



# The Private Line

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## Exploring Telecom at Career Day

Network Operations Manager Mark Wilson recently visited his son Colin's classroom for Career Day. Mark showed the kids many different telecom devices used today and in the past. The kids found it all very fascinating and were excited to be able to take home an actual fiber strand of their own.



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## What Parents Need to Know About Social Video Chats

Social video chatting is a form of streaming video that's popular among teens and tweens. In addition to using this capability on Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram, kids can download apps such as Houseparty, AirTime and Periscope to use for this purpose.



Such apps are great for conversations with friends, but they come with risks: kids may spend too much time video chatting and not enough doing important activities like homework. They may feel pressured into oversharing or be exposed to mature content they are not emotionally equipped to handle. There are also adult predators trying to take advantage of the anonymity of these apps.

Parents should be aware of which apps their kids are using and talk with them about reasonable use. To learn more, visit Common Sense Media at [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org).

## WatchTVEverywhere Lets You Be Creative With TV Viewing

Pick your devices. Pick your location. Pick your program. With WatchTVEverywhere, everyone in your family can enjoy many options for how, where, and what to watch.

Slumber party? The kids can watch a movie on a tablet in their fort. Waiting for a plane? You can catch up with your favorite drama on your smartphone at the airport. Want to binge-watch past seasons to catch up on a series you've been hearing so much about? No problem.

WatchTVEverywhere works from anywhere you have an internet connection. Plus, it is completely FREE with your Santel TV service. To learn more, call 796-4411 today!





Santel has added COZI TV to our lineup to give you more of your favorite series from the past. Tune into **Santel Channel 182** for these series and more: Adam-12, The Alfred Hitchcock Hour, The A-Team, Bionic Woman, Dick Van Dyke, Emergency!, Frasier, Hart to Hart, Ironside, The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp, The Lone Ranger, Magnum P.I., Miami Vice, Murder She Wrote, Quincy M.E., Simon & Simon, The Six Million Dollar Man and The Virginian.



## When to Reboot Your Router and When to Replace It

It seems too simple, but one of the easiest ways to fix a wide variety of technical issues is to simply reboot (or restart) the device, including your router. This is because routers are like small computers that use memory, a processor and an operating system. And like your computer, routers also benefit from a fresh start every now and then.

For example, if your Internet service goes down at your home, the first thing to try is to reboot your wireless router. It's a quick process that will often take care of the problem.

1. Unplug your router from its power outlet (don't just turn it off).
2. Wait about 2 minutes, then plug it back in.
3. Allow the device a minute or two to turn back on.

If your Wi-Fi problems persist, or you are rebooting frequently, it might be time for you to get a new router. With the increasing number of Internet-connected devices in homes today, "old school" routers may not be up to the demands. New routers can effectively handle 20 or more devices versus 2-3 devices on old routers.

Another consideration is the speed of your Internet service. Some older routers have a speed cap that limits the maximum speed possible, which means your old router may be preventing you from receiving the full benefit of the Internet plan you are paying for. Call us at 796-4411 to learn more.



## Directory Additions

### PARKSTON

Bertram, Austin

928-3598

## Attn: High School Sr's



Area high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the 2018 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 online under the About Us / In the Community tab at [www.santel.coop](http://www.santel.coop). Applicants will submit a letter of application, a current photo (emailed photo is acceptable), a resume, and a one-page essay on a current state or world issue and how it will affect the applicant's future. Essays will be judged on content as well as presentation.

Applicant's parents or guardians must be active residential telephone 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.

Applications must be received in our office by 5pm on Monday, March 26, 2018.