

# In Touch

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## A Leap Year Offers an Extra Day to Play

As a leap year, 2024 has 366 days. What will you do with the bonus day of February 29th? Consider planning an activity with friends or family that you'll remember and talk about years from now. It doesn't have to be crazy or expensive, just memorable. After all, a chance like this only comes around every four years!

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You'll love how fast our internet  
**MOO-VES**

## It's udder nonsense to put up with slow speeds

What's a cow doing in this internet message, you ask? We could say it's because cows wear smart collars or ear tags—as part of the Internet of Things—to track their vital signs and location. However, the real reason is we couldn't resist the fun of cow pun after cow pun.

Cow much longer are you going to limp along with too-slow internet? Get moo-ving and sign up for one of our super-fast internet plans for better streaming, gaming, and more. (Yes, we're milking this for all it's worth.)

**CALL 605-852-2224**  
**FOR FASTER INTERNET**  
**Happy Valentine's Day!**



## February is National Senior Independence Month

Although the aging process can make people more dependent on others, steps can be taken to help the elderly live full and independent lives for as long as possible. This is the focus of National Senior Independence Month, observed yearly in February.

First of all, public spaces need to be accessible to the elderly. Sometimes simple changes to infrastructure, such as adding elevators and ramps, can improve their quality of life. Senior centers and retirement organizations provide other valuable resources including social interaction for seniors living alone.

Communications technology is also helping seniors maintain independence. From smart watches that contact help after the wearer falls to smart pill boxes that manage medications, technology can become like a virtual assistant for a senior, allowing them to age in place when their health allows.

**Venture Communications is happy to help seniors take full advantage of what internet service and connected devices offer in terms of independent living. If you have questions, call us at 605-852-2224.**



## Sign Up for Free Digital Literacy and Streaming Classes



In today's digital age, it's more important than ever to understand how to navigate the online world and utilize technology effectively. We're proud to announce that Venture Communications is teaming up with Michell Technical College in 2024 to bring digital literacy and streaming classes to the communities we serve.

The digital literacy class will explore the wide range of benefits that digital technology has to offer and will introduce you to the basic functions of various devices including smartphones, laptops, and tablets. Practical applications of digital technology — such as email communications, paperless bill management, telemedicine, online banking, and social media platforms will be discussed — as well as how to identify common online threats and protect your online safety and security.

The streaming class will dive into the in and outs of the video streaming world. We'll help you understand the benefits of streaming, how to stream on different devices, and how to choose the right streaming platform for you based on your needs. Our instructor will also go over the importance of internet speed and how it affects video quality, help you understand the remote-control functionality, and provide hands-on practice with streaming.

Our first classes will be held in February at the Highmore office, and here's the schedule:

**February 6th – Digital Literacy** – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**February 8th – Streaming** – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**February 13th – Digital Literacy** – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**February 15th – Streaming** – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**February 20th – Streaming** – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**February 22nd – Streaming** – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**February 27th – Streaming** – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**February 29th – Streaming** – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



These are the first of many free classes that will be held this year, and we'll keep you updated on future locations and schedules.

**Everyone is welcome to attend. Each class is limited to 15 people. To sign up, please call Venture Communications at 605-852-2224.**