



SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS

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60th Annual Meeting of Santel Communications set for Monday, May 14



Make plans to attend the 60th annual meeting of Santel Communications Cooperative to be held Monday, May 14, at the Woonsocket School Gym. Registration begins at 6:00 and the business meeting will follow at 7:00.

The exchanges of Artesian, Forestburg/Letcher and Mount Vernon will be combined with the 2012 director elections. Incumbant directors are Pam Moore, Artesian; Richard Alt,

Forestburg/Letcher and LeRoy Dodd, Mount Vernon. Two directors will be elected from these four exchanges, one for a two-year term and the other for a three-year term.

Redistricting of the exchanges began in 2010 when Forestburg and Letcher were combined. Ethan and Parkston were combined in 2011. Redistricting will continue through 2014.

The Sanborn County Pork Producers will grill the pork sandwiches. Each member attending will receive a \$3.00 credit on his or her June Santel billing statement. Several door-prizes will also be given away.

Santel Continues with Fiber to the Home (FTTH) Construction

Santel Communications is preparing for another busy outside plant construction season during 2012. Our construction will again be focused on providing customers a fiber optic connection at homes, farms and businesses. This year we have contracted with Arvig Construction to complete the project.

During 2012 we will work to complete construction to our rural customers in the Woonsocket area along with rural customers in the Mount Vernon exchange. We will also start laying fiber in the rural Letcher exchange.

In total we will dig in over 232 miles of fiber optic cable to 324 customers. This construction project began in April.

The project was originally planned for fall 2011. The devastating tsunami that hit Japan March 11, 2011 destroyed a major fiber optic cable manufacturer. This caused fiber optic cable to be unavailable for many months, delaying our project. We are happy to be back on track during 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to give us a call.

ATTENTION!!

Please use caution when burning ditches and other areas where Santel Communications equipment may be located.

You are responsible for ALL DAMAGE DONE TO Telecommunications Equipment.

Please call Santel with any questions.



Three SDTA \$1000 Scholarships Available

Three \$1,000 SDTA Memorial Scholarships for the 2012 fall semester are available from the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA).

The SDTA Memorial Scholarships are available to students who have completed at least two semesters of course work at an accredited post-secondary school in South Dakota and who are members/customers or whose parent(s) are members/customers of an SDTA member company. The scholarship can be used at any post-secondary educational institution in South Dakota, including public and private universities, technical school, and community colleges.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is June 8, 2012. Applications are available from any South Dakota post-secondary institution student financial aid office, the SDTA office (605-224-7629) or ginigrannes@sdtasonline.com, or any SDTA member company. Santel Communications is a SDTA member company.

Directory Additions

ETHAN

Adams, Myrna 227-4204

PARKSTON

Schelske, Jeanne 928-7310

TRIPP

Perkinson, Arvilla 935-6554

WOONSOCKET

Pro Haul LLC 796-5010

Cancer Walk June 15



"Gonna Love You Through It", a popular Martina McBride song, is the theme of the 2012 Heart & Sole Cancer Walk.

The 15th annual event is Friday, June 15 at the Mitchell Middle School. The walk begins at 6:30 and the run at 7:00.

The luminary form in this statement may be mailed to Home Federal Bank, 714 S Burr St, Ste. 101, Mitchell, SD 57301, or returned with your payment



Cooperative Education

Santel and South Dakota Farmers Union working together for our young people

District I & II Camp
May 29-June 1
State Camp
June 3 - 8



Contact your district leader or phone 1-888-734-8136, ext 125 for more camp information

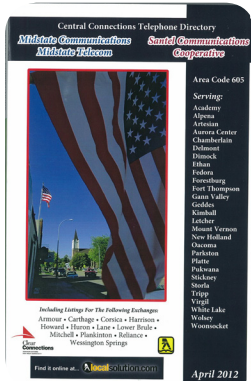
2012 Directory Delivered

The 2012 Central Connections Telephone Directory has arrived.

If you are in need of additional copies, you will find them at: CorTrust Bank in Artesian, Letcher and Mt. Vernon; Country Pumper, Forestburg; Agland Co-op, Ethan; Farmers State Bank and First Dakota National Bank, Parkston; First State Bank, Tripp; American Bank & Trust, Alpena and Wolsey and the Santel office, Woonsocket.

Please be sure to check your listing in this new directory and if you need any changes made, call the Santel

office with your corrections. We will be sure to get the changes made in our 2013 edition.



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