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NDATC announces launch of new brand

The North Dakota Association of Telecommunication Cooperatives (NDATC), an organization representing members of North Dakota's independent telecommunication industry including West River Telecom/WRT, announced today the launch of a new brand and identity. The organization will now be known as BAND: Broadband Association of North Dakota.

WRT is one of 18 member organizations that are part of BAND. The change in name reflects the commitment of the member organizations to evolve with the communication needs of North Dakotans, with an important shift from telephone to broadband.

Why BAND?
"Customer needs and demands have changed significantly over the years, so it is important that our services and our direction evolve as well," Troy Schilling, WRT CEO, said. "This name change also reflects the evolution of our industry and our business model. We are now a broadband company."

BAND was formed 65 years ago when a group of North Dakota telephone cooperatives met at the Patterson Hotel in Bismarck. Their mission: to guard against unfavorable legislation, and to ensure the highest quality communication systems were available

across North Dakota.

This mission has carried the organization through a revolutionary era of communication. At the time of the association's creation, a majority of rural North Dakota residents had party-line service, wires were strung from pole to pole and "long distance" calls were prohibitively expensive. Today, rural areas of the state have access to some of the fastest and most affordable broadband technology found anywhere in the United States.

As communication methods evolved around the world, BAND and its member organizations have evolved with them. Since 2013, WRT has spent close to \$100 million and plowed nearly 5,000 miles of fiber across their service territory in a commitment to bring 100 percent fiber connection to members. The cooperative has approximately 100 miles left to plow to reach the 100 percent goal by 2019.

BAND commitment
"The business model and specific goals of BAND and its members have changed a great deal in the past 65 years," Schilling said. "What hasn't changed is our commitment to working together, dedication to our customers, and providing the innovative, high quality services that North Dakotans and all of rural America deserves."

Today, BAND and its member organizations continue to build off of their 65-year-old promise: to evolve with the needs of its subscribers "at the end of the line." Together, they are ensuring North Dakota is the most connected

state in the U.S.

"We don't know what services and technologies customers will use in the future," BAND Executive Vice President David Crothers said, "but we do know that it will be broadband and Internet-

based and it will require more capacity and more speed in more places. WRT and the other independent broadband providers in North Dakota are committed to meeting that challenge just as we have done for the last 65 years."

Local clinic receives bomb threat

By KATE JOHNSON

Coal Country Community Health Clinic, along with other state and national health care facilities, received a bomb threat last week.

The e-mail came through the IT department's address and stated that someone had placed a bomb in their business. Coal Country Community Health Clinic CEO Darrold Bertsch said the structure of the e-mail was very generic that it did come off as a phony threat. However, any threat is taken seriously.

On Thursday, Dec. 13 CCCHC and other sister clinics in Beulah, Hazen, Killdeer and Center were evacuated.

They evacuated their staff and patients and notified law enforcement. Mercer County Sheriff's Department and the Beulah Police Department were on the scene to search the building to ensure that the threat was false.

The buildings were deemed safe and staff and patients were able to re-enter. Because of the nature of the threat Sakakaewea Medical Center in Hazen was not evacuated but patients and staff were briefly moved into other areas of the hospital that was not near the

clinic - which had been evacuated.

Because a bomb threat occurred in the community Beulah School District and Hazen School District did send all of their schools into a soft lock down until law enforcement notified them that it was safe and the threat was a fake. A soft lock down is that no one leaves or enters the school. Classroom shades are pulled over the window and classroom doors are locked.

Hazen Public Library also received the emailed threat. They contacted Hazen Police, but did not lock down as the email had since been determined to be a hoax.

Bertsch said this was experience they can learn from. While they have emergency plans in place for weather related disasters and threats, a bomb threat is foreign to rural clinics.

While they did exercise their evacuation plans for the threat Bertsch said they will be learning from the experience. "We will talk about what we could have done different and tweak our process and plan," said Bertsch.

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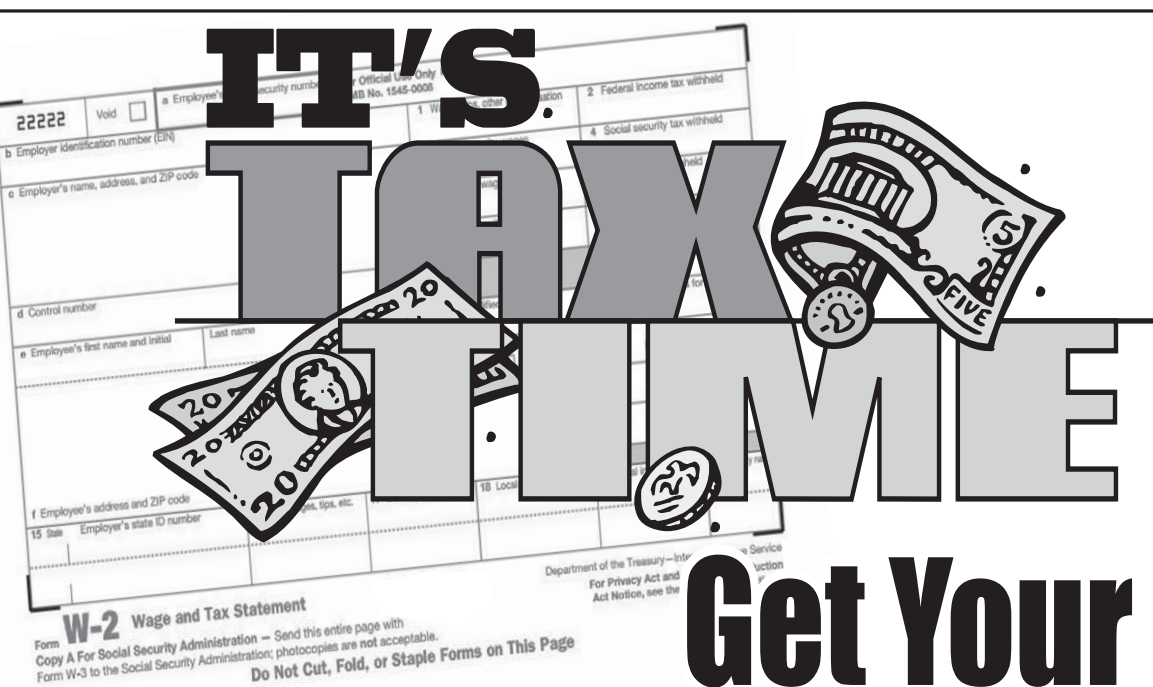
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Some winter fishing regulations include:

- A maximum of four poles is legal for ice fishing.
- Tip-ups are legal, and each tip-up is considered a single pole.
- Mechanical devices that set the hook are legal; however, the use of any device that automatically retrieves the fish is illegal.
- There is no restriction on the size of the hole in the ice while fishing. Materials used to mark holes must be in possession of anglers and spearers as soon as a hole larger than 10 inches in diameter is made in the ice.
- It is only legal to release fish back into the water immediately after they are caught. Once a fish is held in a bucket or on a stringer, they can no longer be legally released in any water.
- It is illegal to catch fish and transport them in water.
- It is illegal to leave fish, including bait, behind on the ice.
- All aquatic bait, such as fathead minnows, must be purchased or trapped in North Dakota.
- Depositing or leaving any litter or other waste material on the ice or shore is illegal.
- The packaging of fish (including parts thereof) away from one's permanent residence must be done in such a manner that the number of fish in each package may be easily determined.
- The daily limit is a limit of fish taken from midnight to midnight. No person may possess more than one day's limit of fish while on the ice or actively engaged in fishing. If a situation occurs when an angler fishes overnight, the first daily limit must be removed from the ice by midnight prior to continuing to fish.
- The possession limit is the maximum number of fish that an angler may have in his or her possession during a fishing trip of more than one day.
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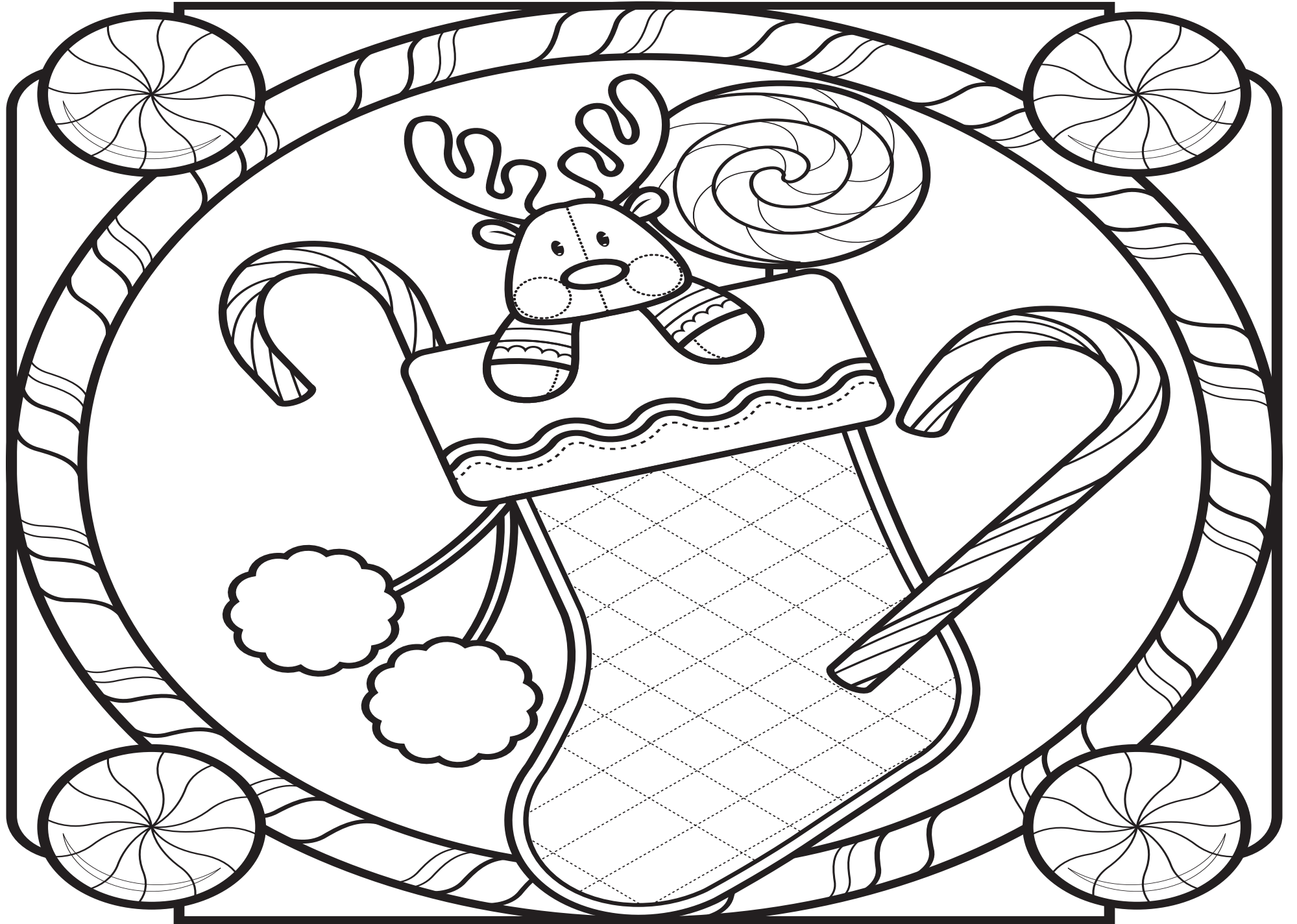
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As road conditions worsen, and with the added truck traffic on area roads, please use extreme caution when traveling.

The recent warm temperatures and sunny skies have been nice – but we all know what’s waiting for us just around the corner – Winter! The cold and snowy season is almost here and the question is – are you ready for it?

You should ... Get a Kit ... Make a Plan ... and Be Informed. Keep a high level of situational awareness by listening to the forecast every day. When snow, sleet, or freezing rain is in the forecast expect that it will impact your day to day routine, and be ready when it does!

Survival Kit For Winter Driving:

Clip 'n' Save

- Coffee can or other empty and clean food can
 - 60-inch length string (cut into 3 equal pieces - used to suspend can)
 - 3 large safety pins (tie string to safety pins and pin to car roof interior to suspend can over candle)
 - 1 candle 2" diameter (place on lid under suspended can for melting snow). Canned Sterno will also work to heat water.
 - 1 pocket knife, reasonably sharp (or substitute with scissors)
 - 3 pieces of bright cloth 2" wide x 36" long (tie to antenna or door handle)
 - Several packets of soup, hot chocolate, tea, bouillon cubes, etc. (mixed into melted snow to provide warmth and nutrition)
 - Plastic spoons
 - Packages of easy to eat, high energy foods like peanuts and candy or canned, ready-to-eat soups or fruit
 - 1 pair of socks and 1 pair of gloves or glove liners; cotton is not recommended because it provides no insulation when wet).
 - Extra clothing and a blanket or sleeping bag
 - 2 packages of book matches
 - 1 sun shield blanket or 2 large green or black plastic leaf bags (to reflect body heat)
 - 1 flash light and batteries (keep separate)
 - First aid kit
 - Toilet paper and sealable container for bathroom purposes
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Small tool kit
 - Ice scraper/snowbrush
 - Shovel
 - Sand or other traction aid
 - Tow rope or chain
 - Jumper cables
 - Road flares or warning lights
 - Gas line antifreeze
 - Large plastic garbage bag
 - Pencil stub and paper
 - Plastic whistle
 - Cellular phone with a charger
- You may want to keep the survival kit in the passenger compartment in case you go into a ditch and can't get to or open the trunk.

Mercer County Sheriff's Dept. Travel Advisories What they mean –

Use caution advisory – is issued by this office when visibility is reduced and driving conditions require that people reduce speed.

No travel advised – means that law enforcement and the highway department have determined that near zero visibility is occurring and/or that the driving surface of the road is blocked or covered with ice and driving is a deterrent

Road closed no travel allowed – (extreme conditions are present) is issued when roads are blocked and vehicles are stuck on the roadway. No travel will be allowed by any vehicle regardless of the situation. Barricades or officers will be blocking the roads leaving and entering the closed area. Drivers going around barricades will receive complaint and summons to district court. Schools, mines and power plants will be notified by phone.

All this information is given to the weather service and television and radio stations as it is occurring.

Winter Weather Terminology

Watch is issued when the risk of a hazardous winter weather event has increased, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain.

Warning or Advisory is issued when a hazardous winter weather event is occurring, is imminent, or has a high probability of occurrence. A warning is used when there is a threat to life or property. An advisory is for less serious conditions that cause inconvenience, and, if caution is not used, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.

Snow criteria for a warning is 6 inches or more in 12 hours or less, OR, 8 inches or more in 24 hours or less. Snow criteria for an advisory is 3 to 5 inches.

Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories may be issued for a combination of elements like snow coupled with wind and blowing snow, or snow coupled with sleet and freezing rain.

• **Sleet** is pellets of ice. Sleet bounces when it hits the ground.

• **Freezing Rain** is rain that freezes when it hits the ground or objects on the ground. It forms a sheet or glaze of ice.

• **Ice Storm** is used to describe occasions when the ice from freezing rain is significant enough (1/4 inch thick or more) to cause damage

• **Blizzard** is a storm with winds of 35 mph or higher AND visibility frequently below 1/4 mile in snow and/or blowing snow AND these conditions last three (3) hours or longer. There is no set temperature requirement for a blizzard.

Wind Chill is that part of the cooling of a human body caused by moving air. Moving air accelerates the rate of heat transfer away from a human body.

• **Wind Chill Advisory** is issued for wind chills of 25 to 39 below zero with a wind speed of at least 5 mph.

• **Wind Chill Warning** is issued for wind chills of 40 below zero and colder with a wind speed of at least 5 mph.

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