





Sunday, June 20th



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2021 Citizenship & Community Service Scholarships!

Venture Communications Cooperative recently awarded \$500 Citizenship and Community Service Scholarships to twelve graduating seniors. The scholarships are based on school and community involvement and citizenship, with credit also being given for academics and leadership skills.



Sydney Maynard **TULARE** SDSU Business Economics

Jill Hofer

ONIDA

Dordt University

Nursing



Colin Frev CLAREMONT SDSU Ag Business

Austin Faw

ROSCOE

Management



Peyton Melius FAULKTON Northern State Univ. Elementary/ Special Education



Univ. of South Dakota Kendra Kaiser Business/Sports HOVEN Augustana Univ. Nursing



. HOVEN Northern State Univ. Marketina Management



Levi Greseth SISSETON Univ. of Jamestown Psychology



Haley Husted HARROLD Black Hills State Univ. Public Relations



Teigen Hadrick **FAULKTON SDSU** Animal Science/ **Business**



Vanessa Klein **ROSHOLT** Northern State Univ. Communications Studies



Rachel Fielder **SELBY** Dakota Wesleyan Univ. Biology/Business



Congratulations!













- ✓ Always call BEFORE you dig. it's the law! Simply dial 811 from your Venture landline or call 1-800-781-7474. One Call will locate all utilities in your yard.
- ✓ Our Venture Communications office will be closed on Monday, July 5th for the 4th of July holiday. Have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day!
- ✓ 2021-22 White Page Directory Listing Deadline: Contact us prior to July 14th if you'd like to revise your listing. Any changes made after July 14th will not appear in this year's directory. Please call 852-2224 with any questions and changes.

Board of Directors - 2021 Elections!

As directed by 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 2021.

Elections for Districts 4, 7, and 8 have been cancelled. In accordance with the by-laws, if only one candidate files a petition for a directorship, that person will be declared duly elected for a three-year term and a director election will not be held. There being only one petitioner in each of the respective districts, the following individuals will be seated on the Venture Communications Board of Directors for a threeyear term at the cooperative's annual meeting to be held September.

- John Langer District 4 (Gettysburg & Lebanon Exchanges)
- Dwight Wookey District 7 (Britton Exchange)
- Craig McQuarie District 8 (Cresbard, Faulkton, Hoven, Onaka & Tolstoy Exchanges)

Directory Photo Contest!

The 2021- 2022 phone directory, "The Phone Book," is being prepared. We invite our members to participate in this year's directory photo contest. The winner will have the honor of their photo being featured on the cover of the directory.

- The photo must be taken by a Venture Communications customer or dependent child who resides in a Venture exchange. Professional photographers are not eligible to participate.
- · The photo may consist of people, scenery, animals, etc.
- · The photo must be a VERTICAL 3"x5" or 4"x6". Photos will not be returned.





- Photos must be taken in a Venture exchange, not out-of-state or in another country.
- · When submitting the photo, please attach a short paragraph describing the photo.
- · Also note the photographer's name.
- The WINNER will be required to sign a release allowing Venture to print the picture on the cover of the book.
- He/she will receive a \$50 cash prize.
- · All entries are due no later than Monday, July 26th in the Venture office.
- For details call Amy or Janice at 852-2224.
- · Send all entries to: Venture Communications PO Box 157, Highmore, SD 57345

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program!

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

Eligible households can enroll online, providing supporting documentation at www.GetEmergencyBroadband.org. Or enroll by calling 833-511-0311 to request a paper application. Keep in mind, the paper application with corresponding mail time, may result in much longer application processing time. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by calling 833-511-0311, or by visiting www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.





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