

Happy Thanksgiving to our valued customers from all of us at Venture Communication Cooperative. We will be closed on Thursday, November 25th, to spend time with family & friends.



KEEPING YOU...



In Touch

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Underserved Areas *Continue* to be a Focus!

During the summer of 2021, Venture Communications has tackled another underserved area. Over the last few months Venture has had construction crews burying fiber to areas of rural Hand County. The 2021 Hand County project will be bringing over 300 additional customers on to the Venture Communications fiber optic network.

Similar to the projects over the past two years, the project is being done in cooperation with the Governor's broadband initiative with partial funding through the Governor's office of Economic Development (GOED). With the new fiber delivery system being deployed in Hand County, speeds of up to 1 gigabit (1000 mbps) are available to customers.

The project is moving along well and customers are continuing to be connected to the new system. All newly signed-up Hand County customers will be connected and enjoying the enhanced broadband service by year-end. "This has been another very successful joint effort between the state of SD and Venture Communications," says Member Service Manager, Rod Kusser. Randy Houdek, General Manager, added, "The Governor, the legislature, and GOED have all recognized the importance of a fiber based broadband network. This has helped so many to work and to learn safely, increased home values, and improved the economic health of South Dakota. The long-term benefits for our new customers and Venture will certainly outweigh any short-term costs."

"We are beyond excited to have reliable Internet! Customer service goes above and beyond with all of our questions. We're so thankful!"

**– Darcy Pugh –
A new Venture
Communications customer
in Hand County.**



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October 2021 New Directory Listings:



Orient

Polo American Legion Post 299..... 392-2393

Wessington Springs

Pin Twisters 539-1431

Venture Welcomes Two New Team Members!



Kassie Kutz



Jennifer Farstveet

Two new employees have recently joined the team at Venture Communications.

Kassie Kutz began her duties as a customer advocate in early September. Kassie previously worked for Quoin Bank in Highmore and owned a private daycare center.

Jennifer Farstveet came to Venture from the Highmore-Harrold School District where she was the business manager. Jenn joined the accounting department on October 1st.

Kassie and Jenn, along with their families, reside in the Highmore area. We extend a warm welcome to them as they become part of the Venture family.

2021 State Volleyball Tournament to Air on *Venture Digital TV*

Coverage for all AA, A and B games will begin on Thursday, November 18th and continue through Saturday, November 20th.

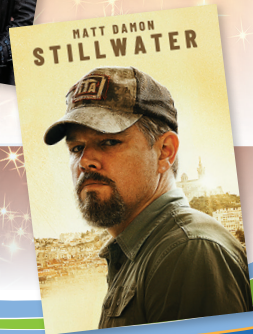
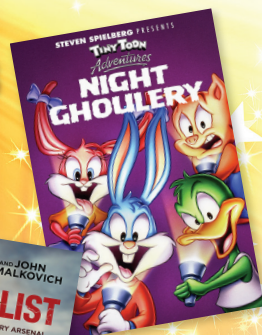
Venture Communications, in cooperation with South Dakota Public TV (SDPB), will partner to bring the 2021 State Volleyball Tournament to Venture communities. For fans who will be unable to travel and attend the games in a live setting, Venture Digital TV will bring the live action to you.

Tune to the following Venture Digital TV channels to watch your favorite team:

- **Class B** will be broadcast on Venture Digital TV Channel #399
- **Class A** will be broadcast on Venture Digital TV Channel #400
- **Class AA** will be broadcast on Venture Digital TV Channel #401

To access additional game times and team standings throughout the day, go to sports.sdpb.org.

New VOD Releases VIDEO ON DEMAND



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Coloring Contest!

The winner of each age group will receive \$50.00

RETURN by Monday, November 22, 2021

*Hey Kids... it's time for the
Holiday Coloring Contest.
Venture Communications is
inviting all kids to enter
the contest that's included
in this month's newsletter.*

*There are four age
categories and the
WINNER of each age
group will receive
\$50.00*

*The AGE GROUPS are:
- Toddler Ages 1 & 2
- Preschool Ages 3 & 4
- Kindergarten & 1st Grade
- 2nd & 3rd Grade*

*DEADLINE for the contest
is Monday, November 25th.
You may mail in your
entry with your bill, mail
it separately or drop it off
at the Highmore office.*

*GOOD LUCK to all
participants!*

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Select Category: _____ Toddler (1-2)

_____ Preschool (3-4)

_____ Kindergarten & 1st Grade

_____ 2nd & 3rd Grade

Parents Signature: _____

*(Venture Communications reserves the right to reproduce
artwork and child's name without written authorization)*

Mail to:

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