

## Benefits of Social Media for *Seniors!*

Many senior citizens don't give themselves credit when it comes to technology but think again. It may be a little challenging at first but it can improve your overall well-being:

- **Socializing with Friends.** Facebook is a great way to get in touch with old classmates, co-workers and friends that you were too busy to keep up with when you were raising a family. It is also a great way to make new friends that share common interests.
- **Keeping in Touch with Family.** We all know our families are spread out over many miles but with social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat...it is easy to share moments, memories and photos or even a live "I love you" with a video call.
- **Keeping up with News and Sports:** In order to get up-to-the-minute news, weather and sports for your community, state, nation and world...there are local web-sites, Facebook and Twitter that can easily supply this heavily relied upon information.
- **Learning Technology Skills:** A lot of the basic skills that you use on one social media site will be similar to those on another site. This could be posting a comment, a photo or a link to name a few items.

- **Getting Support for Health Issues:** There are many different organizations on social media that you can follow who share the same challenges as you or someone you love. It's always a good idea to check with your doctor first before acting upon anything you read in these groups.
- **Pursuing Hobbies and Interests:** As we age, we may have more free time to engage in some hobbies and interests. Again, Facebook is a good source for finding groups for virtually any subject you might be interested in. You may want to look around on the site a while before engaging actively on the page.
- **Getting discounts & deals:** Many of the social media outlets will offer their followers a special deal or discount to Facebook and Twitter users for example that are not available to everyone. This is a great benefit for being a dedicated follower.
- **Being entertained:** There are numerous options for laughter on social media. Perhaps you will enjoy the memes your friends post, amusing articles, various games, following your favorite actors, musicians and entertainers or sharing memories with friends and family. The wide world of social media has many offerings not only for the senior citizens but for all of us!

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## New VOD Releases!

**VIDEO ON DEMAND**



**NOTE that our office will be closed on:**  
Friday, December 24th, and Friday, December 31st

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*



KEEPING YOU...

# In Touch

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**Happy  
Holidays!**



*Randy Houdek*  
General Manager

**Our warmest wishes to you and your family for a safe and joyous holiday season. Let us all remember the reason for the season as we celebrate the gift of Christ. We wish you joy and peace during the holiday season and throughout the coming year. It's an honor to serve each and every one of you!**

On behalf of Venture Communications, I would like to wish you all a joyous holiday season. With Christmas and the year-end being just a few short weeks away, it seems that the year has once again quickly slipped away.

I am thankful to say that 2021 has been good to Venture as we have had a productive and safe year. Despite the pandemic, our employees forged forward in an effort to keep our members connected to the services they need and deserve. As we maneuver the twists & turns of the pandemic and transition to a new state of normal, I am sincerely appreciative of the unwavering support of our members, employees, and directors.

Just as in the past two years, 2021 brought new opportunities to Venture's door step. Once again, the GOED Broadband Grant Program has provided Venture with an opportunity to expand our horizon in the rural Hand County area. Construction is now complete and customers are being connected to the new services. We are excited to be able to provide new and improved services to the people of rural Hand County.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the employees who work day in and day out to provide the services we all rely on and enjoy. The task of maintaining reliable services is one they take very seriously and they do a great job of it. Our industry and technology changes on a daily basis and they are always up for the challenge to meet that change. I am proud of the work they do and thank them for their commitment and dedication. A special shout of thanks to our 2021 retirees for their many years of service. To Sheila Kusser, Resa Konrad, and Kay Burnham, I wish you all the best in your well-deserved years of retirement.

I would also like to thank our Board of Directors. I'm truly honored to work with each of them. Their commitment and support of the long term viability of this company is outstanding.

And above all, I extend my sincere gratitude to the members for being part of and participating in the cooperative.

You are the reasons we do what we do, and you are the ones who make all of this possible. Thank you for your continued support & patronage.

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## Coloring Contest Winners!

2nd-3rd grade



*Kennedy*

K-1st grade



*Gabriella*

Preschool 3-4



*Ava*

Toddler 1-2



*Jordyn*





*Amy*



*Brad*



*Brian*



*Derick*



*Joe*



*Marilyn*



*Shauna*



*Kassie*



*Suzanne*



*Ryan*



*Don*



*Karla*



*Fay*



*Katy*



*Lyle*



*Tyler*



*Karla*



*Jennifer*



*Rod*



*Ryan*



*Tyler*



*Miranda*



*Jennifer*



*Mike*



*Christen*



*Dustin*



*Brad*



*Curt*



*Diane*



*Dixie*



*Chad*



*Clint*



*Ed*



*Mary*



*Justin*



*KayLynn*



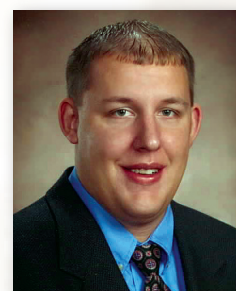
*Glen*



*Janelle*



*Janice*



*Josh*



*Kris*



*Nikki*



*Scott*



*Trevor*

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

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