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ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2020**

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# New Years Resolutions from Beulah Sixth Graders

Many people have great resolutions for the new or oncoming year and I would like to share mine with you. One of my first resolutions is to create some type of organization for people who need help with a disease or a problem. My second is to maybe fulfill my dream of becoming an Olympic ice skater and win five gold medals.

- Mykela

My new years resolution is to spend a lot more time with my older brother, to save enough money to buy a trap gun and take first in doubles at state for trap.

- Coye

My new year resolution is to be nicer to my family.

- Rayden

My New Years resolution is to get better at volleyball. I mainly want to get better at serving.

- Myleana

I would like to go fishing more this year.

- Shane

This new years I hope that during summer baseball games I do my best and try to do better than I did last year.

- Jack

I look forward to feeling of a new year and finally learning how to be calm and not get angry so fast.

- Olivia

Get more fit.

- Aidan

To read every Diary of a Wimpy Kid book.

- Donote

I hope that I will be in Student Council. I also really want our volleyball team to have a winning season for 6th grade and next season in 7th grade. I also hope that our basketball team will do really good next season.

- Olivia

My New Year's resolution is to get better grades. I also need to be more organized. My last New Year's resolution is to work hard on school work. I have picked those three since I need good grades to pass the grade. I also need to be more organized to not get overwhelmed. Lastly I want to make sure I try harder so my work looks better and I also get a better grade.

- Addyson

My New Year's resolutions are to be more patient when I have to wait. The next one is to be more positive with things that I do. Another one is to paint more pictures for show. The last one is to be nicer to my sisters. Those are all of my New Year's resolutions.

- Sadie

My New Year's resolution is to get a pride award. I want a pride award because I want some chicken.

My other New Year's resolution is to be nice to my brother. Even though he is mean to me sometimes. Those are my New Year's resolutions.

- Bennett

My New Year's resolutions are not to worry a lot because I worry a lot if I accidentally hurt someone I feel really bad. My next thing is to not complain as much. Another resolution is to keep my room clean. Another is to read more and not go on my iPad as much. My best one is to be nicer to people and to help people and my parents. Those are my New Year's resolutions.

- Masin

My New Year's resolution is to get up in the morning for school. I also want to get more sleep. I want to do the resolutions because I want to focus and not be so tired in school. In order to succeed these goals I will go to bed earlier. These are my New Year's resolutions for 2020.

- Gage

My New Year's resolution is to read more books. That's because lately after getting a phone I haven't been reading as much as I want to. Another resolution I have is to start working on my singing because next year I hope to do choir and drama. My last resolution is to finally start eating healthy because I can't keep eating ramen everyday. These are the goals I will set for myself this 2020.

- Grace

My New Year's resolutions are to save money and be nicer. I chose that because I want to buy my own stuff. I can be nicer by not being mean. I can save money by putting it away. These are my New Year's resolutions.

-B.

My New Year's resolutions are to be nicer to my sisters. The next one is to do better on my work. Another one is I want to be more focused on things and not mess around. Last is I want to be more patient



and wait on things instead of rushing and not being neat. Those my my New Year's resolutions for 2020.

- Elizabeth

My New Year's resolution is to get taller because a lot of people call me short. Another resolution is to get better at basketball to get more points in a game. Some other resolutions are to save money to get an Apple watch. Another resolution is to be nicer to other people. Last thing for my resolution is to get better grades so I can get money. These are my New Year's resolutions.

- Isaac

My New Year's resolution is to eat healthier. I want to eat healthier so I can do better in sports. I will drink more water and eat less sugar. That way I will have more stamina. That's my New Year's resolution for 2020.

- Kael

One of my New Year's resolution is to stop eating potato chips. Another one is to start being nicer to my brother. I also want to stop drinking soda. I also would like to be better at playing football. I also want to get better grades in school.

- Kendall

Resolution is to be a little nicer to my brother. The reason I am choosing this is because sometimes I am really not nice. Some things I should do are start

saying nicer things to him. I should include him in more things I do with my friends. But ultimately, just be a good person to him.

- Brayden

My New Year's resolution is to make it to the JRNFR. I'm going to go to all of the rodeos that I can. I'm going to pay attention for tips on riding. I'm going to practice everyday I can. I'm also going to get more in shape.

- Blen

My New Year's resolution is to have healthy friendships. I have a few people in my life that aren't good for me. I plan on

kindly unfriending them so I can grow more and be more positive. I'm working on ending the negative things in my life to have a good 2020.

- Natalie

My New Year's resolution. I will get better at shooting jump shots. I will go to the wellness center everyday I can and shoot a lot. I want to do this so I can be the best basketball player on the team. I will try to make every shot. This is my 2020 resolution.

- Andrew

I want to get better at tests.

- Ashen

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# Happenings

## Water Board to hold monthly meeting

The January meeting of the Mercer County Water Resource Board has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 at the Zap Fire Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

## Hazen Lions Club monthly meeting

The Hazen Lions Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 9 at Bison Sports Bar with supper at 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m.

## Blood Drive to be held Jan. 14

Hazen Community Blood Drive will be held from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Hazen City Hall. For an appointment, contact Sue Retterath at 748-2282 or 880-9977. Sponsored by Hazen Auxiliary.

## Hazen Senior Citizens Council to meet

Hazen Senior Citizens council meeting will be held at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Hazen Senior Citizens Center.

## Hospital Auxiliary meeting set

The monthly Hazen Hospital Auxiliary meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Sakakawea Medical Center conference room. New members are always welcome.

## American Legion hosts potluck and meeting

American Legion Clark Grosz Post 189 Legion will meet at 6 p.m. for a potluck and meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16 at Hazen City Hall (small hall). The Auxiliary will not meet over the winter months.

## Common Threads Quilters to meet Saturday

Common Threads Quilters meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at Hazen small hall. They will work on Hospice quilts and then have a meeting. Contact Liz Johnson for more information at 748-5330.

## Slaubaugh sisters named to Dean's List

Kendra (Slaubaugh) Olson and Krista Slaubaugh achieved the Dean's List at Belmont University for the Fall 2019 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

## Raffle winners

The following were the Dollars for Scholars Football Pool Raffle winners each week of the regular National Football League regular season:

Kelly Martin – Sept. 9  
Magnus Obenauer – Sept. 16  
Isaak Obenauer – Sept. 23  
Chuck Stroup – Sept. 30  
Tammy Rahn – Oct. 7  
Marla Oakland – Oct. 14  
Darrold Bertsch – Oct. 21  
Karen Knoell – Oct. 28  
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Monty Mayer – Nov. 11  
Donna Sorensen – Nov. 18  
Marcy Knoell – Nov. 25  
Laura Beach – Dec. 2  
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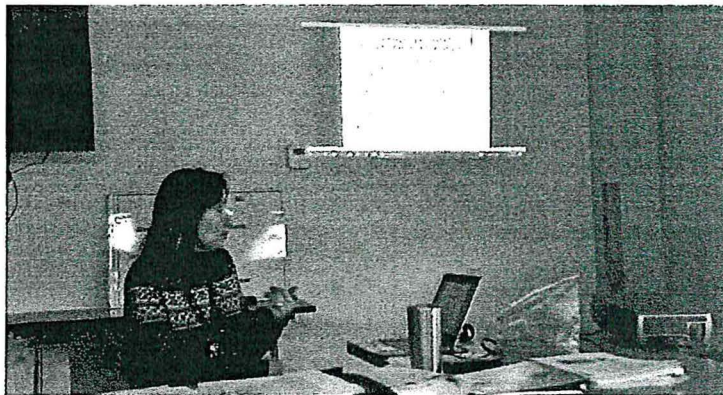


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Mercer County Emergency Response Coordinator Carmen Reed goes through a presentation on what the county needs to do to put together an updated local emergency plan.

## Engaging communities for the future

By DANIEL ARENS

It's not just a good habit for Mercer County and the incorporated towns within it to regularly review their local emergency plans (LEOP).

It's also a requirement for federal funding in the event

of a disaster.

The current 5-year plan adopted in Mercer County runs from 2016-2020. That means an updated plan, with updated information, will be required by the start of 2021.

Carmen Reed, Mercer County emergency response manager, spoke about this during a meeting of the local emergency planning committee (LEPC) Dec. 5.

"This is our review," she said to the committee members during the meeting at the Energy Wellness Center in Beulah. "I want to have all the draft plans by

March."

Reed is visiting the different cities in Mercer County to have them update their particular action plans. These plans, which are part of the overall LEOP for the county, list priorities each city has concerning potential emergency hazards, what action can be taken to alleviate those hazards, and the cost and level of priority for implementing those actions.

It will be up to each city to develop their own plan,

See LEPC page 8

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## Announcements

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 1-P-TFN-NC 58540

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 1-P-TFN-NC 58577

## Announcements

**GUN SHOW:** Dakota Territory Gun Collector's Association Annual BISMARCK Gun Show. Saturday, January 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, January 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. BISMARCK EVENT CENTER. Laura Ennen, 701.214.3388.  
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 43-TFN-E-X 58577

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## Social media surveillance leads to two Bismarck drug arrests, including man who calls himself 'Baby Chapo'

BISMARCK, N.D. — A drug investigation that dates back to June and includes extensive social media surveillance has led to the arrest of two men on felony charges.

Geovannie Tapia-Nelson, 19, of Bismarck and Tristen DeMarrias, 20, of Fort Yates, made their initial court appearances on Tuesday, court documents show. Each is being held in the Burleigh Morton County Detention Center in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail. Court documents list only a general charge against each man. DeMarrias faces an A felony and Tapia-Nelson a C felony.

A police affidavit filed in the case states that Tapia-Nelson — who refers to himself as Baby Chapo in reference to a Mexican drug cartel leader — and DeMarrias display drugs, weapons and cash in Snapchat videos. Images in some of the videos indicate that the drugs are for sale, the affidavit says.

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Police executed search warrants at three Bismarck residences and found scales, bags used for vacuum sealing, a marijuana grinder, weapons and drugs in dealer amounts.



Tristen DeMarrias

The affidavit also mentions juveniles appearing in the videos and being present in the vehicles when the men were arrested. One of them, age 16, had \$1,500 in his possession when DeMarrias was arrested, and another \$3,700 was found in the car, police say.

Tapia-Nelson had 200 grams of marijuana, a scale and THC cartridges in a backpack when he was arrested, according to the affidavit.

Attorneys aren't listed for either man in court documents.

## Treasure trove of 1,000 images of Native Americans from the 19th through the early 20th century donated to University of Michigan from longtime collector

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A University of Michigan library has acquired a trove of roughly 1,000 images of Native Americans from the 19th through the early 20th century from a longtime collector.

They represent some 80 groups and run the gamut from the iconic, such as Sitting Bull, to the commonplace, such as a woman hoeing potatoes in a Michigan garden. Archivists say even the everyday images are compelling because they reveal life in hard times and the spirit of perseverance as they struggled for survival. Curation efforts also have involved tribal experts throughout the process, something that historically wasn't done.

## Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe can now grow hemp, USDA says

On Dec. 27, 2019, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota received one of the first federal approvals of tribal regulatory authority over hemp cultivation on Indian lands under the state/tribal hemp provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill. To date, no state and no other federally recognized Indian tribe had achieved this milestone.

The 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp from the Controlled Substances Act and authorized the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to issue federal licenses to cultivate the product commercially in the United States. The act also authorized those states and federally recognized Indian tribes that wish to assume this federal responsibility in their own territories to prepare and submit a tribal or state regulatory plan to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for approval. To gain this federal approval, that state or tribal plan must meet a detailed and very specific set of federal criteria.

"We congratulate the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe on this historic achievement, and we are very honored to have played a role in helping the Tribe redraft and submit its post-regulatory plan," said Patty Marks, an attorney with Fredericks Peebles & Pat-

erson LLP.

"The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and Fredericks Peebles & Patterson plan with tribes and with USDA over the year on implementation of the hemp provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill in India try," Marks added. "The next year is a test drive of the USDA's interim rules, and we plan to help navigate a series of those rules in Indian Country."

Flandreau sent its initial plan to the Secretary of Agriculture in March 2019 that plan was not reviewed by the USDA, which argued that it needed to develop federal regulations prior to issuing and approving any state or tribal plan. After numerous consultations, the USDA over this delay but was successful in overturning the USDA position.

"If tribes want to ensure that USDA licenses are not issued on their lands, it is recommended they act to notify the USDA of their intent to submit a tribal regulatory plan near future," Ben Fenner, an attorney with Fredericks Peebles & Patterson LLP, said.

## Historic Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Compact Introduced Dec. 19 in U.S. Senate

On Dec. 19, Sen. John Tester, D-Mont., introduced the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2019 in the U.S. Senate.

The Act will ratify the FBIC Water Compact with the State of Montana, settle claims against the United States for mismanagement of tribal water resources with funding for critical water infrastructure development, and return sacred FBIC lands to federal trust.

With the support of a broad array of stakeholders, the Water Rights Settlement Act also will provide certainty for both tribal and non-tribal water users, help boost the economy on and off the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, and protect the rights of irrigators in north-central Montana. It has been a long road to get to this historic moment, according to attorneys with Fredericks Peebles & Patterson LLP, which has been involved in this effort for three decades.

Andy Werk Jr., president of the FBIC Council, governing body of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes in north-central Montana, agreed.

"During treaty negotiations in the 1800s, our tribes agreed to settle and reside on a small portion of our ancestral lands in what would become the Montana Territory," he said. "Congress wanted us to become farmers and to irrigate our lands, but to do that, we needed water. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1908 that we have Indian water rights for our reservation."

"The Water Rights Settlement Act will confirm our water rights and provide critical funding for the rehabilitation and expansion of our Indian irrigation project and the development of our water," Werk continued. "This will allow us to improve the economic conditions of our tribal members. It will also provide certainty to water users on and off our reservation."

President Werk referred to the important 1908 *Winters v. United States* case that affirmed that negotiations and agreements between tribes and the U.S. government to establish Indian reservations included the water rights necessary to develop sustainable homelands. As a result, tribes across the country have entered into water rights settlements with the federal government as a

means to secure legal recognition of water rights, funding for water development projects, and certainty for other water users.

According to Fredericks Peebles & Patterson, the legislation has broad support from on- and off-reservation irrigators will benefit from the agreements, which allow them to continue to use waters with FBIC, as originally negotiated Water Compact of 2001, which was overwhelmingly approved by the Montana Legislature with bipartisan support.

"We expect the Water Rights Settlement Act introduced by Sen. Tester to be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate in the future," Wilson said. "We and the Fort Belknap Indian Community look forward to passage."

"Our tribes, who have called this home since time began, are in the best position to protect and manage our water resources," Werk said. "Water is a precious resource and sacred to our people. Water Rights Settlement Act helps us use our waters in a way that will provide better infrastructure, jobs, and positive economic development that benefits our current and future generations."

Werk observed that the U.S. government mismanaged and neglected the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes' water more than a century. The Water Rights Settlement Act provides funding and non-monetary compensation to settle the claims against the federal government also includes funding to improve irrigation lands, establish a tribal water authority to minister water resources, construct domestic water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure, and promote economic development on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation to provide opportunities and improve the health and well-being of tribal members.

The Water Rights Settlement Act provides protections and funding for water users in the region to help ensure existing water use can continue as the develops and uses its water resources; monetary compensation consists of a return of certain lands, such as the former reservation lands, including c headwaters, that were taken under the 1895 Agreement of 1895.



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# Down Memory Lane

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Edmund Manydeeds of Bullhead was in the city Tuesday on his way to Fort Yates, where he went to receive patent-in-fee on his allotment.

Mrs. Page received her new popcorn and peanut roasting machine last week and has it in operation.

M.E. Nickisch, who has charge of the steel laying gang on the main line west, was in from Cadillac Saturday where the crew is now working. Ralph Harding is home from Ames, Iowa, where he is attending Agricultural College. He will return to resume his studies after the Christmas vacation is over.

Herman Lund and Rolf Dahl returned home Friday and Harold Lund returned Saturday from Vermillion where they are attending the State University. They will have a three weeks vacation with their parents.

D.P. O'Leary has taken advantage of the nice weather as first of the week and rushed work on the Howard Harding residence, which he has under construction.

## NINETY YEARS AGO

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Union Congregational church for Edith Young the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Young who passed away in a Moberge hospital Friday, following an operation for appendicitis. Edith was eight years, nine months old at the time of her death. Her parents and one sister, Carol, survive her.

W.C. German returned from the west coast last week with truckload of navy beans that he has sold to the stores and restaurants.

The cold wave that hit the northwest the first of the week brought sub-zero temperatures to the Dakotas. Wednesday morning with 28 below was the coldest December day on record at McLaughlin.

Ed. Blumhardt has bought Riley Dixon's barbershop and will take possession the first of the year. Ed. has been employed at the shop for over three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berg of the Mahto community who were married recently returned home from their honeymoon trip the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stocker who were the other couple in the double wedding ceremony returned to Mahto Saturday.

## EIGHTY YEARS AGO

Miss Irene Meisch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meisch and Henry Schweigert, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Schweigert, both of this city were united in marriage at McIntosh, Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Fiesch acted as witnesses. Mrs. Schweigert has been engaged at the garage business with his father here the past year.

Miss Ann Fisher and Harold



Edds were united in marriage Saturday, December 16th at Owensboro, Ky., leaving on a trip, which will bring them to her home in McLaughlin the last of this week. Mrs. Edds is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Fisher. She graduated from the local high school last spring. After her graduation she went to Kentucky where she completed a course in beauty culture. Mr. Edds is teaching at Reynolds Station near Owensboro.

Ben and George, sons of Anton Friez of the west McLaughlin territory returned home Sunday from Lodi, California where they have employment, to spend Christmas at their home.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Anderson were grieved to learn of the loss of their baby, which was born at the Agency Hospital at Fort Yates Sunday. Mrs. Anderson is reported to be very ill.

Jacob Schöck sr. received a check this week from the Chamber of Commerce at Mandan, North Dakota in the amount of \$2.00 for having brought his turkeys the longest distance for sale at the Mandan Creamery and produce Company.

Mrs. Frank Friend drove to Timber Lake Thursday to meet her daughter Norma who came from Rapid City where she is attending business college to spend Christmas vacation at her home here.

## SEVENTY YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Verna Fiechter, had a beautiful baby girl on December 16. And so did Mr. and Mrs. Foe P. Kraft of Selfridge.

The marriage of Miss Lola Stummeier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Stummeier and Franklin Dolecheck, son of Mrs. Clem Dolecheck, all of McIntosh took place at the Catholic Rectory in McIntosh on Thursday, December 15 with the Rev. Fr. O'Connell officiating. The bride was attired in a tan shawlskin suit with blue accessories. Her jewelry was a black Hills gold necklace and she wore a corsage of yellow mums.

Two safes in the Moberge Legion club were broken into and ransacked and it is estimated that nearly \$1,000 was taken. Police believe the job to have been done by safe breaking experts. Entry into the building was either made through the front door or the robbers hid in the basement until after closing hours.

The annual music concert presented by the city school was given at the city auditorium Thursday evening of last week and was well presented and well received by the large crowd which attended.

## SIXTY YEARS AGO

A deal was consummated the last of the week in which Fred and Edythe Sackett sold the Sackett Drug Store in McLaughlin to M. T. Otterberg of Moberge. Mr. Otterberg is taking possession of

the business the first of the week following inventory.

The cost of operating South Dakota's Public Schools during the year ending June 30, 1949 was \$23,852,762, the highest in history, the department of Public Instruction announced this week.

The 1949 Christmas mailing struck an all time high, according to Mrs. Freda Haberman, local Postmaster. Not only did letter and card business beat down any previous mailing record, but the handling of packages beat down any record established here.

Pvt. Leroy J. Archambault, son of John Archambault of Bullhead, who recently arrived at Headquarters First Corps in Kyoto Japan, has been transferred to Headquarters 24th Infantry Division in Kokuira, Kyushu, Japan.

A two-day blizzard, duplicating the blizzard of last year but with less snow, tied up highway traffic and slowed rail traffic on the Main line of the Milwaukee Monday and Tuesday of this week.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

RTA acquired the Telephone franchise for the McLaughlin area.

Kurle Elevator installed a new Hammill feed grinder.

Russell Brockel and Norma Steele were named on the All West River basketball team.

Bud Hempel opened an electric shop in McLaughlin.

Al Bieber bought the body shop from Schweigert Chevrolet. A banquet was held by the Better McLaughlin Club in honor of Indian Ranchers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Glaser and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Art Pastian and family, and Mr. Art Upham of Selfridge were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morgen of Selfridge.

DANCE - McLaughlin - City Auditorium. New Years Eve, December 31. Music by the West River Wranglers. Everyone welcome.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

E. Y. Berry, McLaughlin, announced this week that health prevents his being a candidate for reelection to Congress.

500 sheets of typing paper, wrapped - White or Yellow. 80 cents.

Alfred Lemke, 43, rural Selfridge, died suddenly Friday, December 28, while he was in the McLaughlin area. He was dead on arrival at the McLaughlin Hospital. He had been delivering a tractor for Rabenbergs when his truck got stuck. He was shovel snow when he became sick.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

Gordie Ulmer, McLaughlin, was high bidder for the West River Livestock Sales Company at Lemmon Friday. He bought the livestock auction sales business for \$271,000. Ulmer will take possession immediately. He said his brother, Elmo Ulmer, would move to Lemmon to help with the business. Todd Ulmer, Gordie's son, will also move to Lemmon to help at the sales pavilion.

FOR SALE; Hay, 2500 bales, stacked 500 per stack. Can be

moved with stack mover. \$25.00 per ton. See Dale Mollman or call Leonard Mollman.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

By the looks of this one I believe we are in for a bang. Yes, the ladies are at it again, and they're coming back stronger than ever before. Loaded with "artillery" and practice, the Lady Midgets Volleyball team is prepared and ready to take on all the competition they can handle. According to head coach, Eric Peters the girls are going to have a competitive year.

People who want to commemorate their special memories of the 20th century and beginning the 21st century can bring them to the post office December 31st to be postmarked says Vicki Berndt, McLaughlin postmaster. All items may be postmarked as long as they contain current first class postage.

There is a procedure by which people will be able to back order commemorative postmarking after December 31. Berndt advises checking at the post office for that procedure.

The McIntosh Tigers competed in the Lemmon Volleyball Tournament December 18. They had competitions with four different teams throughout the day.

The county commissioners have received complaints of people farming right up to the edge of some improved roads on section lines. That makes it difficult to maintain the roads, the commissioners were told.

People farming the easements on improved section lines will be notified to stop the practice. If the farming easements causes extra maintenance time, the violators will be billed.

Kime Schneider will be new business manager at the McLaughlin school. She will

replace Mavis Jensen who has resigned.

Schneider has been federal programs secretary.

## TEN YEARS AGO

Celina Brownnotter took Best of Show at the LNI Art Show in Rapid City.

Maybe we should save this story to keep using it. In action at the McLaughlin City Council Meeting Monday night, the Council moved to hire Maurice Agard Jr. as city police officer.

Agard joins Amber McLaughlin who was also recently hired on the force.

Larry Brown Jr. who had been the lone officer on the force since police chief Graylin Mittleider left the force had resigned at a previous meeting.


A lot of Citizens have been concerned when their calls to the McLaughlin police department had gone unanswered. Hopefully now that there are two officers on the force that problem will not come up quite as often.

After receiving snowfall in amounts varying from 15 to over 20 inches across Messengersland last week, forecasters are predicting more snow accompanied by winds predicted to reach 40 miles per hour for the next few days and temperatures that could plunge well below zero.

If forecasts come to pass it could lead to some treacherous conditions for both livestock and people. Even a moderate snowfall on top of the snow cover that is already present could lead to severe drifting and blocked roads.

Crews have been doing what they could to prepare for the snow and drifting. State highway crews were busy blowing snow well into the ditch and piling snow guards in the pastures and fields to catch the snow before

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# Rain takes out Kenel Road culvert, two Bridge Citizens die

For area residents, 2019 was a year to remember for many reasons. The weather was on top of the list.

Weather kept area residents busy as storm after storm caused millions of dollars in damages in the area and throughout the state.

## July 2019-

**July 3-** A young resident suffered serious injuries to a hand Sunday, June 30, in an accident involving fireworks.

According to the police report, at 11:23 p.m. a caller reported an injured minor at a Fourth Avenue East location. Officers were the first on the scene and realizing the seriousness of the injury, applied a tourniquet to the wounded area, according to Mobridge Police Chief Shawn Madison. The Mobridge Ambulance Service arrived and the minor was transported to Mobridge Regional Hospital and Clinics and later transported to a Bismarck medical facility for surgery.

According to a family member, the injuries included severe trauma to one hand, broken bones and burns to the face and chest.

**July 10-** Authorities have identified the two people who died in accidents that occurred at the road washout on Highway 1806 just north of the North Dakota border as Mobridge residents.

According to Standing Rock Chairman Mike Faith, officials have recovered the bodies at the scene and have confirmed Rudy Peterson and Jim Vandervall, both of Mobridge, were killed when the vehicles they were driving dropped into the washout.

Corson County Sheriff Keith Jall confirmed on Tuesday that a section of the highway, also known as BIA Road 3, or the Genel Road, washed out about a mile and half north of the border. That area had received five to seven inches of rain, according to the National Weather Service. A culvert under the highway was overwhelmed by the rain and gave way. Gall aid officers from multiple agencies were on the scene, including a Corson County deputy.

A Campbell County man died as a result of a two-vehicle crash that occurred Tuesday, July 2, two miles south of Herrell.

Ernest Fjeldheim, 82, of Mound City, was severely injured when at 7:04 p.m., a northbound 2019 Freightliner Cascadia semi truck and trailer while attempting to pass a second vehicle, collided with a southbound 2019 Buick Lacrosse on U.S. Highway 83. The collision occurred in the southbound lane.

**July 17-** A Missouri man who was driving a vehicle in a 2016 accident that killed a Mobridge resident has received a 10-year suspended prison sentence as part of plea agreement, according to court documents.

The trial of James C. Weatherman, 37, driver of the vehicle that hit another head on July 18, 2016, on U.S. Highway 83, south of Mound City, that killed Danielle McCollam, 26, of Mobridge, was set to start in February. Instead a plea agreement was reached when Weatherman agreed to admit to felony manslaughter. He received a 10-year suspended prison term that was a part of that agreement.

A former Mobridge resident who served 23 years in prison for raping and killing an 18-year-old South Dakota woman in 1980 has been released from prison according to the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Parolees.

Nicholas Scherr, 54, pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter for fatally shooting Candace Rough Surface after a party at a Mobridge residence. He was sentenced to 100 years in prison.

**July 24-** A fatal two-vehicle crash occurred at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, two miles south of Mound City.

According to a news release from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, David Thompson, 31, of Milbank was the driver of a 2004 Peterbilt semi with a 30-foot-wide load was northbound on Highway 83.

The wide load was a house. Rafael Lopez, 58, of Bloomington, Calif., the driver of a 2014 International semi. Lopez was heading south on U.S. Highway 83 and struck the left front corner of the house.

**July 31-** Ellen McQueen's trip to South Dakota in July began as a gift to her parents. McQueen had purchased flights from her family's home in Nome, Ala., to Rapid City so they could be part of the reunion in her father's home state of South Dakota.

Two of McQueen's aunts live in Mobridge so the family and McQueen's service dog, Latte, came to visit them over the Fourth of July.

While McQueen and her parents were at the home of one of the relatives, Latte was tied in a backyard. McQueen noted there was a row of trees, so she felt that the dachshund was safe there.

But on July 5, Latte went missing.

After a warning that the commission would not tolerate personal attacks on county employees, Walworth County Commissioner Kevin Holgaard, halted a line of questioning at the Thursday, July 25, commissioner's meeting, making a harassment charge against a member of the public.

During the open forum portion of the meeting, former county employee Patti Bauman expressed her concern about having the auditor also fulfill the duties of the landfill supervisor. Auditor Becky Krein working as interim landfill supervisor and Bauman expressed concern that it was too much work for one person to do. She told the commissioners that down the road one or the other will suffer and if the auditor deputies are doing landfill work, they should be compensated for that work.

SEE 2019 ON A6

# Letter to the Editor

## Each day more lies, racism and fraud

To the Editor:

On it goes, nearly every day, (there is more) Trumpian criminality, lies, fraud, racism, sociopathy. Recently \$2 million paid to charities for misuse of his foundation funds, used to promote his campaign and pay off business debts. A \$25 million out of court settlement for defrauding Trump U students, this before the 2016 election. Post hurricane housing relief to Puerto Rico denied, for no reason (other than their skin is darker than his)?

Changes to the SNAP program that could remove over 3 million from eligibility.

Between one fourth and one third of children in this country are living in poverty and are food insecure. We can spend three quarters of a trillion dollars per year on defense (actually offense), but can't afford to feed children? What did Jesus say about little children?

How can we explain the continued Trumpian loyalty? If not lack of intelligence, other reasons are far less flattering. If Trumpists are ok with the racism, sexism, lies (13,000+), white nationalism, fraud, crude insulting language and name calling, sociopathy, could it be that they actually identify with some or all of these? Is it tribalism, a blind hereditary or peer pressured loyalty to a party, a

cult? Is it Fox so called news, a self-admitted Murdoch and Ailes propaganda machine?

The Aberdeen American news farm forum publishes a weekly survey. Last week the question was: do you support the changes to the SNAP program? Nearly three quarters of the respondents said yes. I'll assume most of the respondents were farmers. Their response was hypocritical, sociopathic.

Since 1995, farmers just in Brown county received almost \$1 billion in subsidies. Ag subsidies will comprise 30 percent of 2019 farm income, a Trumpian bribe to farmers sitting on their unsalable piles of beans, to vote for him, again. Our nepotist in chief Noem's brother's farm received \$350,000 in the last year, more than \$4 million since 1995. Many of these same farmers rant against socialism.

Our Washington congressional delegation is, so far, faithful to their Trumpian party. Does their loyalty override their sense of reality and morality? Mark Twain wrote that we're being "led" either by intelligent people who are putting us on, or imbeciles who mean it. Sadly, our politicians are mirrors of ourselves, rather than molders of ourselves.

Bill Rosin,  
Selby



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New Salem Emergency crews are there to help in time of need, and a comforting fact New Salem and area residents have come to count on. And this year the New Salem Volunteer Fire Department and the New Salem Ambulance Service received a special honor, receiving one of five 1995 Bismarck Tribune Awards which honor people who make a difference in their communities, selflessly volunteering their services to help with community projects or in times of need.

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Rod Nelson will be the featured speaker at the third annual Fargo Farm show/Farm & Ranch Guide Country Woman of the Year Luncheon and Program. This spectacular event will be held January 17, 1996. Rod has performed his unique brand of original cowboy verse extensively across the U.S. and Canada, and has appeared on the "Tonight Show." The perfect blend for your funny-bone fancies! His humor is sure to keep you smiling!

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## New Salem Golden Age Menu 843-8030

Wednesday, January 1:

HOLIDAY

Thursday, January 2:

Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Buttered Corn Chilled Apricots, Turnover

Friday, January 3:

Cheese Buttons, Baby Carrots Salad w/Dressing, Chilled Pineapple, Cake w/Frosting  
Monday, January 6:  
Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Buttered Corn Chilled Apricots

Tuesday, January 7:

Sweet & Sour Chicken, Buttered Rice, Egg Roll, Fortune Cookie Fruit in Gelatin/Topping

Wednesday, January 8:

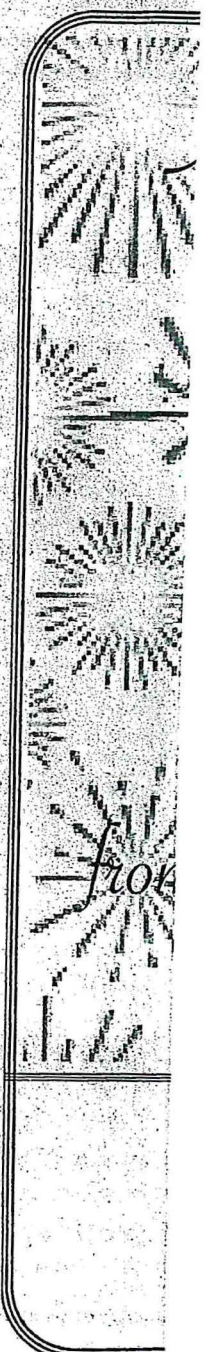
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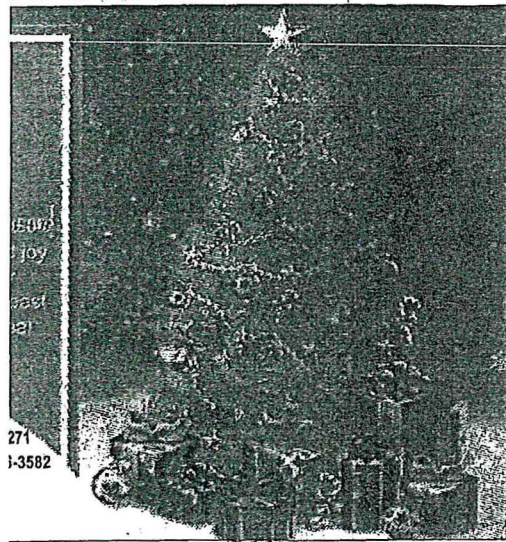


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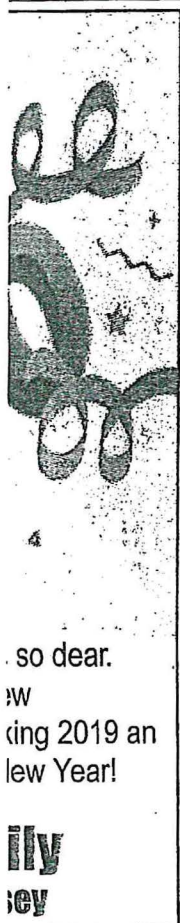
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Lorine was a faithful friend, a loyal spouse and a loving mother to many. She will be dearly missed. Till we meet again...



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A festive feeling fills the air,  
Joy and laughter everywhere.  
As we count down to a new year,  
We will be closing at  
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Those submitting bids must include with their proposal a copy of their contractor's license, proof of insurance, asbestos removal certificate and workers compensation certificate. Also, the company that is awarded the bid will be required to provide a performance and payment bond for the work to be completed and must register on the government website sam.gov (system for award management). The company with the lowest (\$) bid will be selected to do the work as long as the all guidelines are met.

Because this is a federally funded project, all federal guidelines shall be followed, which include payment of Davis-Bacon wage rates, weekly payroll reports and registration in sam.gov. A pre-construction conference will be held prior to work beginning. The City of Glen Ullin reserves the right to accept or reject all bids. Bids shall be mailed to: City of Glen Ullin, PO Box 70, Glen Ullin, ND 58631. To receive a bid packet, contact the city of Glen Ullin at the above address or the below phone number. For any questions, please contact a city representative at 701-348-3683.

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## 2020 US Census looking for census takers

As the 2020 U.S. Census prepares to officially launch in March, recruiters are seeking more than 1,000 workers in cities and counties across North Dakota.

Kevin Iverson, manager of the Census Office at the North Dakota Department of Commerce, said this is a way for individuals to take care of their community, demonstrate their civic and community leadership and earn decent wages in a position with a lot of flexibility.

"Many of these jobs are paying more than \$18 an hour and you can name your own hours," Iverson said. "Census takers will work in the field - often during evenings and weekends - to help the public com-



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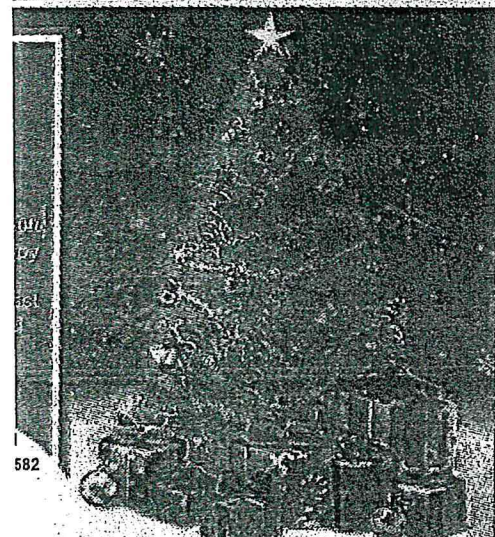
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As we count down to a new year,  
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Thank You for your support in 2019.

We will be closing at  
4:00 p.m. on December 31  
and will be closed January 1, 2020.

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The funeral service took place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019 at New Leipzig Baptist Church. Visitation was from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at New Leipzig Baptist Church. Following the service, interment was at the New Leipzig Baptist Cemetery, and a reception was held at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either New Leipzig Baptist Church; White Cross or The Good Samaritan Society; Mott.

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# Varsity Lady Bearcats - five wins, two losses

The Lady Bearcats went into the Christmas break with five wins and two losses. And they just kept competing.

## Center - Stanton

The team traveled to Center-Stanton Tuesday, December 17 to meet the Wildcats. The Lady 'Cats had defeated the Wildcats in overtime during the New Salem Tournament and did not want as close a game this time.

At the end of the first quarter it was looking to be a back and forth battle once again with the Bearcats leading 16-15. The Bearcats took control of the second quarter led by Kaley Schatz's three 3-pointers and went into half time leading 35-20.

In the third quarter the Bearcats struggled to score and the Wildcats caught back up but the Bearcats took control again and finished strong defeating the Wildcats 54-43.

The Bearcats were led by Taylor Christensen who scored 19 including four 3-pointers on the night.

Quarter scores were Bearcats

## Crossroads Golf Course winner is

### Jim Doll

Jim Doll, Glen Ullin, won \$50 in last week's Crossroads Golf Course raffle.

The previous week's winner was Brandon Schirado, Beulah, \$50.

The Crossroads Golf Course in Glen Ullin holds a raffle each year.

## Hebron Public School

### Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Fruits and vegetables are subject to change without notice and are served with lunch. Milk is served daily with breakfast and lunch. Juice is served daily with breakfast.

## Thursday, January 2

Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls  
Lunch - Breaded chicken wings

## Friday, January 3

Breakfast - Cereal bars  
Lunch - Hot dogs

## Monday, January 6

Breakfast - Links  
Lunch - Pizza burgers

## Tuesday, January 7

Breakfast - Banana bread  
Lunch - Lil smokies

## Wednesday, January 8

Breakfast - Caramel rolls  
Lunch - Chicken nuggets

## Thursday, January 9

Breakfast - Stuffed hashbrowns  
Lunch - Italian duckers

## Friday, January 10

Breakfast - Biscuit and gravy  
Lunch - Pizza poppers

16, 35, 38 and 54 and Wildcats 15, 20, 35 and 43.

Christensen scored 19 followed by Kaley Schatz 10, Courtney Soupir 8, Taizalee Glass 7, MiKayla Schneider 6 and Chelsey Duppung 4.

## First Regional Matchup

The Bearcats traveled to Beach Friday, December 20 for their first regional matchup. The team was excited to see how they would match up against a taller, more experienced Beach Buccaneer team.

At halftime the Bearcats were down 16-29. The team decided

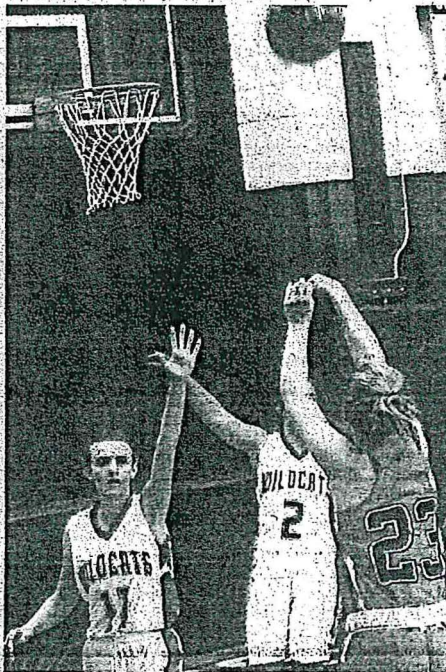
that this Buc team wasn't going to beat them easily and they came out of the locker room ready to play the second half and outscored the Bucs 26-24 but it wasn't enough for the win and the Bucs defeated the Bearcats 42-53.

Quarter scores were Bearcats 9, 16, 28 and 42 and Bucs 15, 29, 39 and 53.

Scoring for the Bearcats were Christensen 12, Schatz 9, Schneider 7, Glass 6, Soupir 4 and Alyssa Duppung and McKenzie Gerving, each with two.



Kaley Schatz went up for two points during the Center-Stanton basketball game. MiKayla Schneider, #30, is to her left in this picture. Schatz is a freshman on the Lady Bearcat varsity team.



Freshman Taylor Christensen scored 19 points during the Center-Stanton game December 17. The 19 points included four three-pointers during the game. The Bearcats defeated the Wildcats 54 and 43.



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### Renaming of the Convenience Clinic

Effective January 1st, Sakakawea Medical Center will rename the weekend Convenience Clinic to Urgent Care. Urgent Care services will be available on Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and can be accessed by reporting to the reception desk located in the SMC emergency entrance during scheduled hours. Services provided through Urgent Care are similar to the services obtained at the Convenience Clinic. In general, medical conditions that are not considered life threatening but can't wait for an appointment with your doctor can be treated at Urgent Care.

### January is Cervical Health Awareness Month

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potatoes, corn, and dinner roll,  
salted caramel brownie

**Cost: \$15.00 per person**

Please RSVP by January 17 to  
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We look forward to you joining us for  
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**THIS MEETING IS  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Social: 5:30 p.m.**  
**Dinner: 6:15 p.m.**  
**Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Program: 7:45 p.m.**

**GUEST SPEAKER  
Wade Boeshans**  
President and General Manager  
of BNI Energy

Mr. Boeshans will be talking  
about Project Tundra





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Volk-100 Weigh-ups  
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Jochim-1 Load Cows & Heilerrettes  
Plus many more by sale time.

**Thursday, January 9, 2020- Feeders**  
at 10  
Zacher-210 Bk Sts & Hrs, SFS,  
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Leintz-65 Bk Home Raised Bangs Vacc  
Hrs, SFS, 1st, HC, 575-625 lbs.  
Pederson-60 Rd/Rwf Sts & 12 Rd/Rwf  
Hrs, SFS  
Mollman-50 Bk Sirmix Replacement  
Hrs, SFS, Weaned, 675-775 lbs.  
Maier-25 Bk Sts & Hrs, SFS,  
Weaned, 675-725 lbs.  
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**Thursday, January 16, 2020-Weigh-**  
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11

**Thursday, January 23, 2020-Weigh-**  
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**Thursday, January 30, 2020-Feeders**  
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1pm.

**Thursday, February 6, 2020-No Sale.**  
Black Hills Stock Show

**Thursday, February 13, 2020-Weigh-**  
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**Thursday, February 20, 2020-Weigh-**

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**Sales Account Associate (Full-time)**  
**Job Responsibilities:** Position is primarily responsible for contacting existing and potential customers on WRT's equipment, products and services. The incumbent will be remote 85% + time with a flexible work schedule. Travel within the WRT market service area is required with overnight stays.

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WRT offers an excellent wage and benefits package including: medical/dental/vision, life/dependent insurance, 401K, a retirement plan, student tuition reimbursement, PTO, sick leave, flex spending, and free phone/internet

**Application Deadline: Open through January 31, 2020.**

**Complete application online and submit with resume via [www.westriv.com](http://www.westriv.com) or Send cover letter, WRT Application and resume to the following address:**  
**West River Telecommunications Cooperative**  
**Attn: Michelle Perreault, PO Box 467, Hazen, ND 58545**

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To be considered, all applications and related items must be submitted to the McLean County Auditor.

## Help Wanted



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• **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. Basic services are offered at the following rates: Single Party Residence & Business Service: \$12.50/month. Local residence & business service includes: Voice grade access to the public switched network; flat-rated local exchange service free of per minute charges; access to emergency services such as 911 & enhanced 911; and toll blocking/toll limitation. Broadband internet access service which is the capability to transmit and receive data is available in various packages.

• **TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE:** WRT also 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. 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 155% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance. No blocking or no charge and reduced deposits are also available. 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. 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.

• **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, audio-tape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 785-6600 (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 [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) 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) 696-7442; or (3) email: [protest@usda.gov](mailto:protest@usda.gov). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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

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Please stop by Garrison High School for an application. Applicant must include a resume and three references. Contact Nick Klemish at 463-2818 for more information.

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## ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



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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 or internet service.

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 USAC, Lifeline Support Center, PO Box 7081, London, KY 40742. Members may also apply in person at a local WRT office. 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.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Applicants are eligible if they participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs as follows or have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (documentation required): .

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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](#)**

### **[Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link Up](#)**





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April 24, 2019

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 or broadband service.

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

**Lifeline** assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone or broadband 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 or broadband service 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 (FPHA)
- 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
- Tribal Head Start (income eligible)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Program

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mail: PO Box 467 (101 Main St W), Hazen, ND 58545

Offices: Hazen & Beulah, ND • Mobridge, SD



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

**2019 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below  
135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

Persons In Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$16,862	\$21,060	\$19,413
2	\$22,829	\$28,526	\$26,271
3	\$28,796	\$35,991	\$33,129
4	\$34,763	\$43,457	\$39,987
5	\$40,730	\$50,922	\$46,845
6	\$46,697	\$58,388	\$53,703
7	\$52,664	\$65,862	\$60,561
8	\$58,631	\$73,319	\$67,419
For each additional person, add	\$5,967	\$7,466	\$6,858

WRT's voice and broadband 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, wireless or broadband 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 or go to the website [checklifeline.org/lifeline](http://checklifeline.org/lifeline) and apply online.

Sincerely,



Jeff Hayden  
WRT Customer Service Manager



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## LIFELINE & LINK UP 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.



**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 additional questions, please visit [www.checklifeline.org/lifeline](http://www.checklifeline.org/lifeline). You can also 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

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### FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**LIFELINE:** 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.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for Lifeline, 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 also available.

**TRIBAL LANDS LIFELINE & LINK-UP:** Additional support is available to those qualifying individuals living on Tribal Lands. Tribal Lifeline/Link Up provides additional service 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.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 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. Lifeline 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.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

online: [www.checklifeline.org/lifeline](http://www.checklifeline.org/lifeline)  
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-

### **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)

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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 a PIC FREEZE is in place, contact WRT to remove the PIC FREEZE and authorize the change to your long distance service.



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<a href="#">Life Wireless</a>	888-543-3620	Mobile	ND

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