

In Touch

MAY 2024

Congratulations to All the Graduates

Graduations are cause for celebration, whether a student is graduating from high school, college, or another type of educational program. Venture Communications recognizes the hard work required to reach these important milestones, and we wish all the graduates in our communities good luck as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

This is a reminder to all of us to keep learning, growing, and achieving.



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MEMORIAL DAY is a time to remember those who have died in military service for the United States. Originally called Decoration Day, it was first observed in 1868 with flowers placed on the graves of soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Venture Communications joins our communities in paying tribute to all fallen soldiers and expressing gratitude for their brave contributions.

Our office will be closed on Monday, May 27th.



Capital Credit Forfeiture List

Notice is hereby given that the persons or entities listed here have outstanding capital credit checks issued in 2017. The amounts of these outstanding checks will be forfeited to Venture Communications Cooperative six months after the first date of publication of this notice unless money is claimed and proper evidence of ownership is submitted to Venture Communications Cooperative within the six-month period.

Aas, Corinne	Freidel, Angela	Lehrkamp, Leo	Rogers, Jaime & Greg
Agns	Gangone, Frank	Lewis, Terri	Rondell, Robert
Albrecht, Dan & Tess	Garrett, Ronald J	Litch, Earl H & Della M	Roth, Robert & Samantha
Anderson, Jason R	Garvey, Gregory	Little, Patrick Keith	Rudder, Lyles
Anderson, Robert D	Gillaspie, Deetta	Lone Fight, Dr William	Ruth, Michael & Gail
Andresen, Richard D & Sandy	Goss Jr, Rev Richard I	Long Hollow Dev Corp	Sandmeier, Aldeen & Jolene
Arcoren, Alfred & Verna	Gray, Seth	Lundberg, Ronald R	Sayers, Randy & Michell
B & L Business Enterpr.	Gregg, K C & Katie	Mackey, Debora K	Say-Pin Quilts
Barber, Tom	Gupta, Vijay & Bhawna	Mac's Pc's	Schaller, Robert Michael
Barse, Violet	Haggerty, Ike	Makin' Milk Dairy	Scharberg, Rhonda
Bass, Eric	Hair Expressions	Manosca, Geoffrey A	Schlagel, Angela
Batross, Ted & Susan	Hall, Caysee	Martin, Mardell	Schlimgen, Todd
Bellew, Jeannie & Kevin	Hanson, Paul & Valerie	Martinson, Brenda	Schmidt, Leona M
Bettenhausen & Sandra Glazier, Michael	Hart, Kristie R	Martinson, Penny	Schmit, James & Teresa
Birdsall Sand & Gravel Co	Haynes Harvesting	McCumiskey, Shelly	Schweigert, Mark & Leslie
Boever, Robert & Sarah	Healey, Carol	McDonalds Custom Meats	Schweitzer, Leslie
Boke, Shawna	Heartland Red Roofs LLC.	McGaa, Aloma L	Selwyn, Barbara A
Boomsma, Mark	Heck, Terry & Michelle	McGeorge, Justin & Joy	Sharp, Matt & Melissa
Boys & Girls Clubs Of The Glacial Lakes	Heitmann, Duwayne	McGrath, Brian	Shefner, Allen
Brenner, David & Carolyn	Henschel, Tom & Vicki	McKibben, Kevin & Rebecca	Shipman, Crystal & Dennis
Brown, Delores E.	Henstein, Carol	McKnight, Aaron	Shottenkirk, Tom
Brown, Jeffery A	Herald, Marcus	McKnight, Royal & Irene	Simon, Michael
Brown, Jeremy	Herrick, Pete A	Mebius, Lynn	Stack, Jodi L
Bryant, David	Heuer, James	Miklos, Jesse R	Staup, Barbara
Budack, Charlyne Patricia	Hirsch, Jeff	Mitchell, Darin	Steamway Country Cleaner
Campbell, Kimberlee	Hites, Sharon	Mitchell, Hilda	Stevens, Nylida
Chex Services Inc	Holman, Jesse & Kari	Montoya, Emily & Luis	Stewart, Frank & Lori
Christensen, Chris & Misti	Holzwarth, Michelle	Nacua, Kerwin	Tallbear & David S Edmunds, Kimberly
Comdata Rcs	Hoven Review Inc	Nauman Flying Service	Thorne, Joe & Melissa
County Line Salon	Howell, Victoria	Nelson, Casey & Crystal	Thornes, C M
Crown Technical Systems	Huffman, Linae	Nerland, Jon & Jackie	Three Z's Steakhouse & Lounge
Dacotah Blue Sky & Paintball Supply	Hurley & Associates	Olson, Andrew	Thrift, Clyde & Rene'
Damgaard, Adeline	Igt-Online Entertainment Systems Inc	Palacio, Olivia	Tillery, Leon
Dauwen, Larry	Ingebretson, Toni	Paladin Group Inc	Trejos, Mercedes
Dejong, Travis & Kristi	Jackson, Michael A	Paszek, Edwin	Van Bockel, Rebecca & Justin
Derby, Soloman & Monica	Janis, Christine	Patterson, Sharon	Viking Motel
Dfas-Pe/fpd-ditco Branch	Joachim, Craig	Performance Yards LLC	Visa Dps/Plus Systems
Diaz, Robert	Job, Paul	Peters, Anthony G	Wagner, Susan
Dicken, Lorre	Johnson, Clyde	Presbytery Of Dakota	Waldner, James & Melissa
Donner, Richard H & Verna	Johnson, Gladys R	Ramirez, Dan & Autumn	Walters, Gary & Laura
Dow Chemical	Johnson, June E	Ramirez, Julian	Webb, Brian & Deann
Eastman, Miranda	Johnson, Robin	Randa, Rory Or Terri	Wells Estate, Duane
Egan, Lynnette	Kallstrom, Pearl	Ready, Tina	Whipple, Linda & William
Ellingson, Cliff & Emily	Keller, Jeanne	Red Nation Consulting	Whitver, Frances
Erdmann, Robert & Martha	Kennison, Lynn & Merilee	Regan, Sue Bull	Wieker, Karen
Fallis, April	Keoke, Levette	Renville, Juanetta	Wilkinson, Cindy
Felts, Candida	Knot Head's Bar & Grill	Renville, William & April	Williams, Ronald J & Phyllis
Flaa, Nathan	Kurtz, Jason & Jennifer D	Reyelts, Alan	Wilson, Sonja
Fogle, Justin & Summer	L & L Weber Trust	Richter, Ralph & Joan	Wolfe, Tom
Forgey, Patrick & Chandra	Larsen, Donald R	Roberts & Nancy Skrandies, Roger	Ziadat, Imad
Fossum, Ed & Chris	Laughter, Robin	Roche, Patricia K	



TV Increase Coming in July

As announced in our December '23 newsletter, there will be another increase in your bill for our TV services coming on the July invoice. We understand these rising costs can be frustrating, which is why we encourage you to consider switching to video streaming services.

To help you make the transition from traditional cable TV to video streaming, we partnered with Mitchell Technical College to provide video streaming classes exclusively for our customers. These classes will cover the benefits of streaming and how to navigate through the various streaming platforms. You'll learn how to access and enjoy the content you love at a fraction of the cost. Now is the perfect time to explore video streaming by taking advantage of our free classes. Want to improve your digital literacy? We have a class for that, too!

Highmore Schedule

Classes will be held at the Venture Communications Office.

- May 14th** – Digital Literacy – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- May 16th** – Streaming – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- May 28th** – Streaming – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hoven Schedule

Classes will be held at the Dakota Haus Bar & Grill.

- May 16th** – Digital Literacy – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- May 22nd** – Streaming – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bowdle Schedule:

Classes will be held at the Community Center.

- May 21st** – Digital Literacy – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- May 29th** – Streaming – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Classes will be held at the Dakota Maid.

- May 28th** – Digital Literacy – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- May 30th** – Streaming – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Please call our office at 605-852-2224 to sign up. Class size is limited to 15 people.

Venture Welcomes a New Employee

We are excited to introduce a new member of our Venture Communications team in the Highmore community.

Shelby Myers joined us in mid-March, becoming a member of the



accounting department. We are thrilled to welcome such a talented individual to our team.



911 Surcharge to Increase

During the 2024 State of South Dakota legislative session, a decision was made to increase the 911 emergency services surcharge to \$2.00. This change will take effect from 7/1/24 through 7/1/26 on all voice users of telecommunication services. The proceeds will be used to support both one-time and ongoing costs of 911 systems in the State. As a voice service provider in South Dakota, Venture is mandated to collect and remit the 911 emergency surcharges to the SD Department of Revenue. It is also required that these charges be clearly stated in any billing statement, invoice or receipt.

Director Elections for 2024 scheduled

In accordance with the bylaws of Venture Communications Cooperative, director elections have been scheduled for three districts where terms are to expire. Election notices will be mailed to each member in districts where an election is to be held.

Any person who qualifies under the cooperative's bylaws may run for the directorships, including incumbent directors.

District Director Elections are scheduled as follows to elect one director from each district:

June 5th, 2024 • District #4

Gettysburg and Lebanon Exchanges

June 12th, 2024 • District #7

Britton Exchange

June 6th, 2024 • District #8

Cresbard, Faulkton, Hoven, Onaka, and Tolstoy Exchanges

Should there be only one petitioner in any of these districts, the scheduled election will be canceled. Notification of meeting cancellations will be published in local newspapers.

Members should refer to the election notice for meeting details such as time, place, and petition deadlines. Please call 605-852-2224, or email krisr@venture.coop if you have questions concerning the elections.



Internet Speed Matters, But So Does Reliability

Discussions about what to consider when choosing an internet plan tend to focus on speed. That's certainly understandable, given that the more the speed you have, the less time you'll spend waiting for big files to load or video buffering to stop. However, the way families and businesses evaluate internet service is evolving beyond just speed to also include reliability.

You can think of it this way: Internet speed is like the speed limit of a highway versus the number of lanes and the likelihood of roadblocks. How valuable is the ability to travel quickly if there's congestion and unreliable conditions that often hinder you from doing so?

For many businesses and homes, internet access is nearly as important as other utilities such as electricity, natural gas, and water. Having unreliable internet is stressful and counterproductive. If there's downtime, businesses simply can't operate in an efficient manner and productivity suffers. For families, unreliable internet can be an annoyance that occasionally prevents the enjoyment of streaming services and social media. For those who work from home, the consequences are more serious. It can severely limit the ability to complete projects and connect with colleagues.

We've invested heavily in our fiber network, and we proactively monitor it to minimize service interruptions. Our network is also designed with redundant paths, meaning if a cable is accidentally cut, internet traffic can instantly be rerouted to another path to continue flowing.

The internet reliability you experience from Venture Communications is further enhanced by the knowledgeable, professional support you receive from our local team of employees. After all, customer service goes hand-in-hand with reliability. Should issues develop — after all, no technology is foolproof — our goal is to get you back up and running as soon as possible.

For complete details about the reliable, fast, and affordable internet plans we offer, call 605-852-2224 or visit www.venturecomm.net.

