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SDTA Scholarships

SDTA Memorial Scholarship applications are due by **May 31st** for students who've completed at least 24 credit hours in a South Dakota multi-year program. Applicants must be majoring in a field with technical skills or that is useful in the telecommunications or broadband industry. Applicants or their parents must be customers at an SDTA member company such as Santel. To apply, go to: <http://sdtaonline.com/resources/sdta-scholarship/> or call 605-224-7629 or 605-796-4411.



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Employee Spotlight on Ryan Larson



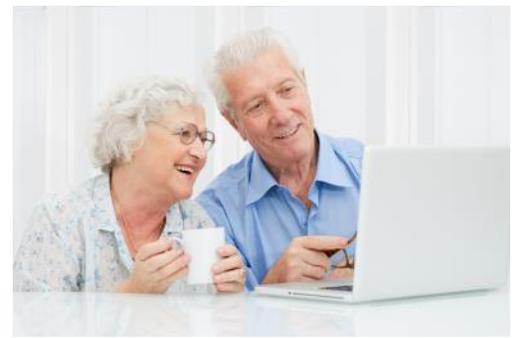
In 2017, Ryan joined the Santel team doing construction. Ryan is a graduate of Woonsocket High School and prior to Santel, he'd spent many years in telecom construction. He moved back to the Woonsocket area a few years ago to farm and be home to attend his son's activities. His son is grown now and attending college at DWU for sports management and he also has a daughter in preschool with his wonderful girlfriend Trisha. When he's not working, farming takes up most of his time, but Ryan also loves to spend time with family and friends as well as to hunt and fish.

What Ryan enjoys most about the telecom industry is that there are never two days the same. There are always new challenges and the industry is always changing which works out perfect for someone who gets bored easily! Working for Santel and in his hometown has been a dream of Ryan's since he started the telecom industry 20 years ago. He loves the people he works with and says "They have been very helpful to me whenever I have had a question on anything!! We have a great staff at Santel. They keep me on my toes and I hope I get to work with them for many years to come!"

Congrats to Our VOD Trivia Winners

Congratulations to Lenna Schreiner and Tina Graves for knowing the answer to our April Video on Demand trivia question on Facebook. They each won two movie tickets to Logan Luxury Theaters.

Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson stars in the new Jumanji movie: a fun, comedic adventure where four teens get sucked into a video game world and have to finish the dangerous game to escape the jungle they've landed in. Jumanji can be seen through Santel's Video On Demand service. Just hit the "ON DEMAND" button on your Santel remote to rent this movie or another of the hundreds available! The trivia question was: In what 2003 action movie did Dwayne Johnson star as a bounty hunter who traveled to the jungle of Brazil to retrieve his employer's son? Tina and Lenna both knew that the answer was "The Rundown". Follow us on Facebook for your chance to win future trivia contests!



We know our customers here in rural South Dakota rely on telephone and high speed broadband services to stay connected. **Lifeline** is a program that helps make sure families in need can afford these services. You can receive a monthly discount on your Santel phone or broadband services when eligible. To qualify, you must be enrolled in one of these programs or have household income that is less than 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

- Medicaid (Title XIX)
 - Supplemental Nutrition (SNAP)
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
 - Supplemental Security Income
 - Veteran's or Survivor's Pension
- Call our office at 796-4411 to learn more about the **Lifeline** program!

First Parkston Scholarship Fund Phone-A-Thon is a Success

The Parkston community really came together recently to support the first-ever Phone-A-Thon held to raise funds for the newly established Parkston Scholarship Fund. The goal is that every graduating senior will receive at least \$500 upon successfully completing 12 credit hours at a post-secondary institution. Parkston students manned the phone lines which were provided courtesy of Santel Communications. The event was broadcast on the Parkston School Channel (Santel TV Channel 101) and calls came in from all over as former graduates, friends and family jumped at the chance to show their support. Santel proudly donated \$500 to this worthy event which was deemed a huge success by all those that were involved.



Above: An enthusiastic group of students are ready and waiting for the phones to start ringing. At left: Bill Maxwell of the Parkston Area Foundation acts as emcee while Parkston students are busy taking calls.