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Editor

Fewer kids may be growing up on the farm these days, but more in the area are learning about the risks of powerful tractor equipment and what to do in an emergency, thanks to the annual safety day at RDO Equipment Co. in Washburn.

The business brought in about 70 first graders on Thursday to learn how and when to dial 911, where to stand to stay safe near farm equipment and how to identify the different parts of tractors so they understand what each does. New this year was a Stop, Drop and Roll area where kids practiced rolling around on a pad as if they were trying to put out a fire on their clothes.

Students from Center, Turtle Lake, Washburn and Underwood attended the safety day and walked through three different safety areas.

Steve Heger, a member of the North Dakota Farm Bureau, was on hand to show kids the proper way to use a phone and when they should call 911.

He gave the phone to Taya Hornberger of Underwood and explained that her brother had just fallen down the stairs and was hurt.

"What do you do?" Heger asked.



Underwood first graders watch the action of a PTO shaft during the safety day at RDO Equipment Co. on Thursday. From left is Cade Kjølstrup, Kevin Brunelle, Taya Hornberger and Makenna Adam. Photo by Michael Johnson.

Taya picked up the phone and looked over the numbers on the phone. She slowly and calmly pressed the three digits. The Farm Bureau provides Heger a

911 simulator that responds to the students' answers.

She explained that her brother was hurt and needed help. The question she struggled with,

like so many other students, was when the dispatcher asked for the address. She looked to Heger who asked her to think what she was close to or who she lives near. She

suddenly remembered the address and told the dispatcher, who was able to send out an emergency crew to help.

"We want them to learn their address and how to react in an emergency," Heger said.

That seemed to be the toughest part for the students and it was something that Heger hopes parents will make sure their kids know.

Jeremy Haugen, parts manager at RDO, said that about one-third of the students that come through have been around the farm machinery before. Heger said whether they have or not, 50 percent of child farm accidents are to those that have never been around the machinery.

Wanda Schneider, office administrator, said that they hope to have a similar safety day in Hazen for students there. The day has been very successful and fun for the youth.

Heger had a question for Connor Erber of Washburn. He told him that his little sister just swallowed his favorite John Deere tractor.

"What do you do?" he asked.

After Connor's mouth dropped from the despair of losing his favorite toy tractor, he picked up the phone and dialed 911 in order to save his sister.

WRT scholarship deadline approaching

West River Telecom (WRT) will be awarding eight \$500 scholarships to area high school seniors and/or college students. The WRT scholarships are available to students (or their parents) who have service with WRT. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college, university or vocational school.

Applications may be picked up at any of the area schools or at the WRT offices located in Mobridge, S.D., Hazen and Beulah. The application can also be downloaded from the WRT website at www.westriv.com. WRT applications are due by Friday, Feb. 3, 2012.

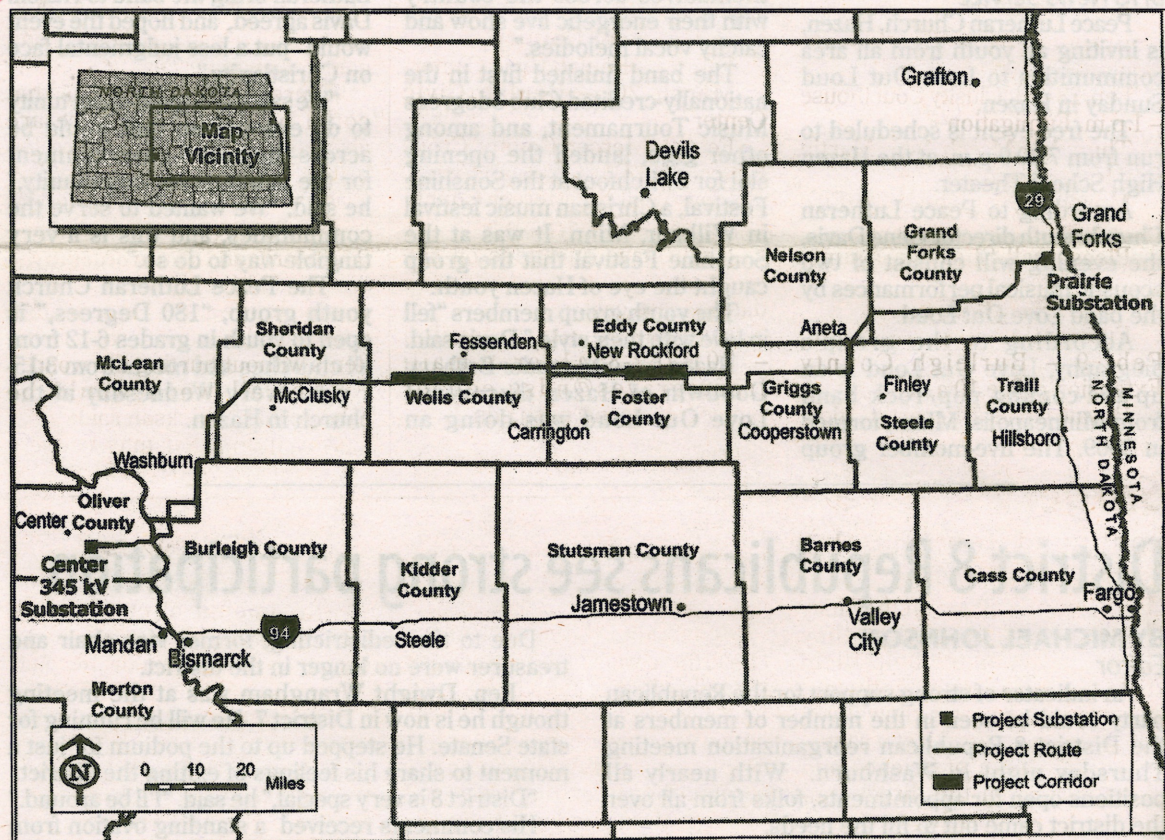
As a member of NTCA (National Telecommunication Cooperative Association), WRT also participates in the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) College

Scholarship Program. This program offers high-school seniors a chance at one of 30 scholarships worth \$2,500 each. In addition, FRS recently announced the FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships - four new \$5,000 scholarships fully funded by the family of John Staurulakis, Inc. (JSI). These \$5,000 scholarships will give preference to students in rural communities with an interest in science, math, medicine or engineering.

These new scholarships will build on the existing FRS College Scholarship Program, which currently provides 30 \$2,500 scholarships to students from rural communities - \$2,000 from FRS and \$500 from the local telecom company sponsor, such as WRT.

The 2012 FRS College Scholarship Program applications are also available at area schools and the WRT offices. The scholarship applications can also be found at www.westriv.com and www.frs.org. Students who apply for the FRS Scholarship with a focus in science, math, medicine or engineering will be automatically considered for the new FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships. The postmark deadline for the FRS Scholarship is March 1, 2012.

Public Notices



Notice of filing and notice of hearings

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Minnkota Power Co-op, Inc.
345 kV Transmission Line - Center to Grand Forks; Siting Application
Case No. PU-09-670
Jan. 18, 2011

On Sept. 7, 2011, the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 121 to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) designating a transmission facility corridor for approximately 260 miles of 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from the Center Substation near Center, North Dakota to the Prairie Substation

near Grand Forks, N.D.

On Dec. 2, 2011, Minnkota filed applications for a modification to the designated corridor, a waiver of procedures and time schedules, and a transmission facility route to be designated within the modified corridor as shown on the attached map.

Minnkota requests the Commission waive requirements under N.D.C.C. chapter 49-22 that separate hearings be held concerning the waiver request, the corridor modification and the route permit.

Three separate public hearings will be held with each covering an overview of the project, but focusing on specific portions of the project in the specific areas of each hearing. A Public Hearing on the application will be held:

Feb. 22, 2012, 9 a.m. at Memorial Building, 805 Main Ave. Washburn, ND 58577. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Burleigh, McLean, Oliver and western Sheridan Counties.

Feb. 27, 2012, 9 a.m. in the Baker Courtroom at the UND School of Law, 215 Centennial Drive Stop 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58201. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Grand Forks, Nelson and Steele Counties.

March 1, 2012, 9 a.m. at the Chieftain Conference Center Tepee Room, 60 4th Ave. S, Carrington, ND 58204. This

hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Eddy, Foster, Griggs, eastern Sheridan and Wells Counties.

The issues to be considered are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?

2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to approve a 1,000-foot-wide corridor as requested in the application?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

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UN Jan. 26, 2012

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