

In Touch

JUNE 2026



Events on Venture TV

SDHSRA Finals Rodeo

June 17th – 20th

Venture Special Events Channel 399

Office Closure:

Friday, July 3rd

for Independence Day

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On the 4th of July, we celebrate more than the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. We also celebrate the stars of our families and neighborhoods—the people who grill the burgers, light the fireworks, and build the relationships we cherish. It's a time to gather and recognize our country's blessings.

Venture Communications wishes you a wonderful holiday weekend with family and friends.

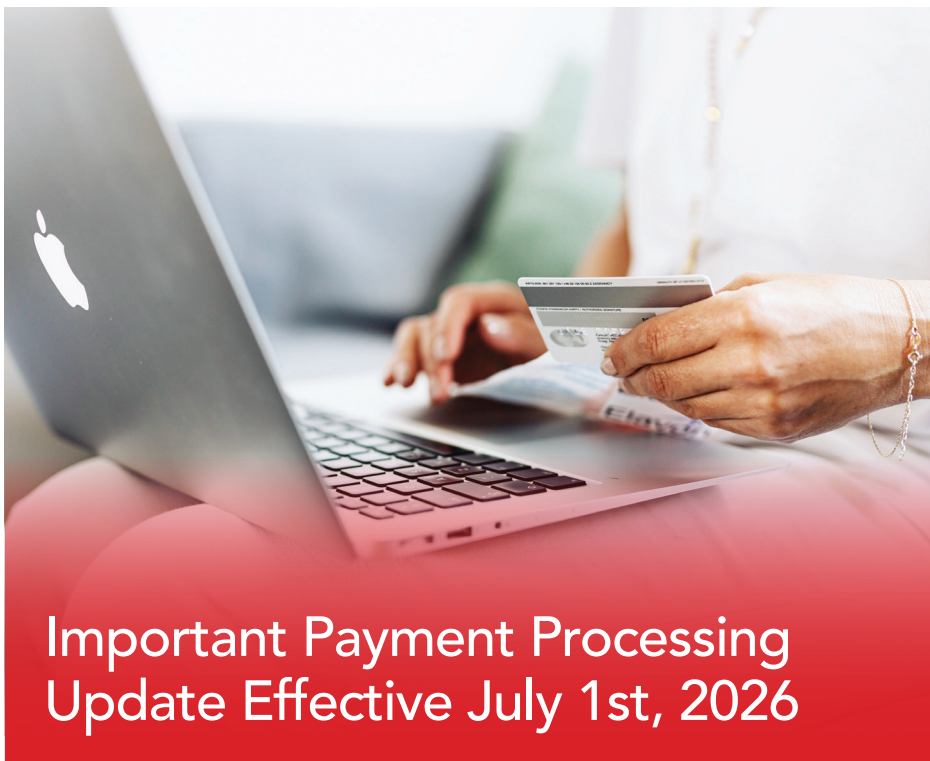
Our office will be closed July 3rd.

FanDuel Sports Network Leaving TV Lineups June 30th; UView+ Package Price Reduced

After June 30th, 2026, FanDuel Sports Network will no longer be available on our TV lineup. As the television industry continues to evolve and programming availability continues to change, Venture will continue evaluating our channel lineup to provide the best overall viewing experience possible for our customers.

With the removal of FanDuel Sports Network, we're able to lower the price of our UView+ package from \$165 to \$160 per month. Plus, customers who sign up for UView+ now through the end of the year will receive a \$30 credit.

If you've been thinking about making the switch to streaming, now's a great time to give it a try! Learn more at www.venturecomm.net/uview or call 605-852-2224.



At Venture Communications, we work hard to keep our services affordable while continuing to provide reliable internet, phone, and streaming services to our communities.

Beginning July 1st, 2026, a 3% processing fee will apply to payments made with a credit card. Venture Communications does not profit from this fee. It is intended only to help offset a portion of the rising costs charged by credit card companies and payment processors.

To help customers avoid this fee, payments made by debit card or directly from a bank account (ACH) will continue to be accepted at no additional cost.

Customers currently enrolled in Autopay with a saved credit card on file are encouraged to log into their eBill account before July 1st, 2026, to update their payment method if they would like to avoid processing fees on future payments.



We appreciate your understanding and thank you for choosing Venture Communications to keep you connected.

2026 Community Service Scholarship Recipients

Venture Communications Cooperative recently awarded 14 \$750 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! We wish you the best in your future endeavors.



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Highmore-Harrold
SDSU
Medicine



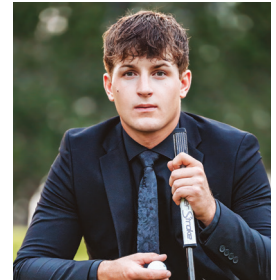
Bobbi Eide
Gettysburg
SDSU
Ag Education & Ag
Communications



Cade Leonhardt
Faulkton
DWU
Wildlife Management



Daraby Boersma
Sunshine Bible Academy
SDSU
Dairy Manufacturing/
Dairy Production



Drake Mueller
Faulkton Grand View
University or Concordia
College Business Sales
or Agribusiness



Jaedyn Penning
Groton Area
DWU
Athletic Training



Jayce Pugh
Miller
SDSU
Nursing



Jonah Webb
Highmore-Harrold
Mitchell Technical
College Power Sports
& Marine Technology



Macy Fritz
Rosholt
NDSU
Architecture



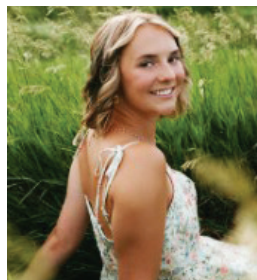
Madison Bradberry
Sully Buttes
NSU
Nursing



Peyton Stevens
Gettysburg
NDSU
Exercise Science



Taylor Lick
Rosholt
USD or SDSU
Medical Laboratory
Science



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Northwestern Area
NDSU Broadcast
Journalism and
Marketing



Tristan Nowell
Hitchcock-Tulare
SDSU Agricultural
Science



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Let AI Help With Road Trip Planning

Let's say you want to hit the road for an impromptu weekend away, but don't have much time for planning. It's AI to the rescue! You can use AI tools to help you map out road trips—both literally and figuratively—and pack the most enjoyment into every precious hour.

Check out these ideas:

- **Customized Itineraries** – TripAdvisor and RoutePerfect can generate detailed, day-by-day plans, which include specific stops, driving times, and activity suggestions tailored to interests.
- **Route Optimization and Mapping** – Google My Maps will map out multiple destinations with clickable locations.
- **Budgeting and Logistics** – Tools such as ChatGPT, Copilot, and Gemini can estimate fuel costs, compare hotel prices, and create packing lists.
- **Specialized Apps** – Roadtrippers' (Autopilot) specializes in finding hidden gems and generating routes for cars and RVs.

For the best results from AI tools, be as specific as possible in your prompts about things like the number of days, areas you'd like to visit, and your interests and priorities.



Why Fiber Connections Are a Necessity in the AI Age

Generative AI tools such as ChatGPT are becoming part of everyday life in many households. These tools are reshaping education, health care, content creation, smart home systems, entertainment, and much more.

To unlock their full potential and keep them functioning smoothly, however, requires the speed, reliability, and bandwidth of fiber internet. Why is this the case? Generative AI tools rely heavily on large datasets and cloud computing resources. Even when installed locally, they often require real-time access to servers for model updates, processing, or syncing. Without strong connectivity, these applications can lag, stall, or produce errors.

These are the key factors that make fiber internet essential for AI:

- **Low latency** – Required for smooth, real-time interactions with AI assistants and chatbots.
- **High bandwidth** – Needed to handle large files like AI-generated images, videos, and 3D models.
- **Symmetrical upload/download speeds** – Critical for creators uploading prompts, datasets, or media for AI processing.
- **Consistent gigabit speeds** – Allow for seamless AI interactions.

Simply put, fiber is much more than just the fastest internet. It's the infrastructure that makes the AI-powered home possible.

According to a 2025 study by Recon Analytics AI Pulse, people on fiber connections use AI more often than those with other connection types — 75% of the fiber group use AI either daily or multiple times a day. By contrast, only 30% of people with fixed wireless and 10% with satellite internet used AI daily or multiple times a day.

Not only are households with fiber connections using AI more frequently, but they're using them for more complex, demanding tasks, such as generative image/video tools and cloud gaming with AI enhancements.

AI is clearly the future, and fiber connections are providing the foundation for the years ahead.

If you have questions about our fiber internet plans, call 605-852-2224 or email venture@venturecomm.net.