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## Directory Additions

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### CAVOUR

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### WOONSOCKET

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## Got Building Plans in 2022?

In recent years, Santel has seen a large increase in the number of orders requesting new fiber optic services, with our construction crew burying record numbers of new lines. We encourage anyone planning new construction in 2022 to contact the Santel billing office early in the planning process. We can bring the fiber lines at any point after the exterior of the structure is sided. The sooner we have your location on our list, the better the chances we'll be able to meet your requested due date.



To be placed on our construction list, please call our office at 605-796-4411.

## Emergency Broadband Benefit Transitions To Affordable Connectivity Program

The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program was created in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. With that program, eligible households could receive up to \$50 per month discount on their broadband services. The FCC has now given orders to transition from the temporary EBB Program to the newly created and permanent Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

ACP will provide a \$30 per month discount on broadband services for eligible households. Customers already receiving the \$9.25 per month Lifeline discount will automatically be eligible for the ACP and can receive both benefits simultaneously.

Customers currently receiving EBB will automatically transition to the ACP pending an eligibility review. Customers will be notified directly from USAC if they are found to be ineligible.

In addition to the Lifeline-qualifying programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Veteran's & Survivor's Pensions, Federal Public Housing and SSI, customers will also be eligible for ACP if they participate in WIC or if their household income is less than 200% of the federal poverty level. To see if you qualify, or to apply for ACP, please visit the program website at [acpbenefit.org](http://acpbenefit.org).



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Santel is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**PARKSTON SCHOOL CH 101**

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> BB DH – Gregory @ 6:30  
Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Wrestling @ 5:30  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> GBB – Freeman @ 6:30  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> GBB – ACDC @ 6:30  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup> BBB – Corsica/Stickney @ 6:30

**WOLSEY-WESSINGTON CH 102**

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> GBB – KWL @ 6:00  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> BBB – Warner @ 6:00

**WOONSOCKET SCHOOL CH 104**

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> BB DH – Iroquois @ 4:00

**MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL CH 105**

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> BB DH – Hanson @ 6:15  
Feb 8<sup>th</sup> BB DH – Dell Rapids @ 6:30  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> GBB – Sioux Falls Christian @ 4:30  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup> BBB – Parkston @ 7:30  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup> BBB – MCM @ 7:30

**ETHAN SCHOOL CH 106**

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> BB DH – SCW @ 6:30  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> BBB – Scotland @ 6:30  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> BB DH – KWL @ 6:30  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> BBB – MVP @ 6:30

**SANBORN CENTRAL SCHOOL CH 107**

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> GB/BB – JVC @ 4:00  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup> GB/BB – MC @ 4:00

**WESSINGTON SPRINGS CH 108**

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> BBB – Wolsey/Wessington @ 6:30  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> GBB – Warner @ 6:30  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup> BBB – SCW @ 6:30

**MITCHELL CH 90**

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> BBB – SF Jefferson—JV @ 4:00  
10th @ 5:15  
Varsity @ 7:00  
Feb 2nd BB DH—Jamestown vs DWU TBD  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> GBB – SF Roosevelt - JV @ 4:00  
10th @ 5:15  
Varsity @ 7:00  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> WBB—Coll of St Mary vs DWU TBD  
Feb 8<sup>th</sup> BBB – Aberdeen Central—JV @ 4:00  
10th @ 5:15  
Varsity @ 7:00  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> BB DH—Northwestern vs DWU TBD  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> GBB – SF Washington—JV @ 4:00  
10th @ 5:15  
Varsity @ 7:00  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> BB DH—Morningside vs DWU TBD  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> BBB – RC Stevens—JV @ 4:00  
10th @ 5:15  
Varsity @ 7:00  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup> BBB RC Central—JV @ 10:30  
10th @ 11:45  
Varsity @ 1:30

**MITCHELL CH 90/91**

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> BB DH—Concordia vs DWU TBD  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> BBB Brandon Valley—JV @ 3:30  
GBB Brandon Valley—JV @ 3:30  
BBB Brandon Valley—10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45  
GBB Brandon Valley—10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45  
BBB Brandon Valley—Varsity @ 6:00  
GBB Brandon Valley—Varsity @ 7:30



**FREE MOVIES** – Santel will provide HBO, Starz/Encore, Showtime, and Cinemax to all Digital TV customers **FREE** February 11th—14th.

Enjoy a movie weekend and be sure to set your Santel DVR to record more for later. Don't have DVR? **Add DVR February 1st - 14th and get the first 6 months free!!**

**\*\*Free weekend runs from 12pm on Friday, Feb 11th until 8am Tuesday, Feb 15th All Digital TV customers will automatically receive channels 200-265 during this time**

**Attn: High School Seniors**



We are now accepting applications for the 2022 Ray Judy Memorial Scholarship. Ray Judy was the first general manager of the original Sanborn Telephone Cooperative and we will award 10 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each in his memory.

Information has been sent to all area schools and you can also find the application requirements at [www.santel.coop](http://www.santel.coop) under the About Us / In the Community tab.

Completed applications may be emailed to [info@santel.coop](mailto:info@santel.coop) or mailed to PO Box 67, Woonsocket, SD 57385. They must be received by 5pm on Friday, March 25, 2022 to be considered.

Applicant's parents or guardians must be active residential telephone or broadband customers residing in a Santel Communications Cooperative exchange. Successful applicants must attend a post-secondary school in South Dakota within six (6) months of high school graduation.