

# In Touch

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## Photo Contest Winner

Venture Communications recently hosted our annual directory photo contest. As always, selecting a winner was difficult due to the abundance of exceptional photographs we received.

We're pleased to announce that Marlys Brooks of Sisseton is the 2023-2024 winner. Her remarkable image showcases a stunning sunrise over Roy Lake Resort, earning Marlys a well-deserved \$50 cash prize.

We congratulate her, and thank everyone who took the initiative to enter their photographs this year.



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## Our CO-OP Builds COMMUNITIES

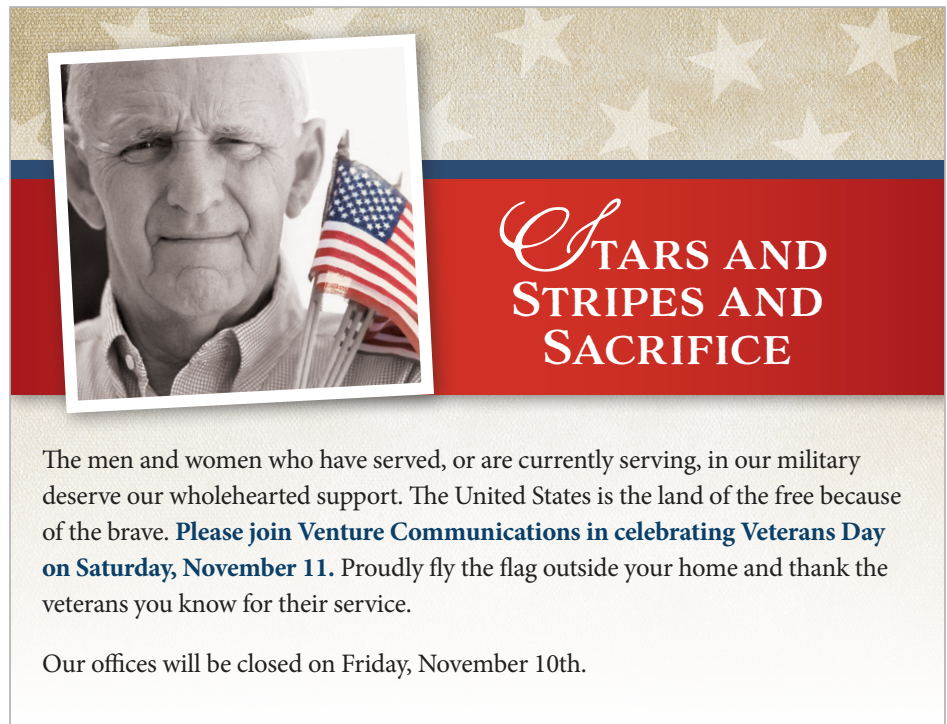
October is Co-op Month and a time to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of member-owned companies across America. As a co-op, Venture Communications doesn't have to answer to faraway shareholders. Instead, we focus on meeting the needs of our local members and building connections within our communities.

**Thanks for choosing Venture Communications for your internet and related services. You're part of our co-op's success story.**

## Tax Funds are Distributed to Area Schools

Venture Communications recently submitted the annual gross receipt tax for the year 2022 to the South Dakota Department of Revenue for the areas in which Venture serves. These taxes are paid on a yearly basis in August to the South Dakota Department of Revenue. Subsequently, the Department of Revenue allocates these funds to state-funded school districts, with the distribution proportionate to the revenue generated by customers in each respective school district. It's important to note that certain Venture customers reside in school districts not listed below. As a result, funds were also allocated to school districts outside of our service area.

Agar-Blunt-Onida.....	\$58,286
Bowdle .....	\$24,044
Britton-Hecla.....	\$88,074
Edmunds Central .....	\$15,489
Faulkton Area .....	\$48,901
Gettysburg.....	\$62,387
Highmore-Harrold.....	\$72,204
Hitchcock-Tulare.....	\$25,302
Hoven .....	\$38,149
Huron.....	\$250
Langford Area.....	\$32,628
Miller Area.....	\$42,167
Northwestern Area.....	\$5,083
Pierre .....	\$7,470
Rosholt .....	\$27,042
Selby Area.....	\$39,002
Sisseton Public.....	\$159,612
Webster Area.....	\$19,820
Wessington Springs .....	\$50,821
Wolsey-Wessington .....	\$12,897



**STARS AND STRIPES AND SACRIFICE**

The men and women who have served, or are currently serving, in our military deserve our wholehearted support. The United States is the land of the free because of the brave. **Please join Venture Communications in celebrating Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11.** Proudly fly the flag outside your home and thank the veterans you know for their service.

Our offices will be closed on Friday, November 10th.

## Understanding the Two Main Types of Streaming Services

There are 200+ streaming services now available, which can be overwhelming. However, it simplifies things to remember there are only two main types—live streaming services and on-demand streaming services.

**Live streaming services** enable you to watch content online in real time. They're often called cable replacement services since they promise to replicate the cable TV experience but with lower monthly bills. Most live streaming services provide at least a few live local channels as well as an assortment of cable networks, concerts, sporting events, comedy specials, and gaming events. Examples of live streaming services are YouTube TV, Sling TV, FuboTV, Hulu + Live TV, and Philo.

**On-demand streaming services** offer extensive libraries of TV series, movies, and documentaries to subscribers for a monthly fee. Content can be watched on your own schedule and on any device. It's easy to set up an account, and in most cases, you can start a free trial and cancel at any time. Popular on-demand streaming services include Netflix, Hulu, Apple TV+, Prime Video, Disney+, Discovery+, and Max.

Visit the **StreamNow** section of our website at [gostreamnow.com/venture](https://gostreamnow.com/venture) for help navigating through the many streaming options in devices and services.