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Office Closure:

Monday, May 25th

for Memorial Day

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Honoring Yesterday's Heroes on
MEMORIAL DAY

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 25th.

Let's Applaud Hard Work as the School Year Ends

When the lessons wrap up and the final tests are taken, it's time for many people to take a bow and receive recognition—including local students, teachers, administrators, staff, and parents. At Venture Communications, we especially want to congratulate the 2026 graduates in our communities. Bravo for reaching this important milestone!

We've gathered this selection of education quotes to provide encouragement for continued learning:

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." – **B.B. King**

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."
– **Albert Einstein**

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." – **Dr. Seuss**

"Education is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire."
– **W.B Yeats.**



Director Elections Scheduled for 2026

In accordance with the bylaws of Venture Communications Cooperative, director elections have been scheduled for the following districts where terms are to expire. Election notices have been 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 2nd, 2026 • District #2: Wessington Springs

June 4th, 2026 • District #5: Wessington, Hitchcock, Tulare

June 9th, 2026 • District #3: Highmore, Ree Heights, Orient, Seneca

June 11th, 2026 • District #6: Selby, Roscoe, Bowdle

June 16th, 2026 • District #9: Langford, Pierpont, Roslyn

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.

Notice of Forfeiture of Property Rights

Notice is hereby given that the persons or entities listed below have outstanding capital credit checks issued in 2019. 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.

Ahlemeier, Elaine
Amdahl, Les & Cindy
Anderson, Rick & Roxanne
Andresen, Richard D & Sandy
Arcoren, Roxanne
Ask, Ronald G
B & L Business Enterpr.
Bargain Mart
Barse, Violet
Batross, Susan
Batross, Ted & Susan
Beaver, Laura A
Bellew, Jeannie & Kevin
Bender, Kari
Bissonette, Jennifer
Bolen, Steven
Boomsma, Mark
Boys & Girls Clubs Of The Glacial
Lakes
Boys And Girls Clubs Of Three
Districts
Brenner, David & Carolyn
Brown, Jeffery A
Bubak, Terry Or Peggy
Campbell, Kimberlee
Casjens, Mike & Sharon
Cenex Harvest States Coop
Chapman, Naomi J
Christopher, Bruce
CLM
Comdata Rcs
Community Development Institute
- Head Start
Community Health Care
Cooper, Jan M
County Line Salon
Crown Technical Systems
Damgaard, Adeline
Delgado, Eugenia Rose
Doerr & Kraig Forgey, Brenda
Donner, Richard H & Verna
Dyke, Dennis & Connie
Eastman, Miranda
Egan, Lynnette
Eggert, James D
Elfrink, Cody

Erickson, Bruce & Mary
Fallis, April
Farmer, Larry
Ferguson, Ward A & Marva
Forgey, Patrick & Chandra
Fossum, Ed & Chris
Gallagher, Jeremy & Teresa
Gangone, Frank
Garrett, Ronald J
Garvey, Gregory
Gerken, Rebecca
Gill Jr, Gaylord
Gray, Seth
Grove, Sybrand
Gruis & Winter Langdeau, Timothy
Gupta, Vijay & Bhawna
Hagen, Keith
Haggerty, Ike
Hamilton, Linda
Harding, Bruce
Harris, Bobby & Angela
Hartman Estate, Darlene
Healey, Carol
Heartland Red Roofs LLC.
Heinz, Sandra
Higgison & Bryan Kirk, Louis &
Evette
Higgison, Joseph A & Glenda K
Highmore Cattle Sales Inc
Hill, William
Hites, Sharon
Hotchkiss, Harold
Hoven Review Inc
Jackson, Michael A
Jensen, Matt & Amy
Johnson, Clyde
Johnson, June E
Johnson, Robin
Jones, Jim & Patty A
Kennison, Lynn & Merilee
Kindel, Pam
King, Ellen
Kleynhans, Willem
Kloss, Tara
Koops, Linda
Kringen, Gary J

Lane, Linda Marie
Larson & Josh Dargatz, Rebecca
Lawrence, Phillip
LeBeau, Robert
Lehrkamp, Kathellen
Little Bend Bait Shop
Little, Patrick Keith
Lone Fight, Dr William
Louw, Frank & Minette
Lundberg, Ronald R
Mann, Jeff
Manosca, Geoffrey A
Marks, Kaye Guerin
Martinson, Brenda
Meyer, Pam
Miklos, Jesse R
Miller, Louie & Matilda R
Nerland, Jon & Jackie
Nicolai, Ron
Northern Grain Design &
Construction Inc
Olson, Andrew
Opp, Tobi & Jessica
Orton, T.M.
Owen, John W
Palacio, Olivia
Patterson, Sharon
Pattison, Valorie
Pierson, Carlene
Placek, Chris & Ronni
Quayle, Michael
Quayle, Michael & Jessica
Ragsdale, Cheryl
Ramirez, Julian
Rearick, Tamey J
Rearick, Tamey J
Reimer, William & Joyce
Rexine, Marjorie A
Richter, Ralph & Joan
Rieger, Jennifer
Rigg, Sharron
Robinson, Georgia
Roche, Patricia K
Rogers, Jaime & Greg
Rohrbach, Dan
Ruckman, James & Angie

Sampson, Dennis
Sapin & Renee' Risley, Harold
Say-Pin Quilts
Schaefer & Elinor Seidel,
James Allan
Schlagel, Chuck & Jewel
Shefner, Allen
Shottenkirk, Tom
Siedschlag, Kim & Brian
Silk, Star L
Simon, Lona
Stanley, Lowell & Camilla
Steamway Country Cleaner
Stevens, Irene Tobin
Stone, Marvin J
Stucker, Robert T & Breena A
Tallbear & David S Edmunds,
Kimberly
Tallbear, Susan
Thompson, Allen P
Thompson, April Yvette & Francis L
Thorne, Joe & Melissa
Thornes, C M
Tillery, Leon
Timm, Richard & Karen
Tinerella, Paul & Jennifer
Trust Funds Mgt
Turner, Steve & Peggy
VanHorn, Stephanie
Viking Motel
Wagner, Stella
Want, James
Want, Johnny & Elizabeth
Weischedel, Randy & Christine
Welchert, Mary A
Wenzel, Arthur
Whitecotton, Steve
Wiegand, Guy
Wilkinson, Cindy
Wilson, Sonja
Winterberg, Adrian & Alaina
Wolf, Vernon
Wolfe, Debra
Ziadat, Imad

Buried Fiber Cables Offer Advantages

While aerial fiber-optic cables may be the best option in certain areas, running fiber-optic cables underground offers important advantages including these:

- **Less likely to be damaged by above-ground elements** – When cables are buried underground, they're not as apt to be damaged by extreme weather conditions. They also won't be weakened by direct exposure to rain, snow, wind, or UV radiation, which can negatively impact cable durability.
- **Out of sight** – Another benefit to using underground fiber-optic cables is that they're less invasive and not an eyesore to the community. They can be placed discreetly along curbs or property lines, and you'll forget that they're even there.
- **Better public safety** – Falling telecommunications poles can pose a danger to people, animals, and property—especially in extreme weather conditions. Laying cables underground eliminates this safety risk.

For details on our fiber network and the internet plans we offer, visit www.venturecomm.net or call 605-852-2224.



811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Before beginning a digging project, you must call 811 to request that buried utilities be marked with paint or flags. That way, you won't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

Do I really need to call? Yes! Even projects you might consider small, like planting flowers or a shrub, require you to call 811. Many utilities are buried just a few inches below ground and can be easily damaged by a shovel. You also need to call before installing a mailbox, fence, or patio. Even if you had an area marked a few years ago, call 811 again if you're planning to do additional digging there, since erosion and root system growth can alter the depth or location of buried lines. Your utility companies may also have completed work on their lines since the last time you dug.

When do I call 811? You should call 811 a few business days before you begin any digging project. The specific amount of advance notice that you're required to provide varies by state.

What information do I need to provide? You'll need to tell the 811 center the address of where you plan to dig, including the county and nearest cross street, as well as the type of project you're planning and the area on the property where you're planning to dig. If you're only planning to dig in a small area and don't want your entire yard marked, you can outline the area in white paint or white flags available at home improvement stores.

What do I do after I call 811? Wait a few days to allow all utilities to respond to your request. Once they've marked their buried lines, you may begin digging. Dig carefully around any utility marks, not on them. Consider relocating projects that are close to buried utilities.

Venture Communications thanks you in advance for calling 811 and helping protect our valuable underground communications network.

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