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Santel is celebrating Co-op Month in October. Our success is your success and we appreciate your patronage. Thank you for being a part of our team.

We ♥ Our Coop Members!

Do you have an awesome photo that would be perfect for our 2020 Central Connections Directory? We will once again be holding a contest to find the best cover photo. We've had wonderful entries the past few years and look forward to seeing how creative and artistic our members will be this year.

The contest will be open to any Santel or Midstate members and entries must be received by December 1, 2019. The finalists will be shown online and the winner will be determined by Facebook votes with the winner receiving \$100.

- Limit four (4) entries per member
- Photos should represent Santel or Midstate service areas
- Amateur photos only; no professional entries please



- Santel & Midstate employees and immediate family not eligible
- Photos must be in color and have been taken within the last 24 months
- Must be 300dpi in JPEG format
- **Digital photos only; no photocopies.** Email entries to info@santel.coop
- Include your name and phone number with each entry
- Include where photo was taken and brief description

Please contact Santel at 796-4411 or info@santel.coop with any questions you may have.

Fiber Project Continues Despite Wet Conditions

Santel's fiber contractor has made great progress on our 2019 fiber project even though the recent weather has made it more challenging than normal. Ripley's has wrapped up their work in Mount Vernon and now the Santel employees will be finishing up over the upcoming weeks and months.

Tripp town and rural residents will continue to see Ripley's crews around for the next several weeks. The communities of Wolsey, Alpena, Ethan and Artesian will be upgraded to fiber optics in 2020 so preliminary work has begun there. Those customers can expect to hear from us before spring as we do the initial site surveys to plan where the fiber will be buried on each premises.

We have been very pleased with the quality work of Ripley's Inc as shown here. Left pic is during construction and right pic is after they finished...beautiful!



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Santel proudly supports all of our local teams. Catch the action on Santel TV channels 90 - 91 and 101 - 107.

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

Channel 101 PARKSTON SCHOOL

Oct 3 VB vs Scotland 6:30pm
Oct 8 VB vs Platte-Geddes 6:30pm
Oct 10 VB vs Kimball-Wt Lake 6:30pm
Oct 15 VB vs Wagner 6:30pm
Oct 18 FB vs Platte-Geddes 7:00pm

Channel 102 WOLSEY-WESSINGTON

Oct 4 VB 281 Conf Tourney 10:00am
Oct 15 VB vs Highmore-Harrold 4:30pm
Oct 21 VB vs Miller 4:30pm

Channel 103 TRIPP-DELMONT SCHOOL

Oct 17 VB vs Scotland 6:30pm

Channel 104 WOONSOCKET SCHOOL

Oct 10 VB vs TDA TBD
Oct 17 VB vs Kimball-Wt Lake TBD

Channel 107 SANBORN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Oct 14 VB vs Howard TBD
Oct 29 VB vs Mt Vernon-Plankinton TBD

Channel 90 MITCHELL EVENTS

Oct 1 MHS VB vs Watertown 7:00pm
Oct 3 Soccer vs Abdn Central 4:00pm
Oct 5 DWU FB vs Doane 1:00pm
Oct 8 MHS VB vs Brookings 7:00pm
Oct 10 9th Gr FB vs Pierre 4:15pm
Oct 11 MHS FB vs Sturgis 7:00pm
Oct 14 JV FB vs O'Gorman 4:15pm
Oct 18 MHS FB vs Pierre 7:00pm
Oct 22 MHS VB vs Harrisburg 7:00pm
Oct 26 DWU FB vs Morningside 1:00pm
Oct 29 MHS VB vs Huron 7:00pm
Nov 5 MHS VB vs Pierre 7:00pm

Channel 106 ETHAN SCHOOL

Oct 3 VB vs Freeman 4:15pm
Oct 8 VB vs Wessington Springs 4:15pm
Oct 24 Homecoming Coronation 7:30pm
Oct 28 VB vs TDA 4:15pm
Oct 29 VB vs Platte-Geddes 5:15pm



Directory Additions

ARTESIAN

Letsche, Terry 527-2077

MOUNT VERNON

Duncan, Marjory 236-5024
Park, Mary 236-5040

TRIPP

Bueber, Maurice 935-6929

WOLSEY

Houck, Mary E 883-4320

Santel TV to Get Fresh New Look

In early October, Santel TV subscribers will notice some enhancements to the TV Guide. The functionality will be virtually the same, but the guide will have a new, fresh look. Thank you for your patience while we all adjust to the subtle differences.

Former Director Ray Scherschligt Joins SD Coop Hall of Fame

Ray Scherschligt, former Santel Communications director from the Alpena exchange, was inducted to the South Dakota Cooperative Hall of Fame at a banquet in Sioux Falls in September. Ray was uniquely deserving of this honor due to his lifetime of dedication to cooperatives. He was a director of our cooperative for more than 30 years and served as Treasurer for many of them. He was also the General Manager of Alpena Cooperative Oil Company for many, many years. Ray committed his life to hard work and loyalty to the cooperative patrons he represented. Ray has also been a dedicated member of the American Legion and is an avid baseball fan. In his younger years, Ray played baseball and earned himself a place in the SD Baseball Hall of Fame. **CONGRATULATIONS RAY!**



Shown at left is Ray at the banquet with his family and other coop representatives who helped to nominate Ray for this honor.

(l-r) Ryan Thompson, Santel GM; Kent Swenson, Santel Board; Doug Jones, Alpena; Carol Jones, Alpena; Mark Scherschligt; Karen Scherschligt, Ray, Tim Harrington; Karen Harrington; Jerry Jenssen, Santel Board; Carol Ann Uttecht, Alpena; Ron Uttecht, Alpena; and Richard Alt, Santel Board.