

# 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](mailto: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.

Agnis  
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](https://www.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](https://www.donotcall.gov) for details.**