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71st Annual Meeting Is In The Books

It was a beautiful evening as the 71st Annual Meeting for the members of Santel Communications was held on Monday September 18th. Attendees enjoyed a pulled pork meal followed by a brief business meeting and all attendees received a \$20 bill credit for attending.

Members heard reports from the Board President Jerry Jenssen and General Manager Ryan Thompson as well as reviewed the 2022 financial statements as presented by Treasurer Dr Jeff Kramer.

There was no director election as Central District Director Dr Pam Moore and At-Large Director Kent Swenson, both current directors, were the only members to submit petitions for those seats.

The evening was capped off with the awarding of many door prizes donated by Santel vendors including gift cards ranging from \$25-\$100, \$250 cash, and an iPad. Santel gifted the top prize of \$50 per month bill credit for the next 12 months...a \$600 value!



Top: all seats were full during the pork supper.



Left: President Jerry Jenssen presents Director Dan Kurtenbach with a 10-year service award; Jim & Connie Feistner win the grand prize of 12 mos bill credit.



Below: Directors Kurtenbach, Dr Pam Moore and Cindy Neuarth are ready to serve; Scott Beekman gives Irene Olinger her new iPad and Delmar Mueller shows off his new cash.



Bottom: Santel staff are introduced to the crowd.



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Directory Additions

HURON	
Ekern, Donald	605-412-7262
WOLSEY	
Wilbur-Ellis Holdings	605-883-4142
Wernerstruck Inc	605-883-4161
WOONSOCKET	
Thompson, James	605-796-4081

Directory Photo Contest – Deadline October 15th

Do you have a beautiful photo that would be perfect for the cover of our 2024 Central Connections Directory? We've had wonderful entries in the past and look forward to seeing how creative and artistic our members will be this year.

The contest is open to any Santel or Midstate customers. Entries must be received by **October 15, 2023**. The finalists will be displayed on Facebook and the winner will be determined by online votes with the winner receiving a \$100 cash prize.



- Limit four (4) entries per member
 - Photos should represent Santel or Midstate service areas
 - Amateur photos only; no professional entries please
 - Santel & Midstate employees & immediate family ineligible
 - Photos must be in color and have been taken within the last 24 months; include brief description of photo
 - Must be submitted in JPEG format to info@santel.coop
 - **Digital photos only; no photocopies or prints accepted**
 - Provide your name and phone number with each entry
- Please contact Santel at 605-796-4411 or info@santel.coop with any questions.



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- Parkston * Mitchell * Mt Vernon
- Sanborn Central * Tripp-Delmont
- Woonsocket * Wolsley-Wessington
- Ethan * Wessington Springs



Watch Santel's on-screen guide for the expected broadcast schedules!

October is National Coop Month

Cooperatives are everywhere!

Cooperatives sell almost every good or service imaginable guided by a set of shared principles and values. Among those principles are democracy, equity and solidarity—coops are hardwired for economic and societal transformation.

Sanborn Telephone Cooperative was formed in 1952 and grew to where we are today as Santel Communications serving over 3300 members in 10 service territories...thanks to the hard work and dedication of those who came before us and the loyalty of our long-time member owners.

7 Cooperative Principles

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1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP
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2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL
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3 MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION
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4 AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE
- 
5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION
- 
6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES
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7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY