

# In Touch

JULY 2025

## Save the Date for 68th Annual Meeting

Venture Communications will hold our 68th Annual Meeting of the Cooperative on Wednesday, September 10th at Highmore, SD. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 1:00 p.m. Look for more details in the Annual Report, which will be mailed to all members in August.



## Change to TV Lineup

HBO Family and Thriller Max will no longer be available on your lineup after August 15th.



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## RIDE HIGH *with our* FIBER INTERNET

### THIS AIN'T OUR FIRST RODEO

Venture Communications has been wrangling communications technology since 1952, and we've always worked hard to keep our customers in small towns and rural areas connected. Like cowboys and cowgirls, there's no match for our employees' spirited strength and determination.

We're proud to be 100% fiber to the home in all of our serving areas, enabling more people in our territory to gallop through their days with incredibly fast (up to 1 Gig) and reliable fiber internet. Is an upgrade on the horizon for you?

**TO RAISE YOUR SPEED, CONTACT US AT  
605-852-2224 OR [VENTURE@VENTURECOMM.NET](mailto:venture@venturecomm.net)**

*Saddle up and celebrate Fiber Fast Internet!*



## Call Us Before Doing Home Renovations

Are you going to install new siding, add an addition to your home, or put a new mobile home in your current spot? Talk to Venture Communications during the planning process.

This is important because we'll need to visit your home and remove our communications equipment before construction begins. For example, in the case of siding installation, here's what typically happens:

- The ONT housing and cable going up to it are removed.
- The fiber jumper is unplugged in the housing.
- A temporary fiber solution is found to maintain your internet service.
- After the siding installation is complete, we reattach our original equipment.

Think of it this way: You call 811 before you dig so you don't damage underground utility lines. Similarly, you need to contact us before starting a home renovation project to help protect our equipment on your property.

**Call 605-852-2224 or email us at [venture@venturecomm.net](mailto:venture@venturecomm.net) to let us know about your renovation project, and we'll make the necessary preparations. Thanks for your cooperation!**



## Board of Directors 2025 Elections

In accordance with the by-laws of Venture Communications, director elections were scheduled, and notices were mailed to members in the four districts where directorships are to expire in September 2025.

Venture Communications recently held an election on June 5, 2025, for the District 1 Director position. A total of 156 members participated in the election. The candidates were Lee Kinney and Tracy Wientjes. Tracy Wientjes was elected to serve a three-year term, which will begin in September. We appreciate all the members who took the time to vote. Thank you!

The Director Election in District 6 (Selby/Java, Bowdle, and Roscoe Exchanges) was cancelled, as Venture Communications did not receive a valid petition to fill the director position that becomes vacant in 2025. Until a District 6 election can be held in 2026, the full Board of Directors will continue to represent the interests of all members, including those in District 6.

Director elections for District 10 and District 11 have been cancelled, as only one valid petition was submitted in each district. In accordance with the by-laws of Venture Communications, Tom Wagner and Marlin Jenner are considered elected by acclamation.

The following individuals will be seated on the Venture Communications Board of Directors for a three-year term at the Annual Meeting in September.

- **Tracy Wientjes, District 1:** Blunt, Harrold, East Onida, Onida, and West Onida
- **Tom Wagner, District 10:** Rosholt Exchange and Sisseton Exchange (Outside City Limits)
- **Marlin Jenner, District 11:** Sisseton Exchange (Inside City Limits)