

Happy Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 8th

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2022 SDTA Scholarships!

The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) will be awarding three scholarships for the Fall semester. There will be one scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 and two scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each. ***The deadline to apply for the SDTA Memorial Scholarships is June 15, 2022. Applications must:***

- ✓ Have a high school diploma or GED equivalent
- ✓ Be majoring in a degree/program or field of study that is useful in the telecommunications or broadband industry or which significantly relies on the use of broadband services and related technologies (examples of majors eligible for this scholarship can be found at sdtaonline.com/sdta_scholarships.php).
- ✓ Must be a member /customer of or have a parent or legal guardian who is a member/customer of an SDTA member company. Previous SDTA Memorial Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

Applications are available online from any South Dakota post-secondary institution, student financial aid office, the SDTA office or any SDTA member company. Email the completed application to: karasemmler@sdtaonline.com, or mail to SDTA, PO Box 57, Pierre, SD 57501. You may also complete an online application at sdtaonline.com/sdta_scholarships.php.

2022 Director Elections Scheduled:

In accordance with the bylaws of the cooperative, director elections have been scheduled for four districts where director terms are to expire in September 2022. Election notices will be mailed to each member in the districts where an election is to be held. Any person who qualifies under the cooperative's bylaws may run for the directorships, including the incumbent directors. District Director Elections are scheduled as follows to elect one director from each district for a three-year term:

- June 2, 2022 District #1 East Onida, West Onida, Onida, Harrold & Blunt Exchanges
- June 9, 2022 District #6 Selby, Bowdle & Roscoe Exchanges
- June 7, 2022 District #10 ... Rosholt and Rural Sisseton Exchanges
- June 7, 2022 District #11 Sisseton Exchange (within city limits)

Should there be only one petitioner in any of the districts, that petitioner will be declared duly elected and the scheduled election will be canceled. Notification of election cancellations will be published in local newspapers. Refer to the election notices for meeting details such as time, place, and petition deadlines. Please call 605-852-2224 for more information or questions concerning the elections.

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February 2022 New Directory Listings:

Gettysburg:

CC Bar 765-2854

Selby:

Sportsman's Bar & Grill 649-6330

Sisseton:

Posh Salon 698-4205

Smokin' Buffalo 698-1234

Universal Telephone Services Are Available!

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, "Universal Telephone Service" means basic telephone service is available to all consumers. Universal telephone service is voice grade access to the telecommunications network, including local usage, touch tone calling, single party service, access to emergency 911 services, access to operator services, access to directory assistance, access to long distance telephone service and discounted services to qualifying low-income consumers. **Venture's current charges for the Universal Telephone Service are:**

- Basic Monthly local residential service, no time limit on calls: \$22.10
- Touch-tone calling - No additional charge
- Access to emergency service - No additional charge. (Note: where applicable, County 911 tax collected by Venture Communications)
- Access to operator services - No additional charge.
- Access to directory assistance - per call. (Note: If you call a long-distance company for assistance, there may be a charge from that carrier)
- Access to long distance telephone companies - \$6.50 (Note: Monthly flat rate mandated by the FCC)
- Low income monthly discounts to qualifying consumers - \$5.25; Enhanced Lifeline is also available. (Note: Toll blocking is available upon request.)

If you have any questions, please call Venture toll free at 1-800-824-7282.

New Email Spam Filter Begins!

Spam and virus filtering is included with your Venture email service. With cybercrime on the rise and cybercriminals turning to ever more sophisticated means, keeping your information protected and your account safe is a top concern. Venture Communications will switch to a new spam filter that provides you with added security effective April 12th.

The old spam filter will be available until the end of May. If you are missing any important emails, you will need to check both quarantine folders during the transition.

New Features:

- Mail quarantine will show all messages processed for a mailbox. This includes clean messages that can be released (re-delivered). This feature will be beneficial to users who accidentally delete or misplace messages and need to recover them. This message archive is limited to 30 days.
- More options to receive the Spam Quarantine Report. This is the email notification alerting you that you have quarantined messages. You can choose to have this notification emailed every day, every weekday, every Friday, once a month or never. The default setting is set up as weekly.
- Improved scanning of emails through a cloud environment to test for malicious code or activity. This is a very good way to capture new threats not yet fully analyzed and identified.

Venture customers should expect the filter and the email notification which you may currently receive as a Daily Digest or Weekly Digest to look different beginning **April 12th**. 24 Hour Support is available to assist with any questions or issues by calling Venture Communications at 605-852-222



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