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Santel Board Authorizes Capital Credit Checks

The Santel Board of Directors has authorized a capital credit payout of \$1 Million with checks to be mailed later in 2023. This round of retirements will be for members who had active service during the years of 2000-2002.



With the cooperative focused and determined to have our territory fully served by fiber optics, it has been many years since the last general retirement was approved. We are very happy to have reached our fiber goal and to once again be in the mode of issuing retirement checks.

If your membership has had a significant change that we may not be aware of, please contact our office at 605-796-4411. Such changes could include marriage, divorce, name change, moving, or business ownership changes.



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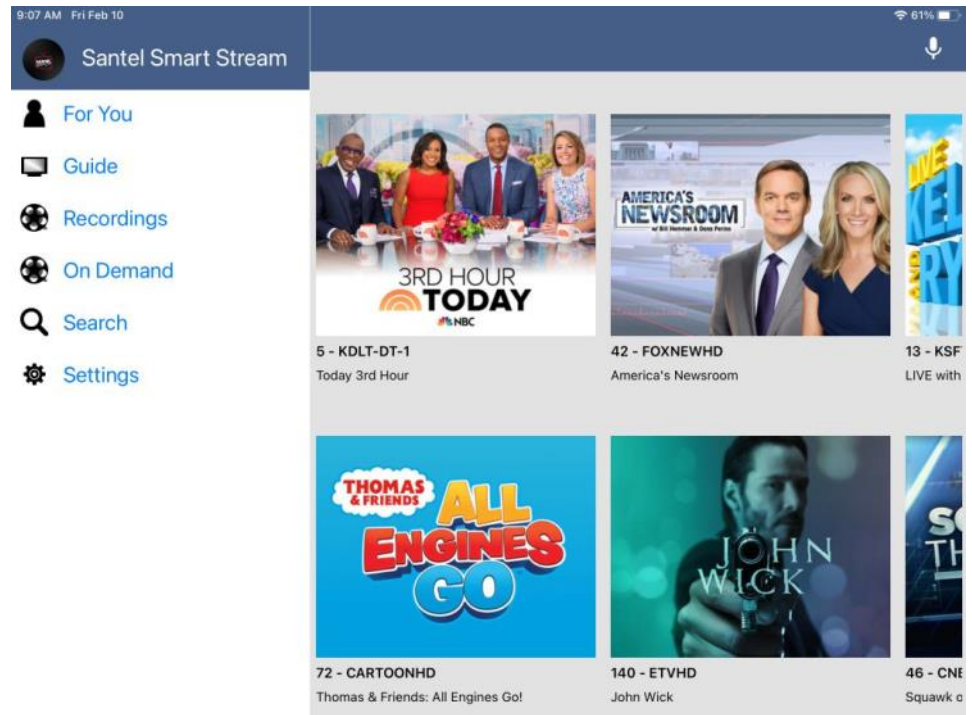
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2023 Scholarship Program

THREE scholarships: 2 for \$2,000 AND 1 for \$1,500

Qualifying students or their parent/legal guardian must be a customer of an SDTA member company (such as Santel). Applicants must have graduated high school or obtained GED equivalent and must be accepted into a post-secondary school in South Dakota majoring in an eligible program. For more information, go to www.sdtaonline.com. **Deadline is June 15, 2023.**

Construction Season is Upon Us... Call 811 Before You Dig Contact Santel if You'll Need Fiber

South Dakota 811 is an important part of the state's public safety system. It protects both residents and the utility infrastructure that we depend on.

There are several reasons why you should contact South Dakota 811 before you dig:

1. Digging near buried lines is a significant safety risk to you, your family and all people near the worksite excavation.
2. Cutting a buried utility service can result in service outage for you or your neighbors which is both inconvenient and costly.
3. Failure to notify South Dakota 811 could make you liable for all costs associated with repairing a damaged utility line.



4. Failure to notify South Dakota 811 could subject you to penalties associated with the statute and administrative rules.

5. It is illegal to dig before notifying South Dakota 811.

This is a free service that allows you to conduct your digging in a safe and less expensive manner.

Do you have building plans in 2023 that will require fiber optic services?

Don't wait until moving day to call Santel. As soon as possible, call our office at 605-796-4411 to discuss your needs and arrange for your location to be placed on our construction list.

Unclaimed Capital Credits

Santel Communications is looking to locate many inactive members regarding their capital credits. These former members need to contact Santel by no later than August 3, 2023 or their unclaimed capital credits will be forfeited to the Cooperative. Below is a portion of the members, and the entire list can be found at www.santel.coop. Only the person(s) named or their rightful heirs can claim these capital credits. If you are in contact with anyone on the list, please encourage them to call 605-796-4411.

Kasik, Ken	Liebert, Leo or Dorthy	Mehlhoff, Monte or Tessa	Putnam, Morrie or McCloud, Kaela
Kathner, Roy or Kathner, Al	Lingle, Kyle or Nisbet, Amber	Mendoza-Ascencio, Julio C	Quiram, Mrs Ruth
Keller, Betty or Carlie	Lloyd, David	Mettler, Clarence	Ramirez, Frances
Kempema, Audree	Lucht, Judith or Timothy	Miiller, Rich	Rang, Barbara
Kenneth, McKenzie	Lugo, Amber	Miller, Cleo	Ratcliff, John
Ketterling, Lucille or Even, Arlene	Luna, Blanca E	Moctezuma, Kaylin	Raymond Sand and Construction
King, Carla	Lysne, Todd or Chris	Muntefering, Elmer or Pauline	Reimnitz, Gerhard
King, Travis	Mahnke, William or Amanda	Murtha, Mike	Rickel, L M
Klatt, Rand	Mallett, Clyde	Muston, Vernon	Rincon, Luis A
Klein, Dennis	Maloney, Mrs William	Mutcheknaus, Fran	Roach, Cheryl R
Kludt, Lilliam	Marshall, Jamie or Marshall, Jack	Nedved, Evelyn	Robbins, Royce
Knigge, Kevin C	Martin, William or Abigail	Nelson, Albert	Roberts, Jerry S Sr
Koutz, Violet R	Martinez, Albert or Garza, Marisela	Nelson, Galen Estate	Ross, David C
Krueger, Alicia	McArthur, Shirley or Squires, Shawn	Noonan, Gene	Roth, I J
Kulhavy, Kenneth	McBrayer, Casey	Norwick, Wade	Royston, Mike
KVTK	McCasky, Marlyn	O'Daniel, Cole	Runnion, David or Erin
Labine, Jon or Westman, Bethany	McDaniel, Rebecca	Olson, Lyle or Laurenda	Sanders, Jerry or Vicki
Lichtenberg, James or Kelly	McHale Institute	Ostbye, Bertha	Schafer, Glen



Directory Additions

TRIPP

Laura Anne Photography 605-935-2336

Rustic Roots Salon 605-935-6333

WOLSEY

Langbehn, Connor 605-883-4005

PPV & VOD to be Discontinued

Effective May 1, 2023, Santel Digital TV will no longer be offering any Pay Per View or Video on Demand movies and events. There has been very low usage of these features for the past few years and it is no longer cost-effective to continue these services.

With the ever increasing options for online viewing, we feel confident that our TV subscribers will be able to access on-demand content when they want it. Another alternative for movie watching would be to add Cinemax, Starz/Encore, HBO or Showtime movie suites. You can call 605-796-4411 to subscribe.