

# In Touch

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## Take Care of Your Devices on Hot Days

Don't leave your phone or tablet in your vehicle on a hot day. A car interior can reach over 120 degrees after an hour—enough to temporarily or permanently damage the display of a touch-screen device.

If you must leave a device in your vehicle, put it in the trunk, which stays a bit cooler. Also turn it off to keep the electronics at a lower temperature.

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# America STRONG

## In our communities, we're better together.

We weather storms together, both literally and figuratively. We build lasting relationships together. We work together, play together, and grow together.

As your local communications provider, Venture Communications is proud to support the connections that make our communities and our country stronger. We invest in advanced technology. We give good jobs to our neighbors. We donate time and financial resources to this area's life-changing organizations.

You can always rely on us, just as we always rely on each other.

## Happy 4th of July!

Our office will be closed for the holiday.



## Board of Directors 2024 Elections

In accordance with the bylaws of the cooperative, director elections were scheduled, and notices were mailed to members in the three districts where directorships are to expire in September 2024. Director elections for District 4, District 7, and District 8 have been cancelled with only one valid petitioner filing petitions in each district. The following individuals will be seated on the Venture Communications Board of Directors for a three-year term at the annual meeting in September:

**John Langer • District 4**  
Gettysburg and Lebanon  
Exchanges

**Austin Saker • District 7**  
Britton Exchange

**Craig McQuire • District 8**  
Cresbard, Faulkton, Hoven,  
Tolstoy and Onaka Exchanges



## 2024-2025 White Page Directory Listing Deadline

Contact us prior to July 8th if you'd like to revise your listing. Changes made after July 8th will not appear in the new directory. Call us at 605.852.2224.



## July Price Increase to TV Packages

As mentioned in the December 2023 and May 2024 newsletters, there will be a price increase to your video Package. This \$8.00 increase will happen on the July 12th billing.

Instead of feeling discouraged by this change, we want to empower you to explore the option of cutting the cord and transitioning to streaming services. Streaming not only provides a more convenient option but also a cost-effective alternative to traditional cable TV.

To assist you in this transition, we will be hosting streaming classes throughout our communities in 2024. These classes are specially designed to educate you on the advantages of streaming and guide you through the world of online entertainment. Although change can be overwhelming, we truly believe that this shift to streaming can bring long-term benefits for you. We encourage you to take advantage of the resources and support we are offering and embrace the switch to streaming with confidence.

### Video Streaming classes will be held in the following locations:

**Britton at the  
Britton City Library**

June 18th – 5 to 7 p.m.

**Faulkton at the City Office**

June 27th – 5 to 7 p.m.

**Gettysburg at the  
Potter County Library**

June 12th – 5 to 7 p.m.

June 20th – 5 to 7 p.m.

**Hitchcock at the United  
Methodist Church**

June 19th – 5 to 7 p.m.

**Selby at the Dakotamaid**

June 17th – 5 to 7 p.m.





# 2024 Citizenship and Community Service Scholarship Recipients

Venture Communications Cooperative recently awarded 14 \$750 Citizenship and Community Service Scholarships to graduating seniors. The scholarships are based on school and community involvement, citizenship, as well as academics and leadership skills. Congratulations to the scholarship winners and we wish you the best in your future endeavors!



**Addison Melius**  
Faulkton  
SDSU  
Exercise Science



**Aubri Haselhorst**  
Faulkton  
DWU  
Nursing



**Brynlee Patterson**  
Britton-Hecla  
Montana State  
Animal Science



**Carson Leonhardt**  
Faulkton  
DWU  
Education



**Chloe Langager**  
Sisseton  
USD  
Pre-Med



**Jenisa Jacobs**  
Bowdle  
Lake Area Tech.  
Dental Assisting



**Jillian Hansen**  
Pierre  
Florida State  
Actuarial Science



**Kaleb Foltz**  
Rosholt  
MSU - Mankato  
Computer Science



**Kate Hamilton**  
Wolsey-Wessington  
NDSU  
Management  
Communications



**Kylee Martin**  
Hitchcock-Tulare  
DSU  
Elementary Education



**Lilly Paxton**  
Sully Buttes  
Lake Area Tech.  
Aviation Maintenance  
Technology



**Mackenzie Kaiser**  
Bowdle  
BHSU  
Biology



**Olivia Mikkelsen**  
Gettysburg  
University of Mary  
Exercise Science/  
Physical Therapy



**Tanner Eide**  
Gettysburg  
University of Mary  
Education & Theology



## Everything You Need is in Your Own Backyard

Whether you're enjoying a big barbeque with friends and family or simply relaxing by yourself in a hammock, there's nothing quite like being in your own backyard. You're surrounded by nature's beauty, yet just steps away from all the comforts of home.

You also don't have to go far to get the communications services your family needs, including super-fast and reliable internet. Venture Communications is a local company with local offices, local customer service, and local tech support. When you choose to do business with us, you won't have to call some faraway service center and be put on hold. Instead, you'll get friendly and responsive help from local employees who understand the community because they live here, too.

**Remember, when you buy local, the entire community wins. So, let's all commit to keep shopping in our own backyards. If you have a question about our services, call us at 605-852-2224.**



Did you know you can see what's coming to your mailbox before it arrives? USPS offers a free service called Informed Delivery®, which sends you Daily Digest emails with images of your incoming letter-size mail and status updates on incoming packages.

How does Informed Delivery work? Before your mail is delivered, USPS will scan the front of letter-sized mail that runs through the automated mail sorting machine. These grayscale images will then be sent to you in the email notifications.

This information can come in handy in many situations. For example, with Informed Delivery, you can get advance notice that an important piece of mail — such as a letter containing a check — will soon be delivered, allowing you to plan your day accordingly. Other benefits of Informed Delivery include:

- **Security:** It provides an added layer of security by allowing you to verify the mail and packages you should expect to receive. This can help you identify any potential issues, such as missing or stolen mail.
- **Convenient Access:** In addition to getting information from your Daily Digest emails, you can access your Informed Delivery dashboard online or through the USPS mobile app, allowing you to check your mail and packages from virtually anywhere.

USPS first released Informed Delivery as a pilot program in 2014 in selected zip codes, then expanded it to include most zip codes in 2017. About 30% of eligible users have signed up so far, and 90% of them would recommend Informed Delivery to their family and friends. If you'd like to join the club, follow these steps:

- Go to [usps.com/portal/register](https://usps.com/portal/register). You'll be asked to enter your address to confirm that it's eligible for Informed Delivery.
- Create an account with a username and password.
- Verify your identity to protect your privacy and personal information.
- Watch for updates via email, the online dashboard, or the USPS Mobile® app.

**If you'd like to get less mail in your mailbox, you can always sign up for Paperless Billing from Venture Communications and receive your monthly bill electronically instead. Visit [www.venturecomm.net](https://www.venturecomm.net) for details.**