

# NETWORK CONNECTIONS

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## INTRODUCING: New Way to Watch TV!



## A letter from our **General Manager/CEO** **Kent Schimke**



**As the days grow longer and the temperatures rise, it's the perfect time to reflect on our shared values — safety, community, and connection, and to look ahead to the opportunities summer brings.**

**DRN Read iTech StreamTV** — I am excited to announce that we have launched a brand-new live TV service called DRN Read iTech StreamTV. We are making this transition due to the aging of our traditional TV equipment, and to the many great benefits StreamTV provides, such as Cloud DVR storage and Restart TV, allowing you to go back to the beginning of a currently-airing program with one button press. We understand the inconvenience of the switch, but I can assure you DRN staff is here to guide and assist with the transition. When switching from party lines to landline phones, and now cellular phones, there was inevitably skepticism, but we are confident this change will be positive for everyone.

StreamTV allows you to watch your favorite shows, local sporting events, and live TV all in one place. It also gives you the flexibility to watch at home on your TV, or on-the-go with an Internet connected device such as your smartphone. Join the future of TV today with Stream TV!

**Construction Season**—At DRN Read iTech, safety remains our top priority, especially as we continue our underground construction efforts to expand and strengthen connectivity throughout our service territories.

We have acquired a large track cable plow and a directional bore drill that allows us to place longer distance runs of fiber and bore underneath roads and areas that are difficult to cross with a plow or trencher.

We have several areas where our fiber is in the right-of-way and will need to be moved for highway/road improvements. Locations affected include the Kathryn highway, Forman to Havana, Guelph road, and the turning lane to Applied Digital west of Ellendale.

**One Call: 811**—As you enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather, I urge you to keep safety at the forefront of your mind. Whether you're digging in your garden, embarking on outdoor projects, or simply enjoying the great outdoors, always be mindful of underground utilities. Calling 811 before you dig is not only a legal requirement but also a crucial step in preventing accidents and ensuring the safety of our communities.

At DRN Read iTech, we're not just committed to keeping you connected; we're dedicated to fostering a culture of safety and innovation. Together, let's make this summer one to remember for all the right reasons.

**2025 Interns**—This summer we welcome four interns: Angela Mergen, Riley Goehring, Trent Tiegs, and Kole Johnson. Angela and Riley are working with the marketing team, while Trent and Kole joined the IT team. We are excited to have them and can't wait to see what they accomplish!

**75th Anniversary**—As we continue to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our cooperative, we invite you to a special celebratory luncheon on Friday, July 25th in honor of the first meeting to establish the cooperative. We celebrate the foundation that the visionary group of people had for the cooperative and celebrate moving forward into the next 75 years. I hope to see many of our members for this celebratory luncheon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

**Kent Schimke**  
CEO/General Manager

# SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS FOR DRN'S 2026 CALENDAR

DRN is reaching out to the community for help in creating its 2026 calendar. We are looking for photographs showcasing the culture of North and South Dakota and highlight the different seasons throughout the year: winter, summer, spring, and fall.

Submissions are limited to 10 entries per person, and each photo should be submitted with a name and address. The selected photos will be featured in next year's calendar, and the winners will receive a \$25 credit to their DRN account.



Please email high-resolution photos to [marketing@drtel.com](mailto:marketing@drtel.com), subject: Calendar Photos, by Friday, Aug. 1.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

## Annual Member Appreciation Picnics

**Wednesday, July 30**  
**5–7 p.m.**  
**Centennial Park**  
**ASHLEY**

**Thursday, July 31**  
**5–7 p.m.**  
**City Park**  
**MILNOR**

**Burger | Brats | Chips & Refreshments**

*Join us for complimentary food, fun and fellowship!*



# DRN READITECH WELCOMES NEW HIRES AND INTERNS

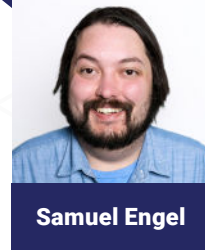
The start of the summer offers new faces at DRN ReditTech. We are pleased to welcome a new employee and interns.

Samuel Engel has worked with DRN ReditTech for over six years as a Technical Support Analyst and has recently been promoted to Inside Network Operations Specialist. Samuel resides in Oakes with his family and two cats. His hobbies include creative projects such as digital art, audio projects, and playing instruments.

Kennadie Hatch joined the service and technical assistance team (STAT) in the Ellendale Office on June 2. Kennadie was raised in Jamestown and recently graduated from high school. She currently resides near Ellendale and enjoys being outside, and with her dog and horse.

The IT department welcomes summer interns Kole Johnson and Trent Tiegs. Kole is from Ellendale and is attending North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) in Wahpeton. Kole studies Software Engineering and enjoys coding, playing video games, and baseball. Trent, also from Ellendale, attends South Dakota State University (SDSU) majoring in Computer Science. In his spare time, he enjoys being with family and friends, programming, reading, and music.

Riley Goehring and Angela Mergen have joined the marketing team as summer interns. Riley is a high school senior and is actively involved in volleyball, basketball, and track at Ellendale High School. Her hobbies include playing guitar, singing, being active, having fun with friends, and traveling with family. Angela is originally from central Minnesota and attends Trinity Bible College for Marketing & Communications. In her spare time she enjoys being outdoors, running, crocheting, playing games, and spending time with friends and family.



**Samuel Engel**



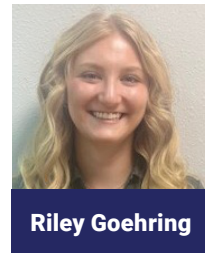
**Kennadie Hatch**



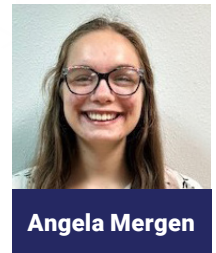
**Kole Johnson**



**Trent Tiegs**



**Riley Goehring**



**Angela Mergen**

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE Windows 10: No Longer Supported

Effective October 14, 2025, Microsoft will end support for the Windows 10 operating system.

At that time Microsoft will no longer provide security updates, bug fixes, or technical assistance for Windows 10, leaving systems vulnerable to cyber threats. DRN ReditTech recommends anyone still using Windows 10 to upgrade to Windows 11. With Windows 11 you will receive advanced security features designed to protect you from today's threats. With built-in hardware-based isolations, encryption, and malware protection, your data and systems will be more secure than ever.

Windows 11 is improved for modern hardware, offering faster performance, better multitasking, and a streamlined user experience.

Many new applications and software updates will be designed for Windows 11, ensuring compatibility and access to the latest innovation.

Microsoft says that Windows 11 is "crafted to bring you closer to what you love, launching at a time when PCs are more central than ever to how we connect, create, and play." The three main guiding principles of Windows 11 are reliability, security, and compatibility, ensuring a great user experience.

Upgrading early ensures a smooth transition, avoiding last-minute disruptions and security risks. We know that this is a significant decision, but we are here to help you through the transition. If you have questions, please contact us at 701-344-5000.



# OUTSTANDING CAPITAL CREDITS

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## Wi-Fi waves & BBQ rays.

Grill, chill, and connect on  
Independence Day with  
outdoor connectivity  
from DRN ReadTech.

Need help extending your  
wi-fi to the backyard? Ask  
us about our outdoor  
wi-fi options at  
344-5000.



★ H A P P Y ★

# 4th of July

★ I N D E P E N D E N C E D A Y ★

DRN ReadTech will be closed  
Friday, July 4th.

# CARE FOR COMMUNITY

## DRN Donates to Local Organizations

For over 75 years, DRN has been focused on community involvement and supporting organizations to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. Whether it is through donating to youth activities, emergency response services or organizations that provide services and support to those with disabilities, DRN is proud to give back to area non-profit organizations.

DRN recently made a monetary donation to the Gwinner Park Board to assist in the construction of the new Gwinner Aquatic Center. Construction on the Gwinner Aquatic Center began this spring, and the facility is projected to be completed and open for summer of 2026.

1. *Janell Hauck, DRN marketing manager, presents check to Ashley Hansen and Samantha Opdahl, Gwinner Park Board.*



A donation was also recently presented to the Bison Booster Club to support the Milnor Public School in fundraising for a new scoreboard for their gymnasium. DRN's investment will help upgrade Milnor Public School's equipment and create a more appealing and memorable experience for students, families, and fans. 2. *Janell Hauck, DRN marketing manager, presents check to Dr. Chris Larson, Milnor Superintendent.*



**"As a cooperative, DRN believes in giving back and supporting the communities where we live and work. Investing in our area is an important way to invest in the future of our communities."** said DRN General Manager/CEO Kent Schimke.

Donation requests can be submitted to DRN by email [marketing@drtel.com](mailto:marketing@drtel.com) or by mail to PO Box 69, Ellendale, ND 58436.

## ANNUAL G.O.L.F. CLASSIC JULY 12 & 13



Get ready to swing across the greens this summer! At DRN ReadITech, we look forward to the 39th Annual Golf Classic on July 12 and 13. It will take place at four beautiful courses in southeast North Dakota. Locations include Grand Rapids Memorial Park Country Club, Oakes Golf Club, Lisbon Bissel Golf Course, and the Forman Golf Course.

All skills levels are welcome to join four rounds of golf in two fun days. Teams of four, three, or two are welcome. Tournament divisions and prizes include: Championship, Open, Senior, Women Prizes, the Ground Keeper Award, and the Hole-in-One Prize. The tournament includes a Saturday night steak supper at one of the four courses.

Putt your next hole with us at the 39th Annual G.O.L.F. Classic sponsored by DRN ReadITech. For more information or to register, visit [drnreaditechgolf.com](http://drnreaditechgolf.com). Stay up to date on information as well on the Facebook page, GOLF Classic by DRN READITECH.

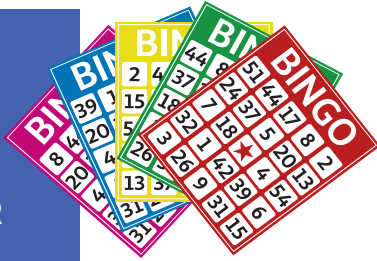
# 75 BINGO!

Grab your daubers and come play BINGO with us in honor of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our area fairs!

**DICKEY COUNTY FAIR  
ELLEDALE**  
Saturday, July 12 • 2 pm

**SARGENT COUNTY FAIR  
FORMAN**  
Saturday, July 26 • 4 pm

**RANSOM COUNTY FAIR  
LISBON**  
Saturday, August 23 • 2 pm



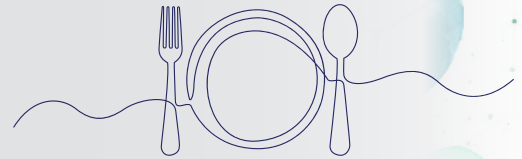
**REGULAR BINGO  
GAMES WITH PRIZES  
+ \$750 BLACKOUT  
WINNER!**

**Grab your friends, mark your calendars and get ready to shout "BINGO!" like never before.**



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON



**Friday, July 25  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**DRN Headquarters • Ellendale**

Join us for an exciting luncheon as we commemorate a monumental moment in our history—the very first meeting of the visionary group that laid the foundation for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative on July 26, 1950.

## DRN 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 16, 2025

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative's (DRN) 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Ellendale Public School. A meal will be served for members from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. The meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

Nominations by petition are due by September 27, 2025. For more information contact Janell Hauck, Marketing Manager at 344-5000.

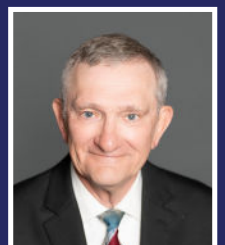
This year the following districts and Board members are to be voted upon:



Ralph Neu  
District 7



Paul Olson  
District 8



Rod Buck  
District 11



*Mark your calendar and join us for DRN's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in Ellendale.*



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Members.**

**Empowering Lives.**

**Broadband  
Solutions.**

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

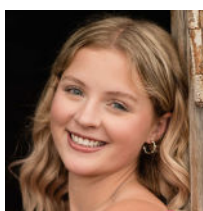
DRN ReadTech is proud to support continuing education and reward the hard work of area high school graduates. The Board of Directors approved 25 scholarships in the amount of \$750 to graduates of schools within the DRN service territory, students enrolled at Southeast Region Career and Technology Center and one enrolled in business at Trinity Bible College.

"Young people are a valuable asset to our communities and we are pleased to have established a scholarship program to help with the cost of a continued education program," said Kent Schimke, CEO/General Manager. DRN has been providing scholarships for over 20 years. "As your local broadband service provider, it is our pleasure to award a \$750 scholarship to the following winners in honor of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary," said Schimke.

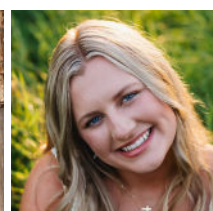
We are proud to also announce two students in DRN's service area have been selected to receive a 2025 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship award. Being selected to receive an FRS scholarship was not an easy accomplishment; FRS received over 2,000 applications from across rural communities for the 50 scholarships to be awarded. Congratulations to Jacob Lyons, Lisbon, and Brianna Schmitz, Oakes, on winning a FRS scholarship.



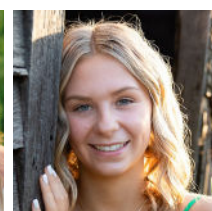
Aidan Bertsch  
Ashley



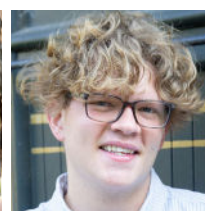
Sydney Bertsch  
Eureka, SD



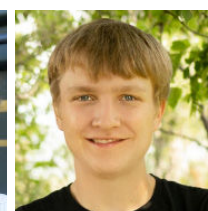
Emily Fredenburg  
Edgeley



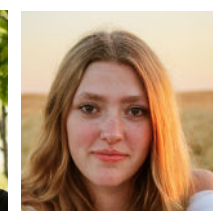
Addison Goebel  
Edgeley



Carter Gibson  
Ellendale



Evan Wagner  
Ellendale



Addisen Roloff  
Kulm



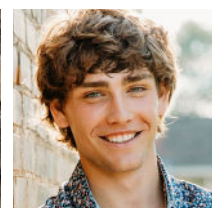
Braeden Kinzler  
Kulm



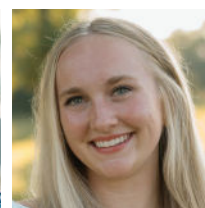
Owen Lesko  
LaMoure



Nicholas Meisch  
LaMoure



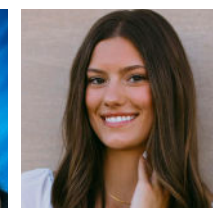
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Lisbon



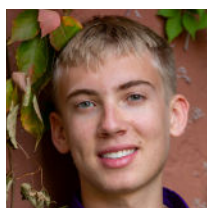
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Lisbon



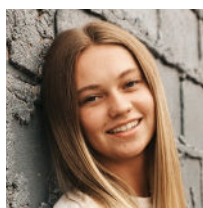
Amberly Beyer  
Litchville-Marion



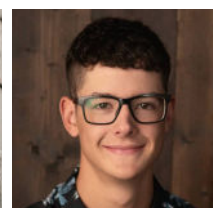
Georgia Lettenmaier  
Litchville-Marion



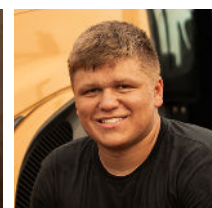
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Milnor



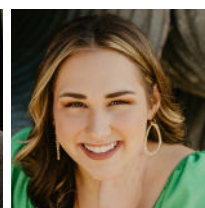
Emma Bixby  
Milnor



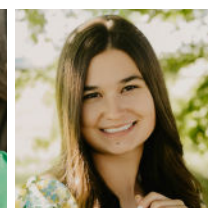
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North Sargent



Marcus Mathias  
North Sargent



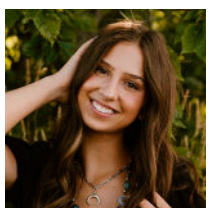
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Oakes



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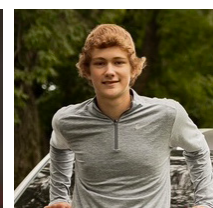
Kassidy Jackson  
Oakes



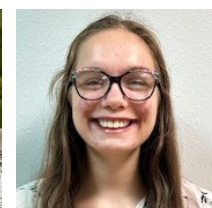
Riley Teske  
Edgeley (SRCTC)



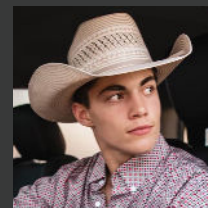
Isaac Paradis  
Oakes (SRCTC)



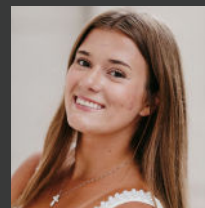
Aden Kohler  
Sargent Central  
(SRCTC)



Angela Mergen  
Trinity Bible College



Jacob Lyons  
FRS General  
\$2,500



Brianna Schmitz  
FRS V+C Trust  
\$9,500



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# A NEW WAY TO WATCH TV!



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The next generation of video entertainment is available to DRN ReadITech Internet subscribers! A new video experience: StreamTV is now available. DRN ReadITech StreamTV is an all-in-one app that provides over 175 channels with compatible streaming devices. With features that include Restart TV, interactive local weather radar, and What's Hot, which lets viewers see in real-time the most popular programs being watched by their friends and neighbors.

“**We are excited to bring this new way to watch TV to our customers.**

Kent Schimke  
DRN ReadITech CEO/GM



Restart TV is the biggest upgrade that comes with our new video experience. This feature allows customers to rewind to the beginning of a currently-airing program. Therefore, a subscriber can miss nearly an entire news program, movie, or sports program, and if they hit Restart right before the program ends, it will automatically go back to the beginning.

Additionally, a convenient feature included in StreamTV is the ability to search for any show. By merely typing in a name, phrase, or keyword, subscribers can find any of their favorite programs.

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using the cloud DVR service, with no additional cost or equipment. With cloud DVR, customers will not lose any in-progress recordings when there is a power outage and can watch recorded programs from any streaming device. DRN ReadITech's new video experience, StreamTV, allows flexibility to control how you watch all your video entertainment. Make the switch, call 344-5000.



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