

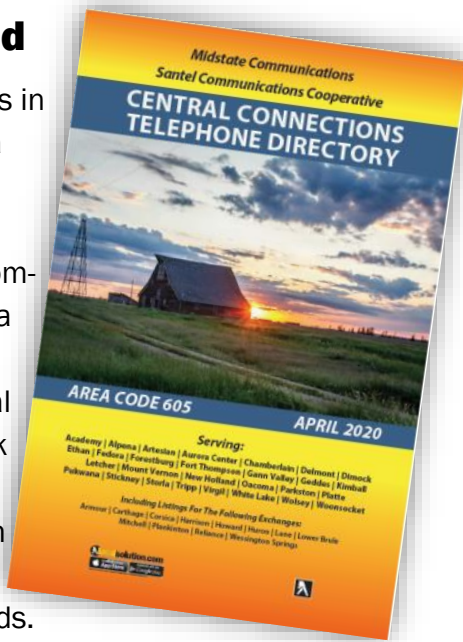


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2020 Directories Delivered

All landline customers in the Santel service area were mailed the 2020 Central Connections directory in April. Customers who didn't receive a directory, or those who would like an additional one, will be able to pick them up from designated locations in each community once the Covid-19 pandemic ends.



The directory has lots of valuable information regarding Santel products and services as well as local business and residential listings.

Some Santel customers in our southern territory might recognize the view on the cover? Congratulations to Vicki Huether of Tripp for submitting the winning photo. Our next contest will be held in early 2021 so have your cameras ready.



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SDTA Scholarships Available

This year, for the fall 2020 college semester, (SDTA) will be awarding two scholarships of **\$2,000** under its Memorial Scholarship Program. The deadline to apply for these Scholarships is May 31, 2020. To be eligible for the available Memorial Scholarship awards, you must have plans to attend or already be attending a college as a full-time student (taking at least 12 semester credit hours or its equivalent) and meet the following criteria:

- * Have a High School Diploma or GED equivalent
- * Be accepted into or attending a multi-year program

degree at any accredited technical college or other accredited post-secondary higher education institution in South Dakota for the fall 2020 semester

* Be majoring in a program or field of study that is useful in the telecommunications or broadband industry or which significantly relies on the use of broadband services and related technologies

* Be a customer/member or have a parent/legal guardian who is a customer/member of a SDTA member company such as Santel.

The scholarship application, as well as a list of qualifying fields of study, can be found at www.sdtaonline.com/sdta_scholarships.php. Applications can be submitted online or completed applications can be emailed to katie@sdtaonline.com or mailed to: SDTA, PO Box 57, Pierre, SD 57501.

 <p>Directory Addition</p>	<p>TRIPP Michell's Sport Bowl 935-6281</p>
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2020 VISION

Santel Communications is aware that 2020 will be one for the record books. May you stay focused on your goals and look forward to health and prosperity after the Covid-19 crisis has passed.



FIBERMAXX
MAXIMUM INTERNET

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At Santel, our 2020 Vision is lightning fast and extremely reliable Internet for everyone. The majority of Santel customers have already been converted to fiber optics and are now experiencing the awesome technology while they are working, learning, gaming and being entertained at home.

Our 2020 construction will see us burying fiber optics to the towns of Ethan and Artesian, as well as the rural areas and towns of the Alpena and Wolsey exchanges. Our contractor, Ripley Construction, was to begin working the first week of May. The entire project will take the remainder of 2020 and into 2021 to complete. Customers in those areas will be hearing more from us as the work progresses.

We are also in the early planning stages of the 2021 project where we will bury fiber to the towns of Parkston and Dimock. Patrons in those areas will be seeing and hearing from us also.

PRO TIP!

A common question we get at the Santel Helpdesk is how to turn closed captioning on and off. It's very easy to do, but people often bump the button inadvertently and don't know how it happened! To toggle CC on or off, simply press the #→ button located to the right of the number 0 on your Santel remote. Closed captioning will be set to On, Basic Captioning or Off.

