your photos, music, videos, email, documents, etc.
- Restore data lost due to issues like viruses, hard drive crashes, deletions, natural disasters or transfer information to a new computer.
- Can set it and forget it (with automatic daily backups) or customize backup times.
- Works with Windows & Mac and on MULTIPLE COMPUTERS – Backup your PC, your child's PCs, your home office PC - No limit to the number of computers, only the amount of space!
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- Try 5 GB of storage for FREE for 3 months! (Only \$2.95 per month after)
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**SHARE YOUR  
STORAGE!**

Backup several computers  
on the same storage...  
home, kids & office!

# WIRETECH TIPS

## Q: CAN I SET PARENTAL CONTROLS OPTIONS ON VIDEO GAMES LIKE WII & XBOX?

**A:** Monitoring your child's time playing video games is just as important as their time on the computer. There are many different game systems as well as types of games out there. The Wii, Xbox 360 & PlayStation 3 are the most popular systems and all three have built-in parental control options\*\*. These options include blocking some games, movies and also monitoring Internet activity. Video games also have rating to help parents decide what might be okay to buy or play(see table on right).

Wii's Parental Control settings can be found under Wii Settings. Once you set up a PIN and secret question, you can choose your Game settings and Other Settings - to disable online shopping, the web browser and other options.

Xbox 360 has many parental control options located under the System Settings/Family Settings. You can choose Game Rating and Video Rating - which includes Movie & TV Rating. You can block or control online use under Xbox LIVE Access, including setting up Xbox LIVE child accounts. Xbox even allows you to set daily and weekly time limits under the Family Timer option. Parents can also set up a PIN and secret question using the Set Pass Code option.

PlayStation 3 provides a vast listing of parental controls as well, although maybe not as user-friendly as the other systems as it has more international options. Once under Security Settings you can Change Password and select Parental Controls. Options include restricting games and movies (Blu-ray, DVD, etc) based on your child's age; as well as selecting Region Code to limit content from the United States only. There are also online parental controls for the web browser and online access.

With a little time and patience, you can take control of your family's game system too!

\*\*It is strongly recommended that you read your game system's manual for exact details or call the game system technical support number for additional assistance.

### VIDEO GAME RATINGS

The Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) rates video games. These ratings are located on the front & back of every game to help guide you in picking appropriate games.

(see [www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org) for details)

#### ESRB VIDEO GAME RATINGS GUIDE

EC (Early Childhood): 3 and older

E (Everyone): 6 and older

E 10+ (Everyone 10+): 10 and older

T (Teen): 13 and older

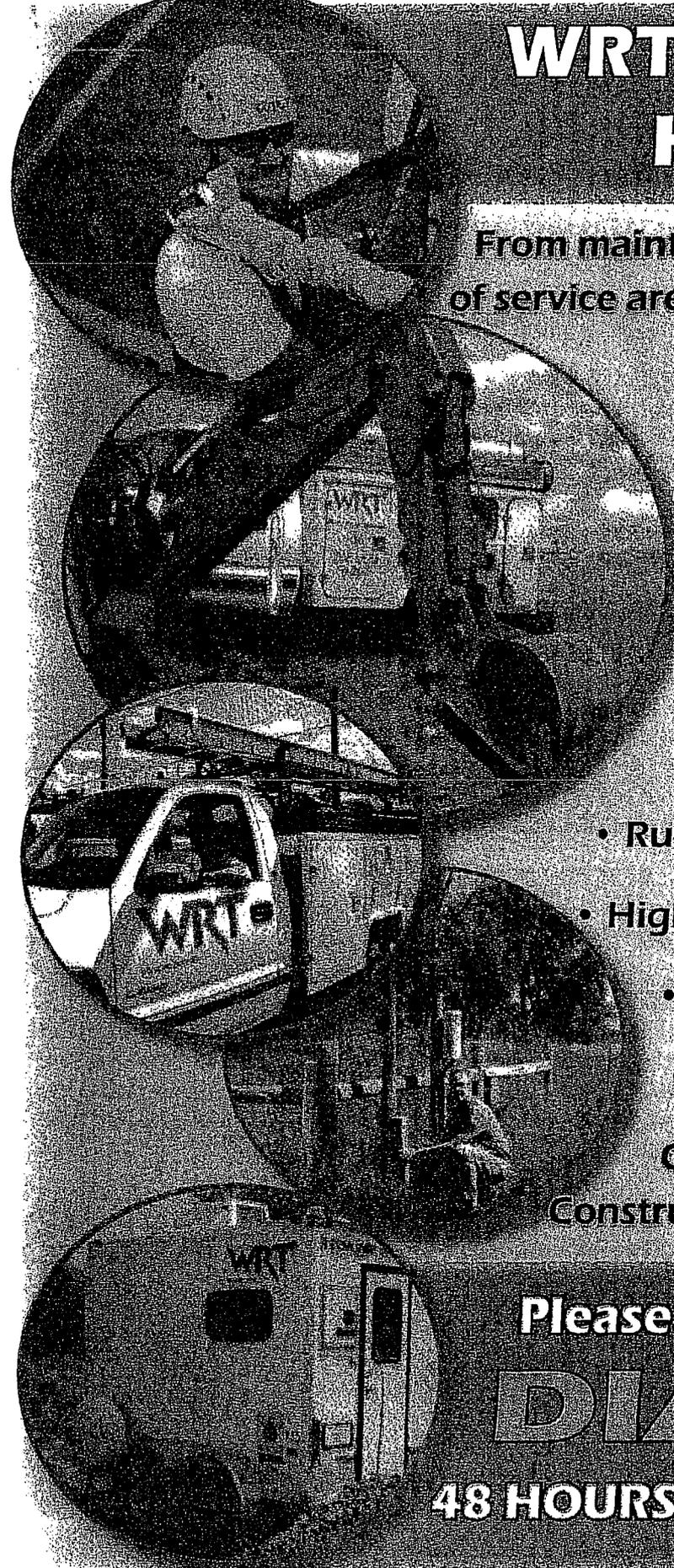
M (Mature): 17 and older

AO (Adults Only): 18 or older

### Call Linda at WRT to visit your Classroom or Kid Group! It's fun, free & informational!

WRT Member Services Coordinator Linda Terferri has made it part of her back to school routine to offer fun phone & internet tips to our area youth! If you would like to have Linda visit your school or organization to present on Internet Safety or Telephone Etiquette - please contact Linda at [lindat@westriv.com](mailto:lindat@westriv.com) or by calling 748-2211.





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**Do you qualify for the  
School Lunch Program?**

**You might be eligible for  
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**WRT CAN HELP**

Please read this  
information...

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## **LIFELINE & LINK UP**

Lifeline and Link-Up are federal programs offering telephone discounts to low-income consumers. Lifeline offers a discount of at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service. This applies only to primary telephone service in the home where you live. Toll Restriction/Limitation is also available to qualifying customers at no charge. Link Up can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.

### **QUALIFYING FOR LIFELINE & LINK UP**

Anyone participating in one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for Link Up & Lifeline:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

## **TRIBAL LANDS LIFELINE & EXPANDED LINK UP**

Special Lifeline and Link Up programs are also available for residents of tribal lands. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees.

Toll Restriction/Limitation is available to qualifying customers at no charge. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

### **QUALIFYING FOR TRIBAL LANDS LIFELINE & EXPANDED LINK UP**

Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs are eligible:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) aka Food Stamps Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- BIA General Assistance Program
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start (only with income qualifying standard)

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# CLIP & SAVE WITH PHONEBOOK UPDATES

## BEULAH

High Plains Concepts ..... 873-2334  
 (fax number) ..... 873-2349  
 Knoll, Joseph & Brook ..... 873-2333  
 Kuch, Jeff & Dianne ..... 873-4184  
 M & D Truck Repair ..... 873-2157  
 Nohr, Savannah ..... 873-2558  
 Winckler, Breann ..... 873-2387

## CARSON including Leith

Lebeau, Bruce ..... 622-3031

## CENTER including Hannover & Hensler

Carlson, Jeffrey & Jacklyne ..... 794-3202  
 Enerfab, Inc ..... 794-3654  
 Wahlman Heating, Air & Plumbing, LLC ..... 794-3517

## ELGIN-NEW LEIPZIG including Heil

Curtis Rud Oil Co ..... 584-2014  
 Seibel, Jade & Michelle ..... 584-2089

## FLASHER including Lark & Raleigh

Antelope Hills Lodging & Recreation ..... 597-3045

## FORT YATES including Cannon Ball & Solen

Circles Of Care ..... 854-3635  
 Meth Initiative Program ..... 854-3291  
 White Eagle, Tia ..... 854-3084

## GOLDEN VALLEY

Boehler, Jerome ..... 983-4439

## HAZEN

Cochran, Elizabeth ..... 748-2115  
 Jen's Certified Day Care ..... 748-5715  
 Longshots Bar ..... 748-2552  
 Renner, Penny ..... 748-2146  
 The Renovation Center ..... 748-2555  
 Weigum, Ashley ..... 748-2260

## McCLUSKY

Confederate Bar & Café ..... 363-2400  
 Rowe, J ..... 363-2321

## MCLAUGHLIN, SD including Little Eagle & Kenel

Eagleshield, Fritz Jr & Patti ..... 823-2262  
 Johnston, Jennifer ..... 823-2476  
 McLaughlin, Phillip & Pauline ..... 823-7201  
 Schwan Electric Inc ..... 823-2294

## MOBRIDGE, SD including Trail City & Wakpala

Charles Dutt Electric ..... 845-7365  
 Frank, Sandy & Stetson Wagner ..... 845-2588  
 Kalsbeck, Janet ..... 845-2333  
 Schneider, Steve Jr ..... 845-2346  
 Singrey, Bethany ..... 845-2409  
 Tiger, Deborah ..... 845-3465  
 Yellow Hammer, Jessica ..... 845-2542

## NEW SALEM - ALMONT including Judson

Allete ..... 843-7241  
 Prairie Rose Senior Citizens ..... 843-8472

## SOLEN/ST.ANTHONY

Felch, Korbin & Jamie ..... 445-7511  
 Vandenburg, Kyle ..... 445-7370

## STANTON

Boyko Inc ..... 745-3345

## TURTLE LAKE

Andrus, Paul ..... 448-2001

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Tbones Steakhouse & Lounge ..... 442-3701

## WASHBURN

Lyson, Royal ..... 462-3402



## PHONE SCAM ALERT!

*You may not be talking to who you think you are!*

As technology advances, a number on your caller ID looks like a good sign. It means it is scam artists are trying to appear as someone you'd talk to. Never give out any personal information to anyone on the phone unless you have a way of knowing who you are talking to. If you could tell them you will call them back at the number on the caller ID.

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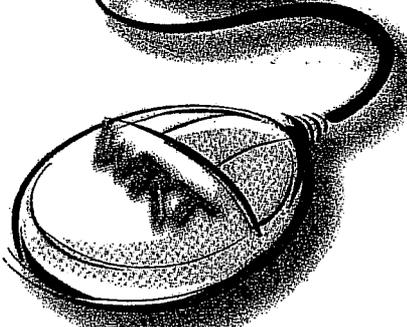
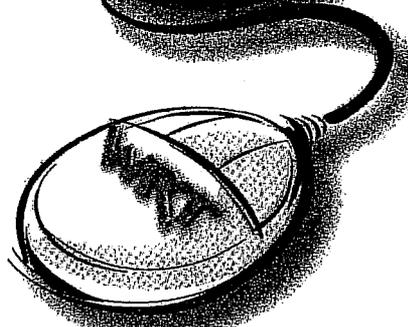
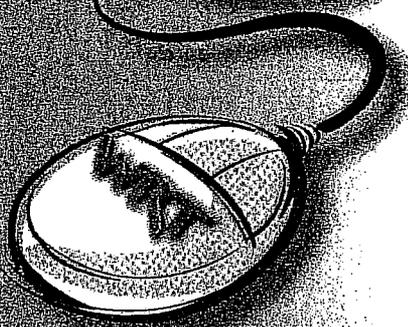
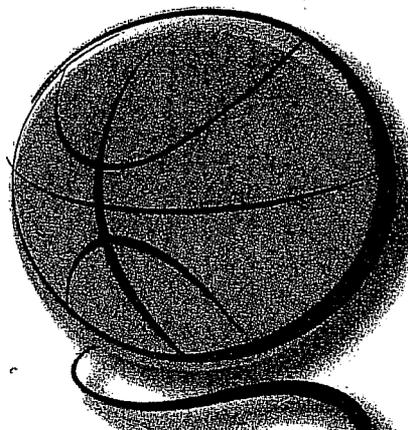
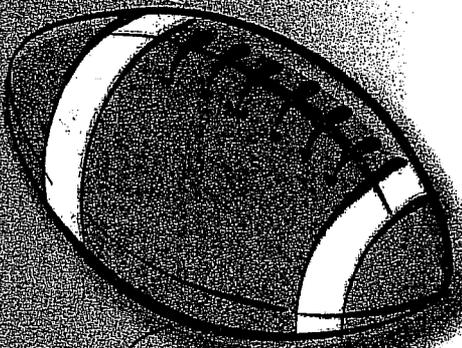
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'T was the Night  
before Christmas,  
when all through  
the House

Not a Creature  
was Stirring...

WRT  
SHOPPING  
LIST  
PG 4

DON'T CRY=  
GET ONLINE  
BACKUP  
PG 5

NEW  
ONLINE  
DIRECTORY  
PG 10

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Dec 20 • WRT Payments Due

Dec 24 & 31 • WRT Offices Closed for  
the Holidays 24/7 Tech & Repair available

# News & Notes from WRT's CEO...

Another year is nearly over. Christmas is near at hand and the New Year is just around the corner. This is truly a wonderful time of year. As we celebrate let us all remember the reason for this glorious holiday.

We just celebrated Thanksgiving and there was much to give thanks for. The crops were very good again and the harvest was eventually completed.

We have basically finished our upgrades and can provide broadband to nearly all of our customers. There is only a handful of customers where WRT broadband is not available. We plan to upgrade the plant to these people in the coming year or so. It has been a long, methodical process and is gratifying to have this completed.

Broadband is the buzzword amongst federal policy makers and regulators. WRT has been active in conjunction with industry groups working with regulators and lawmakers to let them know the needs of rural America. The FCC is working on a national broadband plan at this time. The plan would shift universal service funds from supporting voice networks to broadband networks.

The major stress now seems to be on just building systems with only a very minor stress on maintaining the systems. Without these funds, customers in rural areas will be paying much higher rates to receive the needed services. The plan would be phased in over an eight to ten year time period.

As this process is in its early stages it is imperative for us to make them aware of our needs in rural America and the challenge for companies such as WRT to meet those needs. We have worked hard to that end in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

Our partnership with Verizon Wireless continues to provide quality cellular service to most of the WRT service area. They provide great service and coverage plus they are a partner of WRTs.

It has been another great year for WRT. It has been our honor and pleasure to serve you and provide the telecommunications services you need. We look forward to serving you next year and beyond.

In closing, on behalf of everyone at WRT, I wish everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year. ~ Mick Grosz, WRT CEO

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Nick Kautenhauer, Warburton, ND and Gailly Pick City - Carolyn Wells Carson

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ is perfect for people working nights so the phone doesn't wake them up.
3. WRT now offers an online phone directory with maps at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com).

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# Only How Many Shopping Days Left?!?

~ Do Not Disturb for Mom  
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~ Verizon Navigator for in-laws to use while traveling (won't need a GPS & only \$9.99/mo. (\$4.99/mo. or \$2.99/4w.))

~ WRT Gift Certificate for Grandma  
(can get any amount)

~ Cell Phone Accessories for Niece  
(just got new LG phone at WRT)

~ Online Backup for best friend  
(hate to lose pictures of new baby - only \$2.95/month from WRT)

~ SecureIT for hubby's new netbook  
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~ High speed Internet for sister's fam to use at home (\$24.95 per mo)

~ WRT Wireless Modem for nephews  
(great for several pcs - only \$80)

~ Wireless Mouse for cousin  
(to go w/ new laptop - check out WRT's FREE special)

~ Loud Ringer Phone for Dad's garage  
(so he hear it over saws & drills - see WRT's selection)

~ WRT Caller ID for daycare lady  
(when she's done feeding kids she can see I called - only \$5/month)

~ Watch WRT's Online Classified Ads  
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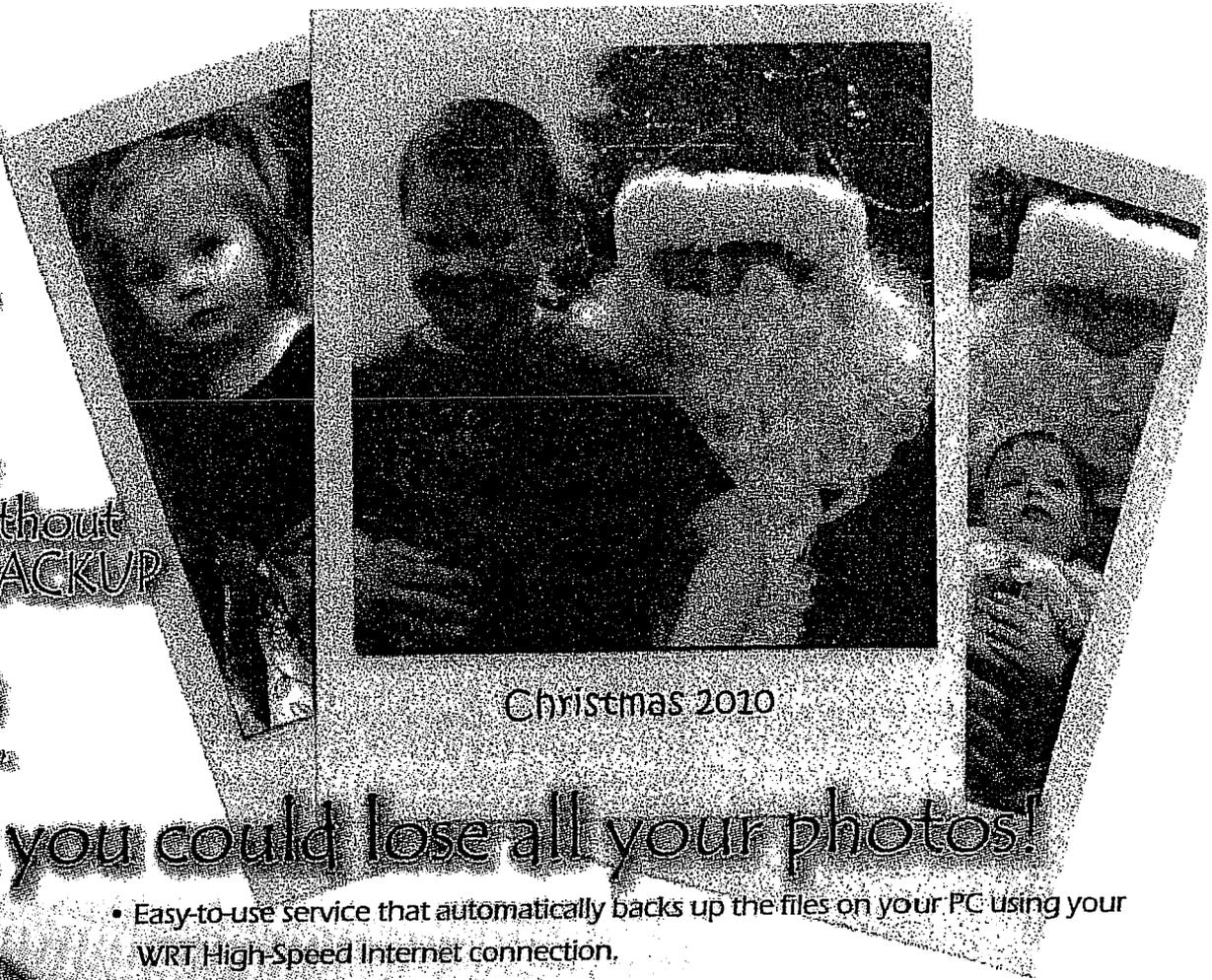
## Whew! Nothing beats quick, easy & local shopping!

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Not Pout

You Better  
Not Cry

You Better  
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## Q: Nooks, Boox, Kindles & Whatnots - Help?!

**A:** Techie gifts are at the top of almost everyone's list this year. It can be overwhelming - even if you are just listening to the discussion. We'll try to scratch the surface on Digital Reader/eBook Readers such as the Kindle, BeBook Neo, Barnes & Noble Nook, iPad, Sony Reader, Boox, etc.

### WHAT IS AN EBOOK READER?

Books of any form (paper or digital) have the power to take us anywhere the author or our imagination directs us to go. eBook readers take it a step further by offering a library at your fingertips. It's not just limited to books either. eBook readers access magazines, daily newspapers and more. eReaders major selling point is they are designed to make your reading experience similar to a printed book but more convenient - no stacks of books to pack and quick access to your next page-turner. eReaders can even provide the "feel" of turning the page, not just scrolling down a screen. You just have to be a bit more careful not to spill when you cuddle up with your eBook and coffee.

### READ ABOUT IT BEFORE YOU BUY!

There are a variety of eReaders available, so read up and do your research before you buy your eReader. Several things to consider include:

- **SCREEN:** Be sure to compare screen size and type. Do you want color? Touchscreen? LED backlights?
- **CONNECTION:** What wireless capabilities does it have? In most cases it is faster to purchase your eBooks online using your high speed internet connection and then transfer to your eReader.
- **COMPATIBILITY:** some eReaders have access to thousands of titles available from familiar book sites like Barnes & Noble or Amazon. These same readers may only allow eBooks from a dedicated service. It is also important to check with your local library to see what type of book files they provide.
- **POWER:** Unlike the traditional printed reading materials, your eReader needs a bit more maintenance. It's important to consider the memory and battery life before you decide on an eReader. Look into the number of pages that can be turned on a single battery charge. Compare the amount of memory available to store your "stack of books" on your eReader.
- **BELLS & WHISTLES:** Depending on your preferences or price level, you can find eReaders that also offer audio and images, as well as text-to-speech features and more. As with all technology, it will likely continue to improve, provide more features and eventually lower in price.

The best eReader for you should offer the closest feel to escaping with your good book, while providing the most convenient features to meet your needs. Happy shopping and more importantly, happy reading!

(source: At TopTenREVIEWS We Do the Research So You Don't Have To.™)

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# WRT & FRS SCHOLARSHIPS

WRT scholarships are available to a graduating high school senior or student in college or another post-secondary institution - one time only. There are eight \$500 scholarships available - based on one per district and one for a child of a WRT employee or director. Only current subscribers of WRT and/or their dependents are eligible to receive this scholarship. Scholarship applications along with WRT District maps will be delivered or mailed to all area schools. Applications will also be available on WRT's web site ([www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com)). Applications must be either postmarked or returned to a WRT office in person by 4 pm **February 4, 2011.**

WRT will also be participating in the NTCA Foundation for Rural Services national scholarship program. This program offers graduating high school seniors a chance at one of 30 scholarships worth \$2,500 each. Applicants must receive local service from and be sponsored by WRT. Preference will be given to individuals expressing an interest to return to a rural community following graduation. FRS scholarship applications are due by **March 1, 2011** and can also be downloaded from the WRT website at [www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com) or from [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org).

Any inquiries regarding the scholarship program should be directed to Linda Terfehr by calling 748-2211 or via email to [lindat@westriv.com](mailto:lindat@westriv.com)

# ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

***If you are in need of financial assistance to help pay for your telephone service - please read the information below...***

## **LIFELINE & LINK UP**

Lifeline and Link-Up are federal programs offering telephone discounts to low-income consumers. Lifeline offers a discount of at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service. This applies only to primary telephone service in the home where you live. Toll Restriction/Limitation is also available to qualifying customers at no charge. Link-Up can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.

## **QUALIFYING FOR LIFELINE & LINK UP**

Anyone participating in one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for Link Up & Lifeline:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) aka Food Stamps program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

## **TRIBAL LANDS LIFELINE & EXPANDED LINK UP**

Special Lifeline and Link-Up programs are also available for residents of tribal lands. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal mandated fees. Toll Restriction/Limitation is available to qualifying customers at no charge. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

## **QUALIFYING FOR TRIBAL LANDS LIFELINE & EXPANDED LINK UP**

Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs are eligible:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) aka Food Stamps Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- BIA General Assistance Program
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start (only with income qualifying standard)

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

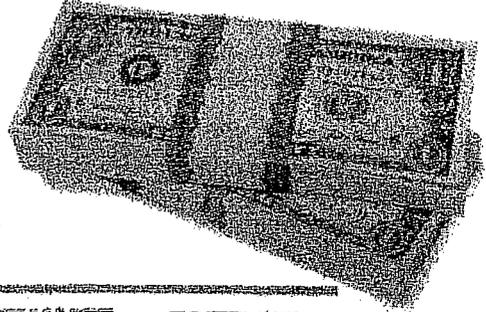
## **TO APPLY/FOR MORE INFORMATION**

We are here to assist you! Please call WRT at 748-2211, to visit with a Customer Service Representative or stop by one of our local offices in Hazen, Beulah or Mobridge. Also see online @ [www.westrv.com](http://www.westrv.com).

# ARE YOU MISSING MONEY?

## Unclaimed/Uncashed Capital Credit Checks Issued in 2010

Listed are members with CASHBACK (capital credit checks) for 50% of the earnings for the year 1999 and 30% of the earnings for the year 2009 which have not been cashed or have been returned to our office by the USPS as undeliverable. The list also includes checks issued to those individuals who have terminated their service with us and whose account balance for all years is less than \$100. If you are among those listed or know the whereabouts of any of these subscribers, please contact Jane at WRT.



### **BELLAH EXCHANGE**

Aqua Concept Technologies Inc.  
Baihly, Jason  
Bauer, Dawn  
Biggs, Dan & Ann  
Binder, Bill  
Blankenship, James  
Bradley, Troy & Audra  
Cun, Zhong Lin  
Dragon Delight,  
% Cun Zhong Lin  
Dragon Delight,  
% Shan Song Lin  
Fischer, Alma  
Gleich, Doug  
Greenlee, Heather  
Grishkowsky, Eleanor  
Haines Construction Company  
Harry, Justin  
Hodge, Brian & Dierdre  
Hoepfner, Nancy  
Johnson Justin  
Johnson, Troy  
Kadmas, Dena  
KBMR  
Kromarek, Richard  
LeBlanc, Mark & Susan  
Lin, Shan Song  
Lin, Shan Xing  
Mettler, Keith & Susan  
Moravec, Thomas & Trevor  
Morris, Norman  
Niska, Jennie  
Orth, Bertha  
Peplinski, Chad  
Pfeifer, Margaret & Marco  
Plude, George  
Radke, Robert  
Reed, Robert  
Rueb, Edgar  
Schiltz, Cora  
Schlecht, Larry  
Schonert, Bridget  
Skyline Feed Lot,  
% Gerald Bieber  
Sugnet & Associates

### **BELLAH EXCHANGE cont.**

Tate, Melba  
Teske, Ida  
Underwood, Donald & Arliss  
Verizon Wireless  
Wiedrich, Frieda  
Woolleey, Geffery  
Zinne, Brandon

### **CARSON EXCHANGE**

Zimmerman, Lyle & Sue

### **CENTER EXCHANGE**

Beckers, Samuel & Sandy  
Colbourn, Carol  
Henke, Melvin & Charlotte  
Johnson, Libbie  
Leinius, Ellen  
Lewis, Leslie Scott  
Oliver County Abstract,  
% Ellen Leinius  
Pew, Jacqueline  
Robillard, Jeniva  
Van Oosting, Bruce  
Van Oosting, Bruce & Deadre  
Wells, Amanda

### **ELGIN EXCHANGE**

Eisenbarth, Stella  
Howard, Darrell  
Ketterling, Ben  
Klein, Milt & Marie  
Mosbrucker, Bill  
Rivinius, Allen  
Roth, Delmar  
Schadler, Richard & Donna  
Schulz, Matthew  
Steiner, Tom

### **FLASHER EXCHANGE**

Binder, Cindy  
Fitterer, Lee & Jeannie  
Hanna, Kathy  
Schenbeck, Colby & Amy  
Schmidt, Sherwood

### **FORTYATES EXCHANGE**

Benoit, Steve  
Bernie, Shyanne  
BIA Dist. 1 Correction Division  
Black Cloud, Randy  
Bovitz, Edward  
Brakke, Alfreda (Cree)  
Brave Thunder, Victor  
Buckley, William  
Bush, Vonnie  
Carry Moccasin, Patricia  
Citibank Dakota EBT Services  
Clark, Winifred  
Cloud, Edwina  
Curtis & Associates Inc.  
Davis, Elton  
Dionne, Robert  
Dogskin, Wilfred  
Ducheneaux, Dawn  
Dunn, Verna  
First Baptist Church  
Foote, Pauline (Looking Elk)  
Fox, Wayne  
Gipp, Judith  
Grant, Monique (Hurtado)  
Harrison, Henry Jr. & Jan  
Harrison, Peggy (Edstrom)  
Iron Road, Robert K.  
Jacobson, Andrew  
Johnson, Teri  
Jones, Blossom  
Keepseagle, Vivian  
Kidder, Bernard & Connie  
LaRock, Denise  
Lee, Marcus  
Left Hand Bull, Percy & Marvella  
Lewis, Maxine  
Moore, Bonnie  
Mousel Construction Inc.,  
% Steven Mousel  
Netterville, Marcella  
Phonetel Technologies Inc.  
Plante, Gabe  
Ramirez, Debra  
Renner, Thomas

### **FORTYATES EXCHANGE**

**continued...**  
Reyna, Petra  
Sadler, Robert & Dorla  
See Walker, Marcus  
Silk, Duane  
Silk, Loretta (Boyer)  
Smart, Eddie Jr. & Marie  
Star, Woodrow & Charlotte  
Steele, Sandra  
Teachout, Margaret Halsey  
Ten Bears, Claude  
Tuske, Olivia  
Twinn, Reba (LaValley)  
Two Bears, Clinton  
Two Shields, Trestarska  
Vander Wal, Sandi  
Whipple, Clark  
White, Mike & Susan  
Whiteman, Stephen Jr.  
Whitetwin, Janelle  
Wise Spirit, Matthew  
Yellow Lodge, Nathan Sr.

### **GLEN ULLIN EXCHANGE**

Schlenvogt, Paul & Cassie  
Winckler, Helen

### **GOLDEN VALLEY EXCHANGE**

Gardner, Oland  
Henning, Leigh  
Lais, Thadius & Robin  
Sailer, Michael & Andrea  
Shimek, Steven

### **GOODRICH EXCHANGE**

East, Parker  
Howard, Doc  
Tessman, Alma  
Turner, Jeffery  
Vietz, Joann

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### **HAYEN EXCHANGE**

Asher, Will  
Benjamin, Arthur  
Bergstad, Rebecca  
Berland, Larry  
Blevins, Patrick & Stacy  
Bruner, Curt  
Curves  
Drath, Bea  
Eagle International Inc.  
Ewalt, Kim (Riches)  
Grollinger, Kat  
KHOL Radio  
Kilber, Robert & Delree  
Noble Games  
Pfliger, Jorden & Lorna  
Reed, Larry & Catherine  
Rudolph, Brett & April  
Samson, Kimberly  
Scheid, Walter & Viola  
Slinde, John & Myrtle  
Stevens, Dale  
Tengesdal, Scott  
Thomas, Benjamin Jr. & Renee  
Thompson, Herman  
Wieland, Michael

### **HEBRON EXCHANGE**

Jaeger, Bruce & Patricia  
Palmer, Ashlie  
Zimmerman,  
Arnold & Gertrude  
Zinnel, Esther

### **MCCUSKY EXCHANGE**

Bauer, Jessica  
Kirschman, Violet  
Potterton, Sandra  
Touchette, Sabrina

### **MCLAUGHLIN EXCHANGE**

Alvarado, Joni (One Feather)  
Alvarado, Jose & Joni  
Archambault, Loren  
Archambault, Vine  
Bear Soldier Bingo  
Benninger, Roxanne  
Brave Crow, Miranda  
Brown, Mary  
Brownotter, Quenton  
Carrion, Darrell  
Cruise, Kolby  
Demarrias, Flora  
Fights Over, Carolyn  
Gilbert, Frederick II  
Goetz, Clara  
Gravatt, Mark & Jeanne

### **MCLAUGHLIN EXCHANGE** *continued...*

Harrison, David Jr. & Tawna  
Heggstad, Randalie  
Hepperle, Jacqueline  
Hettich, Rick  
Holy Bear, Julius  
Iron Thunder, Veronica  
Jandreau, James & Susan  
Kanitz, Melina  
Kills in Water, Bruce Jr.  
Leaf, Deidra  
Looking Horse, Marletta  
Martin, Robin  
Montez, Allison  
Morsette, Desiree  
Neary, Robert  
One Feather, Paul  
Perkins, Myrna  
Poor Thunder, Mona  
St. John, Jesse  
Taken Alive, Faith (Iron Cloud)  
Takes the Gun, Adeline  
Thompson, Curtis  
Three Legs, Harold  
Walking Elk, Lindsey  
Welch, Gary & Sandra  
Yellow Earrings, Pamela  
Youngbird, Felix Justin Paul Jr.  
Zephier, Jennifer

### **MORRIDGE EXCHANGE**

Allbee, Amber  
Andreson, Ruby  
AT&T/UPS SDMOB  
Baker, Britton (Cadotte)  
Bravecrow, Pauline  
Brown, John  
Brownotter, Jerrilyn  
Cadotte, Theresa  
Coca-Cola Enterprises - MBR  
Family Dollar Store #7485  
Fireside Products  
Flying By, Corey  
Four Bear, Cara  
Freeman, Renita  
Golden Living Center  
Harrison, Clarissa  
Hart, Corey  
Heil, Kenneth & Toni  
LaFromboise, Vincent  
Little Dog, Leta  
Mettler, Edna  
Morrison, Alyce  
OCull, Arthur III  
Reeves, Frankie  
Reiley, Roberta  
S D Intrastate Pipeline  
Schmidt, Edward

### **MORRIDGE EXCHANGE cont.**

Speckels, Michael  
Tiger, Brittany  
Tiger, Heather  
Western Wireless

### **NEW SALEM EXCHANGE**

Bahm, James & Labeth  
Barth, Norman  
Bleick, Jonathan  
Doll, George  
Ehrlich, Hulda  
Fischer, Valentine & Melody  
Foster, Travis & Lexie  
Goetzfridt, Monica  
Heid, Charles  
Hinton, Patricia  
Ingalls, Lee  
Monson, Cora  
Naumann, Gordon  
Reiner, Glenn  
Schroeder, Jonathan  
Weiss, Eida

### **PICK CITY EXCHANGE**

Bowers, Leroy & Tracey  
Kreidler, Daniel & April  
Krenznel, Ryan & Debbie  
Winkelman, Scott

### **ST. ANTHONY EXCHANGE**

Brucker, Mark & Marilyn  
Pittencieff Communications Inc.  
Schaff, David  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Terion Inc.

### **SELFRIDGE EXCHANGE**

Chapman, Mayme  
Church of the Cross  
D & L Haven  
Ebarb, William Jr. & Melissa  
Gayton, Ronald Jr.  
Haman, Rose  
Henriquez, Benjamin & Verlynn  
Israel, Adam & Kerry  
Lufkins, Jason & Georgja  
Mitchell, Susie  
National Tribal  
Development Association  
Porcupine Resident Org.  
Vetter, Charlene  
Wells, Randhal & Katie

### **STANTON EXCHANGE**

Bergstad, Chad  
Black Cloud, Matthew  
Johnson, Jason & Holly  
Lang, Michael

### **TURTLE LAKE EXCHANGE**

Anderson, Jason & Audrey  
Defense Finance &  
Accounting Service  
Egert, Jeff  
Goven, Gerard & Jill  
Hayes, Dean & Shelley  
Lelm, Ryan  
Roubal, Charmaine  
Slagg, Marsha

### **UNDERWOOD EXCHANGE**

Brannan, Sally  
Coutts, Mary  
Earl, Glenn & Glenda  
Guenthner, Michael  
Mautz, Duane  
Renze, Mary  
Tiegen, Margaret  
Zietz, Ben & Tammi

### **WASHBURN EXCHANGE**

Abel, Sandra  
Acevedo, Alex & Tami  
Anderson, David  
ATI Inc.  
Devries, Jamie Lynn  
Fidram, Tamara  
Henry, Jason  
Huffstetler, John & Elizabeth  
Janssen, Brian & Louise  
Johnson, Arlan & Audrey  
Kuntz, Gregory & Barbara  
Lelm, Wayne  
Mason, Alice  
McEwan, Richard  
Meyer, Marlin Paul  
Olson, Kristi  
Rohrbach, Vivian  
Sundsbak, Chad  
Tryon, Candida (Arends)

### **ZAP EXCHANGE**

Dirk, Kelly  
Erker, Brian  
Fischer, Carey  
Halsey, Christopher Lee  
Merle's Auto Service,  
c/o Merle Fischer  
Scott, Hertha  
Sutheimer, Marvin & Wanda  
Tabor, Andrea  
Tengowski, Myron & Terri

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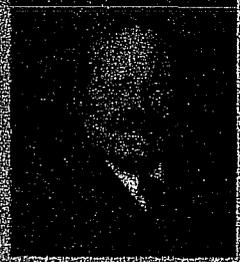
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Bob Hughes



Dan Shea



Rick Peterson

## BRING IN THE BUSINESS WITH WRT

WRT can help customers find YOUR BUSINESS! By simply listing your business number in our telephone book, your phone number is included in our online directory & also with directory assistance. Plus, you can bring in even more business with display ads and yellow page ads.

**WRT is also providing a NEW ONLINE LOCAL SEARCH PLATFORM - [www.localsolution.com](http://www.localsolution.com)**

This new tool offers great search options including searches via keywords, areas and more. Not only will it give customers your phone listing but will also provide advanced mapping technology by Bing. You can even include a link to your website, photos, print ads and more. It's an awesome addition for both businesses looking to make the most of their advertising dollar and a way for customers to easily find you!

Advertising Sales Reps from Pinnacle Publishing (the printers of your WRT telephone book) will be in the WRT service area from December 2010 to February 2011.

## REGISTER WITH DO NOT CALL - IT'S FREE!

The National Do-Not-Call Registry has been established to offer you a choice about receiving telemarketing calls at home. Registering will stop most telemarketing calls but it will not stop calls from certain non-profit and political organizations and calls from organizations with which you have established a business relationship.

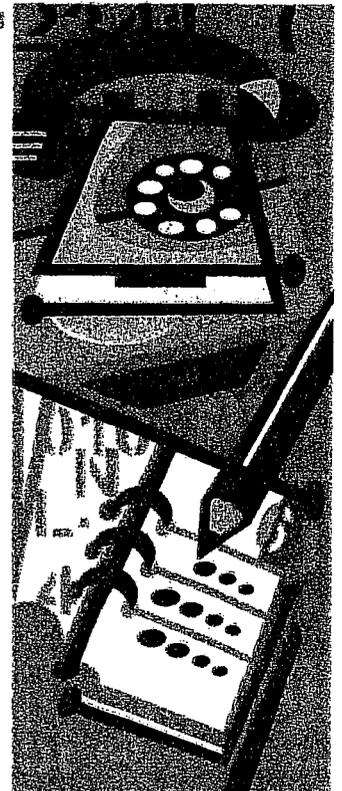
Consumers can register their residential telephone numbers, including wireless numbers, on the National Do-Not-Call Registry by telephone or by Internet at no cost. The number will be on the Do-Not-Call list the day after registration; however, telemarketers have up to 31 days to remove the number from their call lists.

You may register up to three numbers at one time if registering on the Internet. If registering via telephone, you can register only one number at a time and you must call from the telephone number you are registering. A number can be removed from the Do-Not-Call Registry at anytime.

To register or remove a number from the Do-Not-Call Registry:

- CALL 1.888.382.1222
- TTY CALL 1.866.290.4236
- REGISTER ON THE INTERNET at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

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## BEULAH

Gabriel, Nicole.....	873-4404
High Plains Concepts.....	873-2334
(fax number) .....	873-2349
Hurt, B.....	873-5120
Kuch, Jeff & Dianne.....	873-4184
M & D Truck Repair.....	873-2157
Romans, Ryan & Casey.....	873-4354

## CENTER including Hannover & Hensler

Lenoir, Emily.....	794-3748
Wahlman Heating, Air & Plumbing, LLC	794-3517

## ELGIN-NEW LEIPZIG including Heil

Tinnes, Paul.....	584-2538
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## FLASHER including Lark & Raleigh

Antelope Hills Lodging & Recreation.....	597-3045
Leintz, Robert.....	597-3115
Pierce, Roy.....	597-3555
Smith, Brittni.....	597-3071

## FORT YATES including Cannon Ball & Solen

Oka, Katrina E.....	854-7229
Standing Rock Game & Fish.....	854-7236
Virginia Baptist Mission Board.....	854-3098

## GLEN ULLIN

Dakotaland Feeds.....	348-3606
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## HAZEN

Fastenal.....	748-2348
Jen's Certified Day Care.....	748-5715
Krazy Deals.....	748-2825
Longshots Bar.....	748-2552
The Renovation Center.....	748-2555

## HEBRON

Meissner, Virgil & Paula.....	878-4369
Namyniuk, Marlin.....	878-4106

## McCLUSKY

Confederate Bar & Cafe.....	363-2400
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## MCLAUGHLIN, SD including Little Eagle & Kenel

Baker, Myrtis L.....	823-2297
Church of St Aloysius.....	823-2222
Church of St Bernard.....	823-4401
Hollow, Johathan.....	823-4415
Red Legs, Verinda.....	823-4861
Schwan Electric Inc.....	823-2294

## MERCER

Slavogub, Visnjic.....	447-2830
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## MOBRIDGE, SD including Trail City & Wakpala

Archambault, Kiki.....	845-7795
Charles Dutt Electric.....	845-7365
Demarrias, Betty.....	845-7708
Hair By Hannah.....	845-3535
Ideal Lifestyles.....	845-2370
Sacred Word Lutheran Church.....	845-2675
Wald, Casie D.....	845-5877
Walking Elk, Paige.....	845-7997
Western Edge Designs.....	845-2630

## NEW SALEM - ALMONT including Judson

Allete.....	843-7241
Almont Rural Fire Protection.....	843-7217
Klusmann, Delores.....	843-8676
Larson, Devon.....	843-8807
Prairie Rose Senior Citizens.....	843-8472
U-Haul Co.....	843-7180

## PICK CITY

Eslinger, Gary & Deborah.....	487-3365
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## STANTON

Boyko Inc.....	745-3345
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## TURTLE LAKE

Bryle's Firearm II.....	448-2282
White Bear, Edmund.....	448-2016
Scott, Billy & Claudia.....	448-2078

## UNDERWOOD including Coleharbor

Lemer, Breanna.....	442-3100
Tbones Steakhouse & Lounge.....	442-3701

## WASHBURN

Hanson, Brad.....	462-3841
Miller, Wes & Leslie.....	462-3993
Scott's Hardware Inc.....	462-3364
(fax line).....	462-3264
Washburn Area Economic.....	462-3801

## NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFO IN THE PHONE BOOK?

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to all & to all a

# Good Night...

# & 2011

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