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ANNUAL REPORT  
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### Five Generations

Five generations of Florence Lang, age 92, recently gathered. Seated from left are great-great grandmother Florence and mother Ashley Rasmussen holding Zander Rasmussen. Standing from left are great grandfather Ken Lang and grandfather Jeff Lang. All reside in Dickinson.

## PORCH

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from the wind that aren't far from food and water sources so cattle don't need to go looking for those. Providing (straw) bedding is a help to put out shortly after a storm, especially when the animals can't get to their regular shelter.

There may be times when producers may need to use camp stoves and heaters as emergency heat sources for brooders after heavy storms.

3. Frostbite: Extremities, such as ears, tails, male reproductive organs and cow teats are subject to frostbite or even may be frozen and impair the animal permanently. This can affect fertility and/or impact milk production.

4. Signs of frostbite may not be immediately obvious or show for several days. Signs may include white, waxy or pale appearance to affected area and sloughing of freeze-damaged tissue.

5. Hypothermia is the lowering of the body's temperature. When the skin or blood is cooled enough to lower the

body temperature in non-hibernating animals, the metabolic and physiological processes slow down.

Early signs include extreme shivering, increased respiration, and confused, erratic or clumsy behavior, especially young animals.

6. Hypothermia signs: Once it is established that an animal is hypothermic it is important to observe and measure the following most important signs: pulse (slow to none); breathing (slow to none); mental status (responsive to unconsciousness); cold skin; low rectal temperature.

Severely hypothermic animals may have other problems, which are not easily detected. These can include a change in blood chemistry; irregular heart beat; dehydration; difference in temperature between deep body tissues and superficial body tissues.

With the extensive snowfall we've had this past month and into January, people, pets and livestock all need a little extra

care from winter. It means life and livelhood. (This is Part 2 of tips for winter animal care.)



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## Death ruled accidental

By KATE JOHNSON

The Mercer County Sheriff's Department ruled a Stanton death accidental. Travis Lee Noakes, 29, Stanton, was accidentally shot while coyote hunting in the early morning hours of Dec. 24, 2016.

According to the police report filed by the Mercer County Sheriff's Department, Noakes and his friend Townsend James Bauer, 30, Hazen, headed out to hunt coyotes in a pasture behind Noakes' trailer home.

The police report went on to give a detailed narrative about Bauer setting up bait to

lure the coyotes in.

The pair set up in different locations and waited for the animals. After hours had passed, Bauer made the first shot at what he saw as movement, and made another shot 30 minutes later at another potential coyote.

Several hours later, once becoming cold, Bauer went to retrieve his coyotes, at which time he discovered Noakes' body.

According to the report, Bauer returned to Noakes' trailer distraught and sobbing to inform Noakes' brother, Ryan Thernes, who called the Sheriff's Department.

# MINER SCOOP

Thursday, January 19

- National Honor Society Meeting @ HS Library @ 7:45 am
- Wrestling @ Killdeer @ 6:00 pm (Dismiss: 2:50)
- Basketball (Girls JV/V) @ Richardton-Taylor @ 6:30/8:00 pm (Depart: 4:15)

Friday, January 20

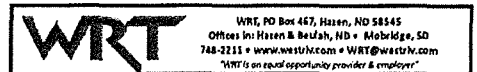
- Basketball (Boys C-Squad/JV/V) vs. Richardton-Taylor @ 4:00/5:30/7:00 pm
- Hockey vs. Bottineau @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 21

- Wrestling @ Watford City @ TBD (Depart: TBD)
- Speech @ Dickinson High @ 8:00 am (Depart: 6:30)
- Basketball (Boys C-Squad/JV/V) @ Four Winds @ 3/4:30/6 pm (Depart: 10:30 am)
- Basketball (Boys 7/8th) @ Beulah High School vs. Watford City @ 10:00/11:00 am
- Basketball (Girls C-Squad/JV/V) vs. Watford City @ 12:00/1:30/3:00 pm

Monday, January 23

- Band/Choir Jazz Festival (Grade 5-12) @ University of Mary @ TBD (Depart: TBD)
- Basketball (Boys 7/8th) @ Hazen @ 4:00/5:00 pm (Dismiss: 2:45)
- Basketball (Boys JV) @ Glen Ullin Tournament vs. New Salem-Almont @ 6:00 pm (Depart: 4:30)



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## Predictions by Jarann Johnson Remembering MLK Day



I can recall learning a lot of things from working in the news industry. I've learned to read people's faces, sift through raw emotions and realize when people are rhetorically spitting out things they've heard.

When I first started this job I read a book about the Civil Rights Movement and the news industry's role in helping shape better communities and a better country. The book went into a long discussion about how newspaper editors have to improve their communities by writing thoughtful and challenging editorials.

The news is supposed to be filled with hard facts and editorial pieces are supposed to paint a better picture of current events. Think of it this way - a standard baseball game should report the score and major events of the game.

The editorial piece on the game would focus on the way stealing second base was a good call or bad call. The editor would give reasons for their belief and the community would form opinions about stealing second base in different situations.

This belief actually goes further back in our country's history. Many of the founding fathers would roll over in their grave today if they heard the public bash "the media" the way they do. For some odd reason, we've forgotten that one of the key guys on the constitution committee was Benjamin Franklin, who happened to be a true newspaperman in his lifetime.

I was reflecting on the newspaper editor's role when I got ready to write my MLK column this week. I wondered if I should write about the gender wage gap between women and men or if I should discuss the tumultuous racial issues that popped up during the recent election year.

I decided to do neither. Yes, they are important issues but I think there is a bigger and scarier issue looming in our state and nationally.

We have forgotten what history shows and teaches us. History shows us that there will be changes in a person's life to speak up.

Sometimes speaking up

is easy, sometimes it's hard. Sometimes speaking up means going to jail or risking financial security. Sometimes speaking up means being the public face of a joke and being laughed at.

I look back at the white abolitionist who fought against slavery with astonishment. Sometimes I think their stories are glossed over. Most people can't name three famous white abolitionists, which is understandable because history teachers have to hit the main points a time period and move on.

Kids have to learn who Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass are but there is a small void. Odds are they have never heard of John Brown. They might know who Harriet Beecher Stowe is if they paid attention and had a good teacher.

Who fights and risk everything they have for people who are considered property? The abolitionist represent one reason why I believe in Christianity, they acted out of love and compassion and spoke up about their beliefs of equality.

When we fast-forward to Martin Luther King's legacy we are told he fought for Civil Rights and that he was assassinated because he was willing to be the face of the Civil Rights Movement.

Many of us aren't going to face the extreme situation King faced in his life. Our families won't be threatened, we won't be threatened and the government won't spy on us or start rumors about us.

For the most part, the only thing we have to worry about is a public embarrassment. I wonder sometimes if we are willing to suffer embarrassment while taking action.

There were newspaper editors in the south who wrote about improving conditions for African Americans during the Civil Rights Era and readers embarrassed them or ridiculed them about it in public. But now, years later, some of those very same newspaper editorials are used to show towns in a progressive light instead of being regressive.

I know my impact on society as a sports writer is minimal and not as big or as important as the news editors

In the country. I don't influence policy change, I don't inspire greatness or equality.

I write about an event that's constantly played on a mostly equal playing field. My job takes me to this fairytale land where there are only six things that matter - height, weight, speed, strength, coordination and hard work.

I love it, for the 2-3 hours I'm at a sporting event nothing else matters but that is starting to change. My love for individual sports hasn't waned on this job but my love for team sports has.

Everyone wants to play but there's only so much time in a game and so many opportunities. In individual sports, everyone gets to play and strive for their best performance.

Team sports are different and often times parents and family members get annoyed, which is fine. Nobody wants their kid to be the bench warmer. Everyone wants to be a star and every parent wants their kid to be a star.

If the starlight doesn't come then it's the coach's fault or it's because someone else is being favored. Players go home and complain to their parents and this does absolutely nothing.

All that results is an angry coach and angry parents. Some coaches have high player awareness and a great sense of displeasure and nip it in the bud.

But, I believe most high school coaches suck at reading players because they are teachers, parents, and people with real life worries.

The fantasy sports world is just an escape from reality for them as well. I would advise players and parents to do one thing when they want more playing time or have other issues in sports - tell the child to directly voice their concerns with the coach.

"Coach this sucks, I want to play, I want to help the team. I feel like I'm not helping the team. What can I do to help the team?"

It's awkward, players might feel embarrassed, but it has to be done. Playing time in some silly sport isn't going to matter for them in five years but it does set a life precedent - they learn how to stand on their own feet and talk directly to somebody about something they feel is unfair.

If a kid learns to speak up as a teenager they will be better prepared for life. Who knows they may be the next MLK and have to stand up for much more serious things.

## CURLING RESULTS

Rank	Team	W-L
1	Dakota Screen Arts	7-2
1	Team Nordgren	7-2
3	Longshots/Hazen Bottle	6-3
4	Team Berg	5-4
5	team Sargent	4-5
5	Hiway Express	4-5
5	Sliders	4-5
8	Team Mitzel	1-8

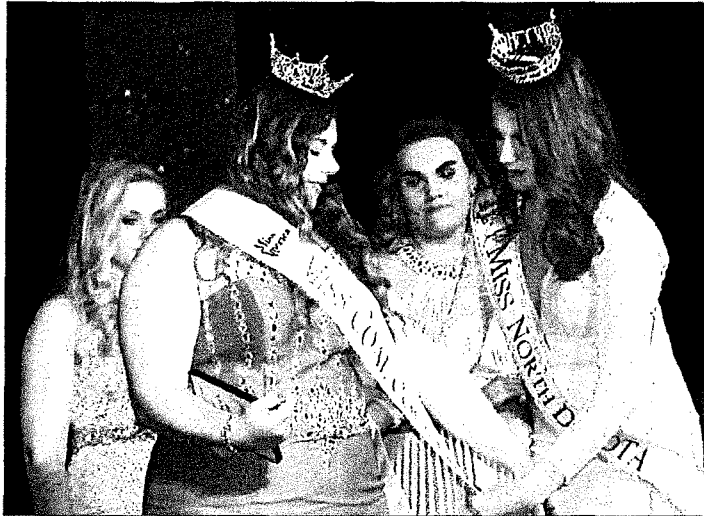
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Maddi Cruff's Miss Coal Country sash is pinned in place by Miss North Dakota Macy Christlanson, while Brianna Sailer and Alissa Eberle look on.

# Cruff selected 'Miss Coal Country 2017'

By Annette Tait

Maddi Cruff's selection as Miss Coal Country 2017 followed a roller coaster of a journey — her experience with the whirlwind pageant world was by far more hectic than most.

At the encouragement of a friend, Cruff looked into entering less than a week before the Mercer County Scholarship Organization's pageant was held. In that short time, Cruff had to prepare for evening gown, swimsuit, and talent competitions; a 10-minute private interview in front of all of the judges; and to respond to on-stage questions.

"I thought, why not?" she said, even though she'd had no previous experience with pageants. "The scholarship was a part of it, it was more of an incentive to try it."

Cruff talked with the pageant organizers — who began accepting applications from Oliver and McLean counties this year in addition to Mercer County, entered the pageant, and started raising donations for the entry fee, which go to Children's Miracle Network of Hospitals.

What could go wrong?

Having exchanged emails

I chose [volunteering] as my platform because volunteering is important. People need to give back to their communities. I've seen first-hand the shortage and struggle of keeping volunteers, and the need for community services.

- Maddi Cruff

with pageant organizers only a few hours before and been told "I can't wait to see you Sunday morning," Cruff literally slid into her next challenge.

"I came home from Bismarck and was carrying things into the house, and I slipped on the snow," she said. "I went to the clinic and was told I could walk on it if I didn't walk on it until [the day of the pageant]."

Cruff contacted the pageant directors and was encouraged to participate, even if she had to use crutches.

"I made the decision the day before that I was going ahead with it," she said. "I just walked

on it and sucked it up."

A panel of five judges scored the contestants in the different competition areas. Cruff's challenge in the on-stage question portion was two-fold. She was asked, "How would you change the negative effects of social media?" and "How did you choose your platform?"

Cruff responded that she would look for the positives in social media situations, and stay away from the negative aspects while also trying to guide others in the more positive direction.

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## Hydrants

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"If it opens back up, then we can do the [chlorine] test."

### FLOOD PLAIN

A.J. Tuck, Ulteig, requested an amendment to Ulteig's agreement with the City for work required to satisfy Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) information requests regarding the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) submitted on behalf of the City. Tuck noted that Ulteig wrote-off a significant amount of the additional work, but still needs to recoup at least a portion of the costs.

The LOMR was required to update the 100-year flood plain map to reflect topography changes made when the addition was built, and to accurately designate affected properties as not being located within flood plain boundaries. Final approval has not yet been received from FEMA.

Council approved an amendment to pay Ulteig an additional \$14,353 for the work.

### OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, council approved the annual gaming permit for Center-Stanton schools for their 2017 raffles and other fundraisers; approved the Southwest Water Authority agreement for revenue reimbursement should any adjacent county residents be served by the city water system; approved Skip Barker's proposal for work on a portion of the civic center

When the temperatures are sub-zero, ... They have to rely on that hydrant and, if it's hidden under a snow bank and has to be dug out, that's valuable time lost.

- J.D. Hanson

floor, with the remainder to be contracted upon approval of the initial work; tabled the dispute between Dale Barth, Lone Wolf Saloon, and City garbage contractor Waste Management until the February meeting, to allow both to be present at the council meeting for further discussion; and discussed the upcoming annual Mayor for a Day essay contest.

Council tabled the discussion of new hire benefits after assigning council members Dallas Moraast and Mike Schutt to further research the subject and bring a recommendation to the March meeting; and tabled the topic of city welcome signs and signs for the compost pile.

The next city council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6.

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Trying to make do with less

BY JEFF DELZER  
District 8 Rep.

The legislative session for 2017 is already two-weeks old. Seems like sessions start with high stress and continue all session long now.

There seems to be fewer bills being introduced so far this session, but we still have a full day for House members and a week for the senators to introduce legislation. We will have to see how many we end up with after bill introduction deadline next week.

The House has 25 new members out of 94, so there will be a little bit of a learning curve for them on the process and for all of us to get to know each other. The Legislature always has new members, and on top of the honor and privilege of serving District 8, getting to know other legislators and others involved is a very good experience.

We are still working through the revenue shortfall condition. The Legislature reduced the

expected revenue from (former Gov. Jack) Dalrymple's forecast by \$67 million for the rest of the current biennia, which ends June 30, and also reduced the next two years by about \$170 million as well.

One of the most important jobs I feel for this session is to get our forecast so that it's pretty accurate, or at least so that the actual revenues are more than we forecast, so we do not have to go through an allotment process again.

This means we will have to make do with less, just as any of the farmers or businesses have had to with reduced revenues. It will not be easy and will require setting the right priorities with the revenues we have available.

We have just started to get into

the details about the budgets, so it will take some time to get it all lined out.

The Legislature also has to deal with a change in the governorship, so there will be different views added there, as well.

Both Governors will bring forward their thoughts, and now it is up to the Legislature to sort through them, as well. As long as we remember we work for the citizens, use common sense and set the right priorities, the state will continue to do well. We can be proud, as North Dakotans, of where we have come and how well our state is doing.

As always, thank you for letting me represent you, and if you wish to contact me, the best way is email, which is jdelzer@nd.gov.

Be sure to use your name and address, so I can tell you are from District 8, as we get many emails a day and it is nice to know which are from constituents.

Thanks to all who are helping with the challenging winter roads, and good luck to all.



Delzer

Week 2

BY VERNON LANING  
District 8 Legislator

Although things were comparatively slow the first week of the legislative session, the second week really accelerated. We heard 35 different bills on the floor of the House during the week, of which 29 passed and six failed. Of those 35 bills, 14 were carried by members of the committees I work in (Industry, Business and Labor and Government and Veterans Affairs), so we have been busy, too.

Two of the bills we carried failed on the floor vote. One dealt with temporary licenses and background checks of plumbers (HB 1113). Arguments were heard on the floor that the Bureau of Criminal Investigation is beginning to be inundated with background check requests and that it should be the obligation of the individual contractor to be sure their workers are dependable. In the end, that bill failed by a 42 to 49 vote.

The second one (HB1108) dealt with an area of increasing concern dealing with cyberattacks and the security of information related to an attack. The biggest concern of the House members was that some information should be released to the public for them to better resist further attacks. This particular bill was later recalled and sent back to committee to amend to more acceptable language.

A bill that I carried to the floor dealt with the location of

underground facilities before any excavation takes place. This service is normally referred to as the one call system. Everyone can use this by calling 811. In fact, if you are digging in your yard to a depth of more than 12 inches, you are supposed to call to have someone check the area for your own safety and the integrity of whatever facilities may be there.

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As always, you can get a lot more information on any of the bills before the legislature at legis.nd.gov, or if you prefer, send me an email at vrlaning@nd.gov. Thanks for your interest in your state government.



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## Mental health reform hits the shallows

BY MIKE JACOBS  
ND Newspaper Association

A four-year-long effort to reshape North Dakota's mental health services may be shipwrecked in the shallows at the Legislature.

Money is tight. There's institutional resistance. And there's stigma attached.

The effort began in the 2013 session, when the Legislature ordered a study. This was completed in July 2014. The 2015 session sent the project to an interim committee to craft bills that would be presented this year.

The early going has been rough. Last week the State Senate rejected the idea of removing the State Hospital from the constitution, one of the proposals advanced by the interim committee. Closing the hospital would have required a public vote; if passed, it would have cleared the way for a system of regional mental health centers.

The proposal got only three votes - but it as a bipartisan vote, two Democrats and one Republican voted in favor of the idea.

Changes in certification and licensure for mental health professionals ran into trouble last week, too. Governing boards pushed back against changes the interim committee had recommended.

Legislators may move ahead with one portion of the plan, renaming mental health. Occurrences of the phrase in state law would be replaced with the phrase "behavioral health."

That's aimed at the stigma

associated with mental health, state Sen. Judy Lee of West Fargo explained. She chairs the Senate Human Services Committee, and she presided over the interim study committee as well.

Lee said she plans to concentrate on what she called "workforce issues" in mental health. The fields is "quite turf-y," she explained. "There are a lot of silos. We need some skywalks between the silos."

She said professionals with certification in specific fields should be able to work in other fields with proper training and supervision - but perhaps without another certificate.

This would increase the number of professionals that would be available to provide services at specific locations.

Both Lee and Sen. Tim Mathern of Fargo said the state urgently needs to provide services in a more accessible way. This would include teleconferencing for therapy sessions, both suggested.

Mathern is the Legislature's

most vocal advocate for sweeping change. A former counselor, he served on the interim committee studying the issue. He was the most vocal backer of closing the state hospital.

Refusing to do it sets back care, he said.

"It's an illusion," he said. "The illusion is that since we have the state hospital we have addressed the problem. It lets us believe we care."

Lee's approach is more incremental. She voted against closing the state hospital, and she's pushing for funding of adolescent treatment facilities and more beds for crisis cases.

Even these small steps may be in danger because of funding cuts.

Human service programs take about a third of the money allocated from the state general fund, roughly the same amount spent on public schools. The general fund is built mostly on taxes paid directly

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<b>January 24</b> 3 p.m. - Garrison DH	<b>January 27</b> Jeans Day 4 p.m. - JH BB at Max 6 p.m. - BBB vs. Linton
<b>January 25</b> 8:30 a.m. - Seniors to Legislature 11:45 a.m. - National Guard Rep in Enlway 2:30 p.m. - Washburn Hoops & Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff	<b>January 28</b> Beulah Speech FFA CDES - Napoleon 2 p.m. - GBB vs. Hazen

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## Students of the Week

### Washburn



Brianna Torrez is the Kindergarten B Student of the Week. Brianna is a quiet, shy young lady, but she is becoming more confident and sure of herself every day. In the beginning of the school year, she would watch quietly as others played, but now she is engaging in more cooperative play and even initiating play with her peers. I have noted many times over these numerous bitter cold days of inside recess that she is taking the initiative and inviting other classmates to play with her. More than once, I have noted her asking someone who is playing alone to join her in her play. The other day another student entered the room to share a birthday treat with me. Brianna stood up and gave this individual a birthday hug. As a teacher, it is heartwarming to note her initiating the positive social interactions.

I would like to congratulate Kortney Verke in Mrs. Schaan's class for being the student of the week. She is always motivated to help others in need and takes pride in her work. Thank you for being respectful to others and to your teacher. Keep up the hard work.

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### Mercer City Council

City of Mercer Minutes  
December 15, 2016  
Mayor Kathy Schon called meeting to order with council members Amanda Presser, Bryan Brewer, Allan Laib and Randy Zinke, and Cathy Hill, auditor. Randy made motion to approve the minutes and Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Allan made motion to approve bills and Amanda seconded. Motion carried. Finances were approved by Amanda and seconded by Bryan. Motion carried. Kathy is to check with the county again about getting a 4 way stop at the corner on Main St. It is a county rd.

Garbage is still in review. Kathy to speak with a lawyer in Garrison and check on the legality of the contract with WH.

Bryan Brewer will be hired to do the snow blowing for the city. Randy made a motion and Allan seconded it. Motion carried.

Past due water bills were discussed and certified letters will be sent to those residents. Allan made a motion and Randy seconded it. Motion carried.

The Bobcat had some work done and some chains.

Council members talked about needing a heater for the shop so that the equipment can thaw when not in use. Allan to do some research on getting the appropriate size ect.

Kathy sent a letter to the USDA with the additional information needed for the grant we've applied for.

Cathy asked the council if they could meet a week earlier next month as she will be gone on the regular meeting day. They agreed to meet on Jan. 12, 2017. Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bryan seconded it. Motion carried.

Next meeting January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Cathy Hill, Auditor  
Waste Management, 893.88; West River Telephone, 91.62; McLean Electric, 82.15; BHG, Inc., 103.25; Otter Tail Power Co., 575.75; Western Lighting Technology, 18.27; Ed's Service, 190.00; ND Dept. of Health, 18.00; Rust Hardware, 49.98; Drain Man, 6,000.00; Bobcat of Mandan, 609.85; ND Job Service, 8.06; IRS, 440.64; Farmers Union Oil Co., 480.76; Rud Oil and Gas, 1,074.70; Municipal Judge Association, 25.00; Cathy Hill, 93.15; Bryan Brewer, 60.26; Cathy Hill, 461.75; Allan Laib, 69.26; Amanda Presser, 69.26; Kathern Schon, 138.52; Randy Zinke, 89.26. (1/19, 2017)

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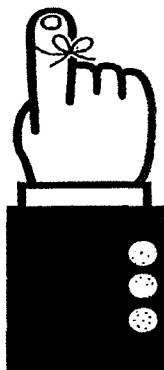
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## Public Notices

### Underwood City minutes

**Dec. 7, 2016**  
The Underwood City Commission met December 7, 2016, at 6pm at city hall. Commissioners present: Haselou, Worre, Weisenburger, and Snyder, absent, none.

Worre, Snyder moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting, motion carried.

Worre, Snyder moved to approve the monthly financial report, motion carried.

Weisenburger and Schell will attend the Coal Commission's annual meeting, December 14th, in Washburn. Weisenburger reported that a meeting with the Water Advisory Board will have to be rescheduled.

Snyder, Worre moved to set January 31 for a special election to fill an unexpired seat on the City Commission with the polling site located at City Hall and voting between the hours of 9am-7pm, motion carried.

Worre, Snyder moved to approve Christmas gifts of Underwood Merchant Dollars of \$200.00 to Repnow and Schell and \$100.00 to Swanson, Elgean, and Zietz, motion carried.

Discussion on 2017 employees wage and benefits was tabled.

Worre reviewed samples of descriptions and guidelines for a city building official.

The City Model Ordinances have been ordered from the North Dakota League of Cities.

Snyder, Worre moved to approve a zoning permit for the UHS Closs Up organization, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the current snow emergency routes and amended the routes. The routes will be published in the newspaper and residents will be asked not to pile or blow into the streets or on their neighbors property and boulevards without permission or a fine will be given for the violation. Commissioners discussed snow gates. Snyder stated that he thought the night crew that is volunteering should be paid and that

the part-time employees should be laid off and an equipment operator should be hired. Commissioners asked that residents clear snow around the fire hydrant nearest to their property. Haselou will get a copy of Bismarck's letter that is sent to property owners showing their emergency routes, procedures, and ordinances. Worre, Snyder moved to approve the amended snow emergency routes, motion carried.

Commissioners set the next meeting for Saturday 11th at 6pm.

Worre, Haselou moved to approve payment of the bills, motion carried.

Snyder, Worre moved to adjourn at 7:30pm, motion carried.

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Leon Weisenburger, president  
Diane Schell, auditor  
(Jan. 19, 2017)

# Comet girls notch two more wins

BY SUZANNE WERRE

Editor

Underwood senior Brooke Weisenberger was unstoppable in Saturday's Class B Jamboree game against New England, as she led the Comets to a 44-29 win over New England.

The 5-6 guard/forward knocked in 17 points and hauled down 15 rebounds to lead the Comets to the win.

"She was all over the place on Saturday," said Underwood Coach Jared Kautzman.

The Comets went on a 10-0 run in the second half to open up a 12-point lead before going into the final stanza with a 30-22 edge.

Junior guard Mackenzie Snyder was good for 14 points for the Comets, while Paige Ehlis led the Tigers in scoring with 11 points.

While Saturday was a good win for the Comets, Thursday night's 61-32 win over Garrison was bigger. Not just because it was a key district win for Underwood, but because it was the best overall effort they've had this season, according to Kautzman.

"That's the best game all-around game we've played," said Kautzman. "We didn't turn the ball over, and we out-rebounded them."

Kautzman elaborated that the Comets' rebounding has been improving, as the girls in purple and white out-rebounded both Garrison and New England.

"It's getting better," he said. "And the ball-handling is getting better, too, as the Comets are averaging about 15 turnovers per game now, which is the team's goal."

Key in the win over Garrison was the Comets' defense, which gave up only seven points to the Troopers in both the first and final stanzas.

Garrison's Ellie Gehring still scored 18 points, but she was the only Trooper to hit double digits,



Underwood's McKenna Wilson skirts past Trooper defender KK Fox, en route to the basket. STU MERRY

as they made 12 field goals for the game.

"We just tried to limit (Ellie) Gehring as much as possible defensively," said Kautzman. "We were pretty happy with the effort defensively."

"We turned a little bit of defense into offense, picked up a couple of loose balls and put-backs," added Kautzman. "We didn't have many turnovers. It's always nicer to get shot attempts when you have the ball rather than have a turnover."

Mackenzie Snyder had the hot hand for the Comets, scoring 22 points to lead all scorers, while McKenna Wilson tossed in 12, and Taysha Snyder 10.

In Saturday's outing, the Comets were without the help of

Taysha Snyder for much of the first half, as the freshman guard picked up two quick fouls early in the game, and her third foul in the second quarter.

Weisenberger picked up the slack while Snyder warmed the bench, leading all scorers with her 17 points.

Mackenzie Snyder was good for 14 points, while the Tigers were paced by Paige Ehlis' 11 points.

Kautzman thinks the Comets are about where they were last year at the same time — making steady progress as they head toward post-season play.

One area of focus he hopes to be able to improve on is offense against the zone — taking a little more time to work the ball into the inside.

"We have kids who can shoot the three, but we really put up a little more than we have to," said Kautzman.

The Comet girls will be on the road for their upcoming games, heading to Grant County Monday, then following up at Wilton Friday night.

**Underwood 44, New England 29**  
New England..... 7 15 22 29  
Underwood..... 7 21 30 44  
New England: Hailee Kuske  
4, Adrienne Koller 2, Paige Ehlis  
11, Kassl Lara 4, Molly Rayhorn  
7. Totals: 11 4-7 29.

**Underwood:** Mackenzie Snyder 14, Taysha Snyder 7, Brooke Weisenberger 17, McKenna Wilson 3, Kaylie Wilson 3. Totals: 15 11-25 44.

**Three-pointers:** New England's Ehlis 2, Lara 1, Underwood's K. Wilson 3, M. Wilson, Fouls: New England 17, Underwood 12.

**Underwood 61, Garrison 32**  
Underwood..... 15 25 45 61  
Garrison..... 7 16 25 32


**Underwood:** Mackenzie Snyder 22, McKenna Wilson 12, Taysha Snyder 10, Mari Wirtz 7, Maggie Eng 6, Brooke Weisenberger 4. Totals: 20 18-28 61.

**Garrison:** Ellie Gehring 18, Shelby Huppel 9, Ally Behes 2, Gabby Huppel 2, Kaitlin Klein 1. Totals: 12 4-10 32.

**Three-pointers:** Underwood's M. Wilson 2, Wirtz. Garrison's E. Gehring 3, S. Gehring. Fouls: Underwood 10, Garrison 20.


### Athletes of the Week

**Mackenzie Snyder**



Led the Comets with 22 points in a win over Garrison.

**Nevada Sorensen**



Led the Comets with 13 points in a victory over New England.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

# Glenham town board sets wages

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**TOWN OF GLENHAM**  
**ANUARY 2, 2017**  
 The meeting was called to order by man. Members present were Permain, dler, and Finance Officer. Absent: gard. Minutes of the last meeting approved. The meeting was held at 9 p.m. in the Town Hall. The agenda presented:

RD Department of Revenue (sales tax) 250.22  
 Premier Equipment (freight and starter fluid) 141.14  
 RS (withholding) 263.11  
 teur Sanitation (sw collection) 550.64  
 onnie Permain (meetings) 83.11  
 udy Fidler (meetings) 124.67  
 cevin Holgard (meetings) 124.67  
 mark Gosch (salary) 206.26  
 ternal Diesel (batteries) 222.80  
 arian & Biel (insurance) 3,626.00  
 Jutler (blade bolts) 63.20  
 rasek Diesel Repair (loader repair) 774.06  
 uslin Permain (loader repair) 138.52  
 onnie Permain (blade & loader repair) 135.52  
 s-art Ackerman (street maintenance) 110.82  
 ard Rock Ag (loader rent) 250.00  
 llen Dryer (refund on lots) 2,000.00  
 alley Telco (telephone) 146.07  
 ID Federal Property (storage boxes) 557.00  
 TIC (oil) 53.35  
 Jas N Goodies (supplies) 13.53  
 WEB (water service) 23.78  
 Motion by Fidler to pay all bills, seconded by Permain. Motion carried. Motion by Permain to set the following rates: Road Members, \$45.00/meeting; Finance Officer \$245.00/month, Laborers

\$15.00/hour. Seconded by Fidler. Motion carried.  
 Motion by Permain to recognize the Volunteer Firefighter list for workers comp purposes. Seconded by Fidler. Motion carried.  
 Motion by Permain to adjourn. Seconded by Fidler. Motion carried. -011817

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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**COUNTY OF WALWORTH**  
**FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**64PRO17002001**  
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# Local News from Area Communities

## Selfridge News

By: Debbie Vollmuth & Jayne Laintz

Well, you sure can tell the eather has improved! Very few sople answered their phones or ad much for news. It is great to re: some days without snow and ind. Many people are getting ug out for the first time in days c weeks. Hopefully the January aw will last quite a while.

Jayne LaBore went to argo on Friday, picked up her andchildren Zane and Zadic redrickson. On Saturday, her ther granddaughter, Aubrey ost joined them for a very busy ay. First they went to Sky Zone, en lunch at Space Aliens, and en a stopped at the Candy ore. The evening was spent laying cards and games. On nday, Jamie and Aubrey Rost ent with Jayne to take Zane and idie back to Fargo to meet their other, Jessica Strobl, and they h had lunch together.

Monday afternoon, Vic and athy Kraft went to Bismarck ic attended the Weed Forum n Tuesday, Wednesday and hursday. On Tuesday and ednesday, Kathy visited Judy ross, Karen, Kilby and Percy ynolds, and Del One Feather. hursday afternoon, Vic and athy went to Tave Gross and anner Reynold's basketball ames at Legacy High School. hursday evening they visited ic's brother, Frank and Frances i Mandan, then came home on riday.

Geri Mossel went to Moberidge ne day last week.

The Shields Selfridge portsman Club had its annual hristmas Supper and meeting t the Branding Iron Bar nd Steakhouse on Sunday. ttending were Kathy and Victor raft, Willy & Lenore Mossel, ick and Debbie Vollmuth, on and Glenda Gross, Mike amilla, Larry Morgan and indy Erickson, Arlene Bahm, eonard Gerhardt, Kenny Bahm, teve and Marge Gerhardt nd David Kraft. The meal ras wonderful. The club held lection of officers, and drew ams for the 2017 hunt, which ill be the 25th Annual Prairie og Extravaganza. The hunt ill be headquartered out of the elds Bar this year on June 10.

On Thursday, January 19 the elfridge Jr. High basketball eam will be in McLaughlin ith the game starting at :00pm Central Time. There s the Standing Rock shoot Out n Saturday, January 21, at :00am. The High School unday Academy is Sunday, anuary 22. On Monday, anuary 23 there is a liceum at :15am, Jr. High basketball at imber Lake at 6:00pm Central ime and the Bookmobile will e at school. There is wrestling t Lemmon at 5:00pm Central ime on Tuesday, January 24.

Happy Birthday Quentin

Heid, Kurt Utter, Kateri Murphy, Laurel Fleck, Dewey Kraft, Tianna Lynn Alkire, Mark Vollmuth, and Kristi Miller.

Happy Anniversary to Casimir and DeLaines Jochim.

## Morristown News

By: Betty Tomac 374-4412

Sympathy is extended to MaryAnn Kane and her family in the death of her husband and Toby, Jeremy and Debi's Father. A very large crowd attended the funeral in Lemmon on Friday, with burial in Morristown.

Sympathy is also extended to Ronnie and Keith Zielke their wives and children in the death of their Mother, Nona; Nona's Funeral will be held in Lemmon tomorrow, Tuesday.

This Monday morning, we are having much milder weather, with temperatures above 0, we had a lovely weekend with no wind, however it is blowing a little this morning, with some drifting in the open areas.

Clifford and Gloria Englehorn returned home Saturday after a two week stay in Mandan; They went to Bismarck on December 28th, later that day Gloria had a cataract removed from one eye; They stayed with Brian and Joanie Englehorn in Mandan, until she had the cataract taken off the other eye on January 4, then they waited until it was time for a checkup to come home. Gloria's eyes are doing great now. Clifford and Gloria were at Brian and Joanie's for their Christmas with their family. While they were gone, Chad and DaVee Englehorn checked on things at home and also were out to visit them on Saturday and Sunday.

Friday, Dennis O'Donnell attended the Funeral for John Kane in Lemmon; Saturday evening, Ronnie and Rae Tomac visited O'Donnells.

Little Braelyn Schneider celebrated her First Birthday on Sunday, with a party at Joyce and Tom Hookers; Attending were her Dad, Justin, Mother, Brittany and sister, Ivy; Lester and Susan Schneider; Richard, Brianne, Morgan, Kaci and Holden Welsch; and from Bismarck came Clifton and Tessa Walking Elk and Nicole.

Monday afternoon, Chris Mosbrucker and Cole Sandau were coffee guests at Laverne and Elaine Mosers; On Saturday, Austin Moser was over to play with some of his great grandparents toys and stayed for dinner.

Helen Austin visited Neva Mistelski Saturday afternoon.

Wednesday, Ed and Judy Maher traveled to Nicole and Junior Bergers in Ortle, SD. They attended AAU wrestling at DeSmet, while there to watch Bo Berger and Jett Berger wrestle.

Greg Tatro and Kayla O'Donnell were in Lemmon for a boys basketball game Thursday evening; Friday evening, they went to Tiospayge Tio for the

boys basketball game there; Tessa, Shane and Arista Reiss of Reliance, SD stopped at the game on their way to Greg and Gwen's that evening; Saturday, Greg and Gwen, the O'Donnells and the Reiss's celebrated a late Christmas; Saturday overnight guests at Greg and Gwen's were the Reiss's, Alec, Emma, Olivia, Izzy and JP O'Donnell; Everyone returned to their homes on Sunday.

Wednesday, Ronnie and Rae Tomac shipped out the rest of their calves to Moberidge; That afternoon, they went to Lemmon, had hot chocolate with Richard Krausz, visited Judy and Larry Lutz and later visited at Jason and Ronette Lutz's and children. Thursday morning, they were in Moberidge to watch their calves sell, came home to do chores and then away to Lemmon to attend the Rosary for John Kane. Friday, they were in Lemmon for the Funeral for John Kane, Rae also helped with the dinner; Sunday evening, they attended the Movie in Lemmon.

Dan and Gloria Maher attended the Rosary and funeral for John Kane Thursday and Friday also; Sunday afternoon, Danni and Blaze Beer and Sidney Maher visited them.

Joyce Hooker and Joni Meyer were in Lemmon Saturday after groceries.

Last Monday, Toni Jacobs went to Sioux Falls, she was an overnight guest at Casey and Dawn Tomacs and Tuesday afternoon, went on to St.

Marys, Kansas, to spend a week or so at Joe and Brenda Goldades.

New Births: Joe and Brenda Goldade of St. Mary's, Kansas happily announce the birth of a new daughter, Veronica Marie; The little Miss was born on Friday, January 13th. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her Grandparents are Toni and Sylvester Jacobs of Morristown. Great Grandparents are Bob and Betty Tomac of Lemmon.

## Watauga News

By: Betty Tomac 374-4412

Sunday, Wyatt and Nicole Mollman held a joint Birthday party for their son, Trey, who turned 8 and their daughter, Callie, who was 6; Guests were Rhonda Hillius, David and Norma Hillius and Ben and Crystal Hillius all of Elgin and Frank and Lois Mollman.

Dale and Teri Baumeister took Bea Baumeister to Lemmon on Thursday; They visited Marvin while there and got some groceries; Sunday, Dale, Morgan, Brandi and Hunter came out to do some chores for Bea (Bea said there is SOOO many chores to do, but the cats and dogs were really glad to see them).

Thursday evening, Preston and Mandy Mollman and family

were in Lemmon for John Kanes Rosary, they visited at Cathy and Bill Ericcsons afterwards and with Carmel Powell and Laura and Tom Asbridge, who were also there; Friday, they attended a boys basketball game in Selby with friends and all met at Carmel and Randy Powells afterwards; Sunday, found Max, Tell and Abe doing some sledding and skiing at Jarett and Sarah Mahers.

Gary and Eleanor Merkel were short visitors on Saturday at Paul and Marlene Soebblings.

Sunday, Barb Nehl's sons, Jake and Robert came to dig'her out, the snowbank was pretty high by the garage. Barb has been going to therapy in Lemmon for her shoulder.

Evelyn McGregor was a Friday afternoon visitor of Jimmy McGregor. On Saturday, she went to Bismarck to house and dog sit for Jeff and Stephanie McGregor, while Jeff and Steph are at Mayo Clinic having a checkup for Jeff. We hope you turn out good again, Jeff.

Saturday, Frank and Krista Tomac spent the day in Gettesburg at Duell's Wrestling tournament. Duell placed fourth; Casey and Dawn Tomac of Sioux Falls stopped on their way home on Sunday to finish watching the Green Bay Packers win over the Dallas Cowboys--(they started the game at our house in Lemmon and finished watching it there.)

Sunday afternoon visitors at John and Scott Ruhoffs were Dale Dillman and Tom Ruhoff.

Jonabeth and Bob Mollman visited Deloris Long on Saturday; Sunday, they visited Dick and Laurie Hach and Arlene Baumeister in McLaughlin. Dick and Laurie built an apartment onto their house; Arlene moved from her home in Sidney, Mt. and now lives with them there. Visitors at Pat and Debbie

Nehls during the week were Melissa Nehl; Del Pete Day and Kelli Evans; Saturday night Pat and Debbie joined other members of the McIntosh School Personal for a belated Christmas Party at Crooked Bob's Saloon in Morristown.

Frank and Lois Mollman enjoyed Saturday supper at Crooked Bob's, eating with Ron and Rae Tomac and Vern Goeres.

Saturday, Dale and Teresa Dillman were over to see Mary Dillman, she had gotten her roads opened. Monday, Betty Soebbing and Teresa were in Lemmon.

Tom Bailey took some groceries to the Kane home and visited on Wednesday.

Tuesday was my 83rd Birthday, coming from Mandan to spend the day with Bob and I were Sandy Kramer, Kathy Scherr and Nick Tomac; Jean McGregor came for the afternoon. Thank you to all my children for the calls, cards, gifts and flowers!! Thursday morning, Peggy Clark visited Bob and I; Eleanor Tomac was over in the afternoon to play some pinocchio with us, Krista Tomac visited that evening.

Friday, Phyllis Schmidt drove Peggy, Eleanor and me to John Kanes Funeral; Late Saturday evening, Casey and Dawn Tomac of Sioux Falls came, they spent the night in "the Tomac Trailer" and stayed on Sunday, until almost half time of the football game.

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productive, so laws have been enacted to control feral and/or hybrid pigs.

In fact, several species of wildlife are protected from hybridization with closely related subspecies because the hybrids will, at times, outperform both parents and actually lower the population of the original parents. This hybrid vigor is real and not something to be taken lightly.

In the canine world, dogs, coyotes and wolves can produce a hybrid that may have a selective advantage over the original parents. Florida is fearful of the potential hybridization of pythons. Although one may not think of snakes as domesticated, they are, some more so than others.

Two snakes - the African rock python (*Python sebae*) and the Burmese python (*Python molurus bivittatus*) - keep making the news, primarily because of the fear they may crossbreed. When confined to their normal habitat, one in Sub-Saharan Africa and the other in southern and Southeast Asia, they do not cross. They fit their environment.

Like beef producers who traveled the mountain passes and waterways, who also co-mingled different breeds and subspecies of cattle, those who appreciate raising snakes worry the same may occur. Imagine a snake the size of a Burmese python with the aggressive nature of the African rock python. Not a good thing.

Fortunately, the actual crossing of these and most subspecies that result in viable, reproductively sound offspring is very rare. But the point is made: Hybrid vigor is real. Much effort was made in crossing American bison with domestic cattle. Although not all the offspring are viable, enough viability existed to create the Beefalo breed, or cattle with bison and cattle DNA.

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NO.40. MOTION WAS MADE BY SAMUEL, "BEN" HARRISON, SECONDED BY PAUL ARCHAMBAULT, TO APPROVE PORCUPINE RESCHEDULED DISTRICT MEETING FOR DECEMBER 21, 2016 WITH EXCEPTION OF MOTIONS NO.5 & NO.8.

Kory, EX.; TWO BEARS, Cody, EX.; WALKER, Charles, YES; WHITE BULL, Frank, YES; WHITE, Adele, EX.; WHITE MOUNTAIN, Jr., Joseph, EX.; YELLOW FAT, Dana, EX.

VOTE: YES - 10. NO - 0. NOT VOTING - 1. MOTION CARRIED, 6 - EXCUSED.

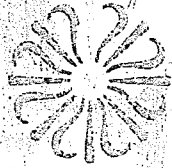
ROLL CALL VOTE: ARCHAMBAULT, II, DAVE, NOT VOTING; CLAYMORE, Duane, YES; ARCHAMBAULT, Paul, YES; DUNN, "Joe" James, YES; FAITH, Jr., Mike, YES; HARRISON, "Ben" Samuel, YES; HARRISON, Chad, YES; TAKEN ALIVE, Robert, YES; MCLAUGHLIN, Jesse, EX.; THOMPSON, Carolina, YES; MCLAUGHLIN,

NO. 41. MOTION WAS MADE BY DUANE CLAYMORE, SECONDED BY FRANK WHITE BULL, TO APPROVE TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AT 3:55 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ARCHAMBAULT, II, DAVE, NOT VOTING;

CLAYMORE, Duane, YES; ARCHAMBAULT, Paul, YES; DUNN, "Joe" James, YES; FAITH, Jr., Mike, YES; HARRISON, "Ben" Samuel, YES; HARRISON, Chad, YES; TAKEN ALIVE, Robert, YES; MCLAUGHLIN, Jesse, EX.; THOMPSON, Carolina, YES; MCLAUGHLIN, Kory, EX.; TWO BEARS, Cody, EX.; WALKER, Charles, YES; WHITE BULL, Frank, YES; WHITE, Adele, EX.; WHITE MOUNTAIN, Jr., Joseph, EX.; YELLOW FAT, Dana, EX.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN CIRCUIT COURT: SS JUVENILE DIVISION COUNTY OF WALWORTH FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, EX REL SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, JUV: 16-062

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING AS IT PERTAINS TO FATHERS HUSTON LEWIS AND MARK LINDSEY

IN THE MATTER OF K. I. C. and W. I. C., ALLEGED ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN, and concerning

SAMANTHA IRON CLOUD, HUSTON LEWIS, and MARK LINDSEY,

Respondent(s). THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA SENDS GREETINGS TO THE ABOVE NAMED CHILDREN, PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CUSTODIAN OR OTHER RESPONDENTS, OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the above-named Court alleging the above-named children to be abused or neglected according to the provisions of SDCL 26-7A and SDCL 26-8A for the reasons stated in the Petition.

The adjudicatory trial hearing scheduled and summonsed for the 3rd day of February, 2017, at the hour of 1:00 P.M., has been moved by the request of James I Hare, Walworth County State's Attorney.

You are hereby summoned to appear at the Adjudicatory Trial Hearing, either in person or by attorney, before this Court at 3:00 P.M., on Monday, the 6th day of February, 2017, at the Courtroom of the Walworth County Courthouse, in Selby, South Dakota, to answer the Petition. Failure to appear shall be deemed an admission to the allegations contained in the Petition. The above-named children shall not appear before the Court unless otherwise required by the Court. If you [and the children if required by the Court] fail to appear, a warrant may be issued by the Court requiring that you [and the children if required by the Court] be brought before this Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS A POSSIBLE REMEDY UNDER THESE PROCEEDINGS. You and the children have the right to an attorney at all stages of the proceedings. According to the Petition filed in the Court, the Indian Child Welfare Act is applicable.

The Court does not require the children to appear before the Court.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2017.

BY THE COURT: Judge Myren CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

ATTEST: Ann Byre-Clerk/Gwenn Ackerman-Deputy CLERK OF COURTS

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, EX REL SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, JUV: 13-24

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ADJUDICATORY AND DISPOSITIONAL ORDER TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS AND OF ALLEGED FATHERS RAPHAEL MARTINEZ AND JOHN DOE

IN THE MATTER OF: O. M., I. W. E., J. W. E., X. W. E., ALLEGED ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD(REN), and concerning KERRIE WALKING ELK, alleged father, RAPHAEL MARTINEZ, DANIEL SMITH, ALEC LAPLANTE, and alleged father, JOHN DOE, Respondent(s).

TO: RAPHAEL MARTINEZ, Perjura #69, Benito Juarez, Ciudad Neza, Estado de Mexico 57000; and JOHN DOE, address unknown; the parent(s), guardian(s) or custodian(s) of the above named children and to all whom it may concern. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the attached Adjudicatory and Dispositional Order as it Pertains to Alleged Fathers Raphael Martinez and John Doe, and the Adjudicatory and Dispositional Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as it Pertains to Alleged Fathers Raphael Martinez and John Doe, affecting your parental rights in the above entitled matter, has been entered and filed on the 3rd day of January, 2017. This is an intermediate appeal which is subject to intermediate appeal with the permission of the Court according to the rules of procedure governing civil appeals.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2017 at Selby, South Dakota. James I. Hare Walworth County State's Attorney

Notice of Entry of Adjudicatory and Dispositional Order Terminating Parental Rights of Alleged Fathers Raphael Martinez and John Doe, JUV: 13-24.



# Hebron City Council minutes dated December 12

**City Council Meeting**  
**Hebron Community Center**  
**December 12, 2016 7:00 p.m.**  
 Members present at the meeting were; Mayor Grant Walth, Council members; Chester Brandt, Harvey Tibor, Rebecca Heinle, Steven Dittus, and Jim Staiger. Also present at the meeting; City Attorney Scott Solem, City Supervisor Jim Raaf, Assistant Supervisor Ken Kastrow, Building Inspector Joe Reinbold, Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald, City Auditor Erin Brink, Deputy Auditor Roxane Walth and City Engineer Adam Isakson.

Visitors included Serena Ditus and Amber Miller representing the Hebron Library Board. Ruth and Steve Maershecker, Vern Oster, Jason Wehri, Doug and Frank Rebel, Mark Draeb, Jim Renke, and Tim and Brenda Tkach.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

The November 14<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Brandt/Dittus MCU

The November 22<sup>nd</sup> special council meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Dittus/Heinle MCU

The November vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Staiger/Tibor MCU

**November 2016**

19511 Ameripride.....69.05  
 (cleaning supplies)

19512 AT&T.....117.76  
 (cell phones)

19513 Banyon Data  
 Systems.....1,590.00  
 (Accounting Software)

19514 Cardmember  
 Services.....93.21  
 (Supplies for Clinic)

19515 Clean Sweer  
 Vacuum.....8.79  
 (Vacuum Cleaner Belt)

19516 Hebron Park  
 Board.....1,624.76  
 (State Aid)

19517 Job Service.....1,565.00

(Unemployment)

19518 Menards.....138.99  
 (Supplies for Clinic)

19519 Michigan State  
 Disburse.....407.36  
 (Child Support W/H)

19520 Quill.....89.97  
 (Printer Paper)

19521 Runnings.....165.76  
 (Pipe Fittings)

19522 Western Steel &  
 Plumbing.....28.86  
 (Parts for Clinic)

19523 Zep.....729.66  
 (Op/Maint)

19524 Zuroff Repair.....2,807.11  
 (Fuel/Op/Maint)

19525 PNR LLC.....2,155.29  
 (Loader Brake Repair)

19526 Ameripride.....257.28  
 (Cleaning Supplies)

19527 Cardmember  
 Services.....931.43  
 (Library)

19528 Farmers Union.....989.71  
 (Fuel/Op/Maint)

19529 Hebron Herald.....417.72  
 (Advertising/Publishing)

19530 Junior Library  
 Guild.....128.40  
 (Books)

19531 Marshall Lumber.....10.26  
 (Repair for PD office)

19532 MDU.....2,709.26  
 (Gas/Electricity)

19533 Morton County  
 Treasurer.....3,360.00  
 (Police Contract)

19534 Napa.....48.86  
 (Parts for pickup)

19535 NDDOH.....64.00  
 (Water Testing)

19536 NDPERS.....2809.68  
 (Health Insurance)

19537 One Call Concepts..18.00  
 (Locates)

19538 Postmaster.....102.00  
 (Stamps)

19539 Quill.....141.98  
 (Office Supplies)

19540 Roughrider  
 Industries.....969.22  
 (Dumpster repairs/parts)

19541 RS Jack & Jill.....122.21  
 (Library/Office Supplies)

19542 Solem Law.....1,658.68  
 (Legal Fees)

19543 Southwest Water7,331.39  
 (Water purchase)

19544 Western Steel.....95.00

(Clinic Repair)

19545 WRT.....365.97  
 (Phones)

19546 Barry Heinle.....523.71  
 (Payroll)

Total.....34,646.33

**Electronic**

Rev Track.....80.62  
 (Online Payment Fee)

941 Deposit.....3976.81  
 (Taxes)

Total.....4,057.43

19547 Erin Brink.....1,844.84  
 (Payroll)

19548 Jade Canen.....47.56  
 (Payroll)

19549 Jim Raaf.....2,944.96  
 (Payroll)

19550 Jodiann Newton.....538.98  
 (Payroll)

19551 Joe Reinbold.....163.26  
 (Payroll)

19552 Keith Holland.....320.31  
 (Payroll)

19553 Keith Redman.....712.84  
 (Payroll)

19554 Ken Kastrow.....2,622.47  
 (Payroll)

19555 Myron Stem.....158.85  
 (Payroll)

19556 Roxanne Walth.....633.75  
 (Payroll)

19557 Sabrina Serfling.....679.13  
 (Payroll)

Total.....10,666.95

Grand Total.....45,313.28

The building permits were reviewed. Building Inspector Reinbold asked that the Council appoint him the City Building Inspector. A motion was made to appoint Joe Reinbold as the city building inspector. Brandt/Tibor MCU.

The question was asked as to when the new permit fees are going to become effective. The auditor reported that January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 the new fees will go in effect.

Delinquent water bills were reviewed and door tags will be sent out.

The police report for November was reviewed and there was no court report for December.

Adam Isakson of AE2S presented to Council the contractors pay application #5 in

the amount of \$1,012,629.80, to be paid to the contractor for the work completed on the street project. A motion was made to approve the contractor pay application #5. Brand/Tibor MCU

The reimbursement application for the DWSRF in the amount of \$674,627 and the CWSRF reimbursement application in the amount \$153,898 was reviewed and a motion was made to approve the reimbursements. Heinle/Tibor MCU.

Councilman Michael Coots arrived at 7:12pm.

Doug and Frank Rebel were present to discuss concerns over the sidewalk in front of Rebel's Repair shop on Main Avenue. The installation of a high back curb and gutter was discussed. This had previously been a mountable curb and had been changed to a high back curb. Isakson had researched the cost of placing a small driveway in the location, and the cost of such

a change would be an additional \$4000. Council will table the discussion until the spring when it gets closer to the time when the work will need to be completed. Also mentioned was a large gap left between the overhead door and the concrete sidewalk at Rebel's Repair. It was discussed that the contractor will have to fix this in the spring as well.

A letter written by Isakson was presented to council concerning the Street Project. After review the Council decided to change some of the wording in the letter to state that failure to meet the deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup> for the street project will result in liquidated damages being assessed. Councilman Coots stated that the city has already made concessions to the contractor and did not want to make any more.

The parking stops that are to be put in front of Dakota Community Bank will be

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 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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**Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Hebron Fire Protection District will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Hebron Fire Hall, 620 Washington Avenue, Hebron, ND.

**Kevin Staiger**  
 Secretary/Treasurer



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April 20, 2017

Dear WRT Customer:

Lifeline, Tribal Lifeline/Link Up, and Toll Blocking support is available from WRT. These programs provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service.

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

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive at least \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline.

Tribal Lifeline provides up to an additional \$25.00 in federal support to qualifying residents of Tribal land and applies on the main home telephone line listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. (The Tribal Lifeline discount cannot exceed \$34.25.)

Tribal Link Up is available to qualifying consumers residing on Tribal lands and covers 100% of the charges (up to \$100) of installing/connecting subscribers to our network.

Toll Blocking support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

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

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

- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

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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:

**2016 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below  
135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

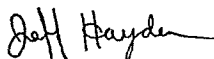
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1	\$16,038	\$20,034	\$18,455
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4	\$32,805	\$41,013	\$37,733
5	\$38,394	\$48,006	\$44,159
6	\$43,983	\$54,972	\$50,585
7	\$49,586	\$61,992	\$57,011
8	\$55,202	\$69,012	\$63,464
For each additional person, add	\$5,616	\$7,020	\$6,453

WRT's voice service is a Lifeline-supported service. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. WRT is required to access the FCC's National Lifeline Accountability Database to verify if a customer is currently receiving Lifeline, as well as provide information to the database regarding new Lifeline subscribers.

***How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Blocking discounts?***

To apply for this low-income assistance, please contact WRT at 748-2211 or 845-3100.

Sincerely,



Jeff Hayden  
WRT Customer Service Manager

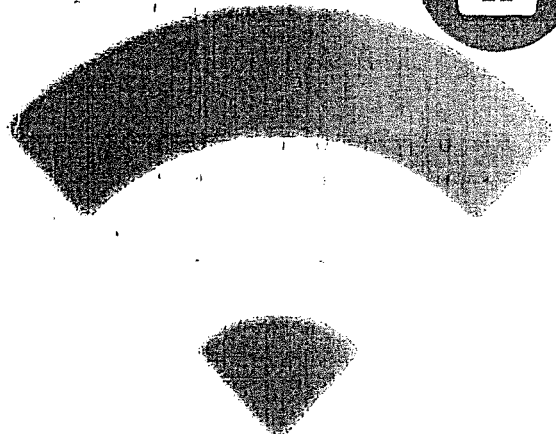
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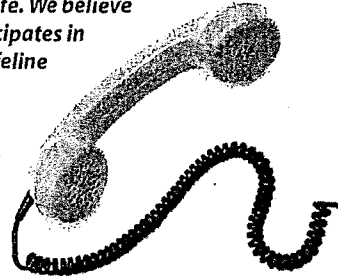
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# HOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

*WRT knows how vital access to reliable communications is to everyday life. We believe it is important to help connect those who can't afford service. WRT participates in Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline, Toll Limitation, Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up assistance programs.*



**LIFELINE:** WRT offers the Lifeline telephone assistance program for qualifying low-income subscribers who are not already receiving a Lifeline discount from another provider. Lifeline provides a monthly service discount on eligible telephone or eligible broadband service. By applying for and receiving the Lifeline discount, subscribers agree to remain with their service provider for 60 days for telephone services and 12 months for broadband services.

**TOLL LIMITATION:** Lifeline/Tribal Lifeline subscribers may also block long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge. This limits the possibility of unwanted fees on your bill.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for Lifeline assistance, an applicant or subscriber, one of their dependents or their household must participate in one or more of the following programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; or Veterans & Survivors Pension Benefit. Individuals whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available.

**TRIBAL LIFELINE & TRIBAL LINK UP:** Additional Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support is available to those qualifying individuals living on Tribal Lands. Tribal Lifeline/Link Up provides for additional telephone services discounts, and in addition to the previously cited programs, for those individuals residing on Tribal Lands, participation in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program, Head Start, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or Tribal TANF qualifies them for this support. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program.

**VERIFICATION:** Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

If you have any additional questions, please stop by your local WRT office in Hazen/Beulah, ND or Mobridge, SD or contact WRT at 748-2211 to speak with a WRT Customer Service Representative.

## South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501  
605-773-3201

## North Dakota Public Service Commission

600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0485  
701-328-2400

WRT INFORMATION

# COMPANIES Lifeline INFO ON Website

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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. Lifeline, Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up Assistance Programs can help eligible people pay part of their telephone costs. Please Note: Only one Lifeline service is available per household.

**Lifeline** provides a monthly credit of \$9.25 on the basic service portion of your phone bill. WRT offers residential customers unlimited local calling within WRT's entire 8,373 square mile service area for only \$22.50 per month. (Rate does not include any applicable taxes or mandated surcharges). The Lifeline credit is applied on the main home phone number and will be applied to local voice service if a customer chooses a WRT Bundle.

The Lifeline plan does not include long distance calls. Lifeline subscribers may opt to block long distance calls on their line at no cost.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

[Download Lifeline/Link Up Application & Consent Form](#)

[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 mandatory documentation as listed on the applications. For questions or assistance please call WRT at 748-2211.

COMPANIES INFO POSTED ON USAC

## Lifeline

Become a Customer

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## Companies Near Me

See the Do I Qualify? page to find out if you qualify for a Lifeline Program discount.

### Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code

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
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Example: 12345

*Note: The search results may not show every company that is near you. A company may still offer Lifeline even if it is not on this list. Please ask the service provider if they offer Lifeline in your area.*

## Companies near 58545

The order of this list is random and may change next time you search. The results will still be the same.

Showing 2 of 2 companies. Download List:   

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service ▲	State
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	800-748-7220	Home Phone	ND
Midcontinent Communications	800-888-1300	Home Phone	ND

## **FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: FCC 1-888-225-5322 | WRT 748-2211 WRT@westriv.com | WRT, PO Box 467, Hazen, ND 58545  
online: [www.lifelinesupport.org](http://www.lifelinesupport.org) or [www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com)  
visit: WRT's Offices in Hazen, Beulah & Mobridge  
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## **DIAL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG - IT'S THE LAW!**

Do you plan to do any digging on your property? Whether it's excavation or installing a fence, you must call 811 at least 48 hours before you dig to get all underground facilities located. The service is FREE and it's the LAW! Simply Dial 811 or TOLL-FREE 1-800-795-0555. Access online at [www.ndonecall.com](http://www.ndonecall.com) (ND) or [www.onecall.sd.gov](http://www.onecall.sd.gov) (SD).

## **NATIONAL DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY**

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. To register or for more information on the Do-Not-Call Registry call 1.888.382.1222, for TTY call 1.866.290.4236 or go online to [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

West River Telecommunications Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](http://How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*

## **CONTACT WRT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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## **CPNI - 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 & 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 phone customer.

Under federal law, you have the right, 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 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.

## **SET UP OR CHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICE**

1. Contact WRT or the long distance provider/company of your choice to sign up for service.
2. Authorize your long distance company to contact WRT to set up or change your long distance service.
3. If you have a PIC FREEZE in place, contact WRT to remove the PIC FREEZE and authorize the change to your long distance service. You may also request a new PIC FREEZE form from WRT at this time. (PIC FREEZE blocks service from being changed)



### **BILLING NAME & ADDRESS DISCLOSURE**

The FCC requires WRT, under certain circumstances, to release the Billing Name and Address (BNA) of telephone customers to telecommunications service providers. The main reason for releasing BNA information is to ensure proper billing for collect, third number billed or calling card calls. WRT is required to provide the information to the telecommunications service provider that handled the call, if it is requested by the carrier.

BNA can also be released to telecommunications service providers for other reasons, such as verification for presubscription, servicing your account, to prevent fraud or when you move from one location to another.

If you have an unlisted or non-published telephone number, you have a choice. If you do not want your BNA released by WRT, we need affirmative notification from you within 30 days. If you provide us with such notification, your ability to make calling card calls or to receive collect calls or third number billed calls could be denied. Should you have questions regarding this matter, please call WRT at 748-2211.

### **BATTERY BACK-UP**

When WRT installs your new fiber optics, we also install a battery backup unit (at no additional charge) – as the new fiber needs power to operate. If your electricity would happen to go out, the back-up unit will power the equipment and provide voice service for approximately 8 hours. WRT does offer additional battery packs to extend the length of voice service and also provide internet service. We call it the “WRT 2 Buck Back-Up” and it’s available \$2 per month.

Please keep in mind these basic emergency tips:

- Keep at least one basic CORDED phone on hand to use in case of power outages. (Cordless use additional power)
- If you have a generator, make sure the battery backup unit is plugged into an outlet that is served by the generator.
- Periodically check the indicator light on your battery backup unit to see if it is getting low or out of charge. General battery life is 2-4 years, pending usage & storage conditions.

If you have any questions or would like to extend your battery backup time, please call WRT at 748-2211.

### **WRT BYLAWS | ARTICLE I / MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1.1. MEMBERSHIP.**

Any adult person, organization, government, political subdivision or governmental agency, or other legal entity shall become a member of this Cooperative and membership shall be automatic on the date of receipt of retail voice or broadband service. In receiving such services from the cooperative, each member, by such action, agrees to comply with and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Cooperative and any rules, policies and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. No member may hold more than one membership in the Cooperative, and no membership shall be transferable except as provided in these bylaws. The status of all membership shall be as reflected upon the books of the Cooperative, and no membership certificates will be issued.

#### **SECTION 1.2. DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATIONS.**

(a) A condition of membership is Voice or broadband service from the Cooperative at a premise within its established service area. In addition, the Board may determine certain types and amounts of patronage that give rise to the privileges and obligations of membership.

(b) Exchange and interexchange carriers who participate with the Cooperative in the provision of telecommunications services are neither members nor patrons except as such carriers may receive voice or broadband services.

For a complete printing of the RESTATED BYLAWS of the WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE - see the front pages of the WRT / Missouri Slope Telephone Directory LLP. WRT BY-LAWS & POLICIES AVAILABLE AT [WWW.WESTRIV.COM](http://WWW.WESTRIV.COM)

**QUESTIONS?** call WRT @ 748-2211

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mail: WRT, PO Box 467, Hazen, ND 58545

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