

# In Touch

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## Sign Up for Maintenance Alerts

Would you like to receive advance notice of when Venture Communications plans to do network maintenance work? Click the green Maintenance Alerts button at the top of [venturecomm.net](http://venturecomm.net) and submit the form provided. We'll email you Maintenance Alerts notifications so you can plan for potential downtime.

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Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CST

Office Closure: Monday, September 1st  
for Labor Day

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during Office Hours)

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## Cool Attitudes and Cool Technology

It's cool to love learning, to embrace challenges, and to build friendships. As parents, these are the cool attitudes we want to foster in our children as the school year begins.

Cool technology, like our unbeatably fast and reliable fiber internet, can also help students keep their cool and work efficiently through online assignments—without having to deal with annoying buffering or downed connections. Ready to upgrade? We offer fiber internet plans with speeds up to 1 Gig.

**CONTACT US AT 605-852-2224 OR  
VENTURE@VENTURECOMM.NET FOR  
A Cool INTERNET UPGRADE**

## Help for Those Who Are Hearing or Speech Impaired

The Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (TED) for South Dakota allows those who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and/or speech disabled to communicate effectively on the telephone by obtaining special equipment at little or no cost. To be eligible for the equipment, you must be a resident of South Dakota, have difficulty communicating on the telephone because of a hearing or speech disability, and already have telephone service in your home.

The TED Program stocks phones that offer speakerphone with volume adjustments, volume amplifier, and large visual display. They also provide oversized and lighted dial buttons, hearing aid compatible phones, visual ringer alert or adjustable loud ringer, sound frequency clarifying adjustment, and tone adjustment.

To apply, visit [www.relaysd.com](http://www.relaysd.com). Under the TED Program at the top is a section called TED Program Overview. There you can apply for a free or reduced phone. If you have questions or need help, call 711 or customer service assistance at 1-877-866-8950 (TTY/Voice).



## Members of Venture Communications Cooperative:

You're Invited to the 68th Annual Meeting, Wednesday, September 10th at the Hyde County Memorial Auditorium.

- Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.
- Meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Participate in the Business Meeting
- Grand Prize – Choice of a new TV or \$350 cash

**Please cut out your name and address on the back of the Annual Meeting booklet and BRING IT WITH YOU to the Annual Meeting.** It will serve as your registration for the meeting, voting, and door prizes.

John & Mary Smith 100 Venture Comm. Drive Highmore, SD 57345
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## Top 6 Tips to Avoid Being Scammed

Here's what the Better Business Bureau recommends:

- 1. Avoid clicking on links or opening attachments in unsolicited emails.** It can download malware onto your device.
- 2. Don't believe everything you see.** Scammers are great at mimicking official seals, fonts, and other details.
- 3. Double check your online purchase is secure before checking out.** Look for the "HTTPS" in the URL (the extra "s" is for "secure") and a small lock icon on the address bar.
- 4. Never share personally identifiable information with unsolicited contacts.** This applies to unsolicited calls, emails, social media messages, or in-person visitors.
- 5. Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Scammers try to make you think something is scarce or a limited-time offer to push you to make fast decisions.
- 6. Use secure and traceable transactions.** Don't pay by wire transfer, prepaid money card, gift card, or another non-traditional payment method.