

In Touch

MAY 2025

Congrats to the Grads

Venture Communications congratulates all graduates and wishes them well as they continue their life journeys. We also want to recognize the parents of these graduates. Your support and guidance throughout childhood have enabled these young adults to get where they are today.

Special Events on TV

State Track Championships

May 29th – 31st

Venture Special Events Channel 399

State Softball Championships

June 5th – 7th

Class A & B – Venture Special Events Channel 399

Class AA – Venture Special Events Channel 400

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We remember the lives of our country's fallen on Memorial Day. It's a time to pay tribute to those who have died in military service for our country and an opportunity to express gratitude for the many sacrifices these men and women—and their families—made on our behalf.

When we look at these boots, we think of brave steps forward. We owe a debt that can never be repaid.

Our office will be closed on
Monday, May 26th.

Here's Why the Poppy Is a Symbol of Memorial Day

On the last Monday in May, we observe Memorial Day to honor the men and women who have died while serving in our military.

The symbolism of the poppy dates back to World War 1. The seeds of the common red field poppy were scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground was disturbed—as it was by the brutal fighting in Europe's battlefields. John McCrae, a Canadian soldier and physician, witnessed the war and wrote the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields," in 1915. It reads, in part: "In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row."

In 1918, an American professor named Moina Michael wrote her own poem, "We Shall Keep the Faith," inspired by McCrae's "In Flanders Fields." Her poem mentions wearing the "poppy red" to honor the dead, and with that, the tradition of adorning one's clothing with a single red poppy was born.



Director Elections for 2025 Have Been Scheduled

In accordance with the bylaws of Venture Communications Cooperative, director elections have been scheduled for four districts where terms are to expire. Election notices will be mailed to each member in districts where an election is to be held.

Any person who qualifies under the cooperative's bylaws may run for the directorships, including incumbent directors.

District Director Elections are scheduled as follows to elect one director from each district:

June 5th, 2025 • District # 1: Blunt, East Onida, Harrold, Onida, West Onida

June 12th, 2025 • District # 6: Bowdle, Roscoe, Selby

June 19th, 2025 • District #10: Rosholt, Rural Sisseton

June 19th, 2025 • District #11: Sisseton

Should there be only one petitioner in any of these districts, the scheduled election will be canceled. Notification of meeting cancellations will be published in local newspapers.

Members should refer to the election notice for meeting details such as time, place, and petition deadlines. Please call 605-852-2224 or email krisr@venture.coop if you have questions concerning the elections.

Do You Know Anyone on This List?

Notice is hereby given that the persons or entities listed here have outstanding capital credit checks issued in 2018. The amounts of these outstanding checks will be forfeited to Venture Communications Cooperative six months after the first date of publication of this notice unless money is claimed and proper evidence of ownership is submitted to Venture Communications Cooperative within the six-month period.

Agns
Ahlemeier, Elaine
Akerson, Sherwin
Albrecht, Dan & Tess
Amdahl, Les & Cindy
Andresen, Richard D & Sandy
Arcoren, Roxanne
Ask, Ronald G
B & L Business Enterpr.
Bargain Mart
Barse, Violet
Bass, Eric
Batross, Ted & Susan
Bearhead, Tara
Beaver, Laura A
Bellew, Jeannie & Kevin
Blue, Roberta
Boever, Robert & Sarah
Boomsma, Mark
Boys & Girls Clubs Of The Glacial Lakes
Boys And Girls Clubs Of Three Districts
Brenner, David & Carolyn
Brown, Donald L
Brown, Jeffery A
Bryant, David
Budack, Charlyne Patricia
Campbell, Kimberlee
Casjens, Mike & Sharon
Cenex Harvest States Coop
Chapman, Naomi J
Christensen, Chris & Misti
Christopher, Bruce
Cleveland, Bonnie
Comdata Rcs
Community Health Care
Cooper, Brian
County Line Salon
Crown Technical Systems
Damgaard, Adeline
Davies, Evan & Iris
Dejong, Travis & Kristi
Derby, Soloman & Monica
Dfas-Pe/fpd-ditco Branch
Diehl, Calvin & Shar
Doerr & Kraig Forgey, Brenda
Donner, Richard H & Verna

Dow Chemical
Dyke, Dennis & Connie
Eastman, Miranda
Egan, Lynnette
Eggert, James D
Estes, Patty
Ewalt, Mary Ann & David
Fallis, April
Farmer, Larry
Fix, Jeffrey & Marie
Fladland, Dianne
Forgey, Patrick & Chandra
Fossum, Ed & Chris
Fouts, M Carolyn
Fry, Levi & Carie
Gabler, William
Gallagher, Jeremy & Teresa
Gangone, Frank
Garrett, Ronald J
Garvey, Gregory
Gilfillan, Adriaan
Goss Jr, Rev Richard I
Gray, Seth
Grove, Sybrand
Grunewaldt Estate, Lawrence
Guinn, Travis & Paula
Gupta, Vijay & Bhawna
Hagen, Keith
Haggerty, Ike
Hair Expressions
Hall, Caysee
Hamilton, Linda
Hart, Kristie R
Hattum Family Farms
Hattum, Mark
Healey, Carol
Heartland Red Roofs LLC.
Herrick, Pete A
Higgison, Joseph A & Glenda K
Hirsch, Jeff
Hites, Sharon
Hoven Review Inc
Jackson, Michael A
Jensen, Matt & Amy
Job, Paul
Johnson, Clyde

Johnson, June E
Johnson, Robin
Jordan, Allene
Kennison, Lynn & Merilee
Kindel, Pam
King, Ellen
Kleynhans, Willem
Kloss, Tara
Knot Head's Bar & Grill
Koops, Linda
Kvidera, Stan & Ramona
Lane, Linda Marie
Larsen, Jessa
Larson & Josh Dargatz, Rebecca
Lawrence, Phillip
LeBeau, Robert
Lehrkamp, Kathellen
Lehrkamp, Leo
Little Bend Bait Shop
Little, Patrick Keith
Lone Fight, Dr William
Long Hollow Dev Corp
Lundberg, Ronald R
Mac's Pc's
Manosca, Geoffrey A
Marks, Kaye Guerin
Martinson, Brenda
Martinson, Penny
Massey, David & Jonna
McKibben, Kevin & Rebecca
Miklos, Jesse R
Montoya, Emily & Luis
Nerland, Jon & Jackie
Olson, Andrew
Opp, Tobi & Jessica
Palacio, Olivia
Patterson, Sharon
Pattison, Valorie
Peters, Anthony G
Pierson, Carlene
Quayle, Michael & Jessica
Ramirez, Julian
Randa, Rory Or Terri
Reimer, William & Joyce
Rexine, Marjorie A
Rieger, Jennifer

Riemann, Richard
Robertson, Gilbert
Roche, Patricia K
Rogers, Jaime & Greg
Ruth, Michael & Gail
Say-Pin Quilts
Schaefer & Elinor Seidel, James Allan
Schlagel, Angela
Schlagel, Chuck & Jewel
Schmidt, Leona M
Schreter, Harold & Ann
Selwyn, Barbara A
Sharp, Matt & Melissa
Shefner, Allen
Shottenkirk, Tom
Simon, Dorothy F
Simon, Lona
Steamway Country Cleaner
Stevens, Irene Tobin
Stone, Marvin J
Stucker, Robert T & Breena A
Tallbear & David S Edmunds, Kimberly
Tallbear, Susan
Thayer, Jeff & Mary
Thorne, Joe & Melissa
Thornes, C M
Tillery, Leon
Timm, Richard & Karen
Tinerella, Paul & Jennifer
Turner, Steve & Peggy
Viking Motel
Wagner, Susan
Wanna, Alois Jeffrey
Wanna, Beatrice
Wanna, Jessica L
Want, James
Want, Johnny & Elizabeth
Welchert, Mary A
Wenzel, Arthur
Whitecotton, Steve
Wilkinson, Cindy
Wilson, Sonja
Wolfe, Debra
Wollan, J M
Wyckoff, Mark & Carmen
Ziadat, Imad

Before You Dig, Know How Public and Private Utilities Differ

We often remind you to call 811 before you dig to have underground utilities located, such as electric, water, gas, communications, and sewer lines. These are all public utilities and are responsible for maintaining their underground facilities. Part of that responsibility includes registering with 811 so their lines may be located for free.

A private utility, however, is owned and maintained by the property owner and is not registered with 811. It's the responsibility of the homeowner to have their private utilities located at their own expense.

Common examples of private utilities include:

- Sprinkler or irrigation systems
- Electric running to a detached garage or shop
- Lines connected to a propane tank or septic system
- Gas lines underground for grills and outdoor fire pits
- Electric dog fence

If you have private utilities on your property, you must contact a private utility locating company to have those lines marked. This is in addition to calling 811 to have public utilities located.



How to Protect Yourself From Common Telemarketing Scams

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), telemarketing scams bilk thousands of people each year. Some lose just a few dollars; others lose their entire life savings. While everyone's a potential target, scammers often target older people because they may live alone, have a nest egg, or tend to be more polite and trusting.

Scammers will say virtually anything to cheat people out of their money. They may sound very friendly — calling you by your first name, making small talk, and asking about your family. They may say you've won money or a fantastic prize. They may even claim to work for a company you trust, or send you mailings to convince you to call them about an offer.

Here are a few examples of common telemarketing scams used to "hook" people:

- **Travel packages.** "Free" or "low cost" vacations can end up costing a bundle in hidden costs. Some of these vacations never take place, even after you've paid.
- **Sham or exaggerated business and investment opportunities.** Scammers rely on the fact that business and investing can be complicated and that most people don't research the investment.
- **Charitable causes.** Urgent requests for recent disaster relief efforts are especially common on the phone.
- **Extended car warranties.** Scammers find out what kind of car you drive and when you bought it so they can urge you to buy overpriced — or worthless — plans.

Remember, if you get a call from someone you don't know who is trying to sell you something you hadn't planned to buy, say "No, thanks." If they pressure you about giving up personal information — like your credit card or Social Security number — you can be certain it's a scam. Hang up immediately and report the incident to the Federal Trade Commission. Call 1-877-FTC-HELP or visit ftc.gov/complaint.

You can reduce the number of telemarketing calls you receive by being on the National Do Not Call Registry. Visit www.donotcall.gov for details.