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Don't miss  
any of the  
action!

## State High School Events Coverage

**State Girls Basketball: Thursday - Saturday, March 12 - 14**

Class B Girls (Brookings) - Special Events ch 151

Class A Girls (Watertown) - Special Events ch 152

Class AA Girls (Rapid City) - Special Events ch 153

**State Boys Basketball: Thursday - Saturday, March 19 - 21**

Class B Boys (Aberdeen) - Special Events ch 151

Class A Boys (Rapid City) - Special Events ch 152

Class AA Boys (Rapid City) - Special Events ch 153

*Check our Facebook page for updates. Live streaming is available for both tournaments at [www.sdpb.org/basketball](http://www.sdpb.org/basketball).*



## Grand Giveaway Winner

*Congratulations to Valeree DeVine, who won a \$100 Mavericks gift card, a \$100 Netflix gift card and a box of Lindt chocolates in our Grand Giveaway!*

Wondering how to register? No problem, because there's no purchase or registration, just winners! Each month we randomly select one of our "grand" residential customers to win. Our next winner could be you!

# Official Notice of Director Elections

Three directors will be elected at the 2026 annual meeting, which is scheduled for May 28, 2026, at Groton Area High School. Registration and meal at 11:30am followed by the meeting at 12:30pm.

Anyone interested in running for an open director position that also resides in District 1 (Houghton, Columbia, Frederick), District 4 (Rural Groton, Andover), or District 7 (Doland, Turton) should file a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members also residing in that interested member's district.

The petition can be picked up at the Groton temporary business office and must be filed at our temporary business office between the hours of 8am-5pm no sooner than March 30 and no later than April 13, 2026. We are located at 101 North Main Street during construction.

Current Directors Roger Zastrow (District 1), Bill Ewalt (District 4), and Garrett Rahm (District 7) are up for re-election for 3-year terms.

At the annual meeting, members from each district in which a director is being elected will receive a ballot listing the names of all the candidates who have submitted valid petitions for that district. The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for each district will be elected.

**Bylaw Section 4.3.** Qualifications to be Nominated, to Become, or Remain a Director. Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a director of the Cooperative who resides in the district from which the director is nominated and is not an employee of the Cooperative or in any way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or maintaining communications facilities. However, the Board may grant exceptions for "de minimis" competing enterprise. The director is expected to attend two-thirds or more of the regular meetings during each twelve-month period beginning with the month of the director's election.

Nothing in this Section shall affect, in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any

meetings of the Board.

**Bylaw Section 4.4.** Candidate Petitions. Any member who meets the qualifications of Section 4.3 and wishes to appear on the ballot for election as a director for the member's district, shall, not less than 45 nor more than 60 days preceding the day designated for the annual meeting, file during business hours at the business office of the Cooperative, a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members residing in such member's district. The petition shall be in a form approved by the board of directors. The signature of only one member of a joint membership may be counted among the valid signatures on a petition, and any other signatures on the same petition by other members of the same joint membership shall be stricken.

**Bylaw Section 4.5.** Election of Directors. Elections of directors shall be by a separate printed ballot for the exclusive use of the members of each district in which a director is being elected. Each district's ballot shall list the name(s) of the candidate(s) who have submitted valid petitions, the order of which shall be determined by drawing of lots.

At the membership meeting considering the election of directors, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of all those who have submitted valid petitions.

The candidate from each district from which a director is being elected receiving the majority of votes cast for that office at such meeting shall be declared elected as a director. At least seven members from that district must cast votes at the membership meeting for the election of the director to be valid.

Failure of an election for a given year shall allow the incumbent director whose directorship would have been voted on to hold over only until the next member meeting at which a quorum is present.

Director petitions must be filed at our temporary business office between March 30 and April 13, 2026.

# Super Bowl Winner

Jen Little was the winner of our Super Bowl giveaway and won a \$150 grocery gift card.

Congratulations Jen! Find us on Facebook to keep up to date on upcoming promotions.



## Managed Wi-Fi CommandIQ Features

NVC CommandIQ delivers everything you need to control your entire home Wi-Fi experience. It's like a remote control for your Wi-Fi! The simple, intuitive design of the app puts the information you need at your fingertips to set your network priorities for performance and security for every device, application, room, and family member.

Within the CommandIQ app are additional features that provide additional management and security.

### ProtectIQ

ProtectIQ protects connected devices from cyberattacks and malware, including viruses and ransomware. It neutralizes these threats and prevents them from ever reaching the connected devices in the subscriber's network.

### ExperiencIQ

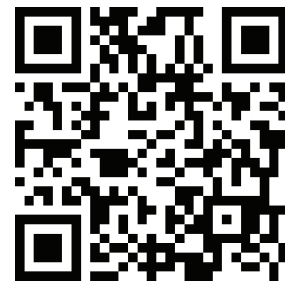
ExperiencIQ allows subscribers to easily create online rules for the users and devices in their

home networks. It prioritizes the applications and devices that access Wi-Fi, protects children from inappropriate content, and sets time limits for them.

### My PrioritiesIQ

My PrioritiesIQ enables you to easily manage and prioritize Wi-Fi traffic for your connected devices by creating customized, high-priority profiles for work-from-home scenarios or streaming and setting limits for example, for children's screen time.

Download the CommandIQ app in the Apple Store or Google Play, or use the QR code here.



## Relay South Dakota

Relay SD is a service that provides telephone access for people with speech or hearing loss who find it challenging to use a traditional telephone. Relay SD makes it possible for deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled people to communicate over the phone.

Relay SD offers amplified and captioned phones

for those who have trouble hearing details of phone conversations.

They also offer other solutions such as Text Telephone (TTY), Voice Carry-Over (VCO), and Hearing Carry-Over (HCO). Spanish Relay and Internet-Based Relay services are also available.

Call 1-877-866-8950 or go to [relaysd.com](http://relaysd.com) for more on all the options they provide and to apply for services.

## New Members

Gunther Karen

Frederick

605-329-2243

Raba Brent

Columbia

605-396-2520

## AAHS Sponsored Pet

As of printing deadline, our March Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet, Esteban, is still available for adoption.

Esteban, a tan-and-black, large mixed-breed male, is about a year old and full of energy and charm. Possibly a German Shepherd/Saint Bernard mix (just a guess!), Esteban is playful, active, and a little mischievous in the best way. He's good with other dogs (though a meet-and-greet is required), and would likely do well with children with some continued training and guidance. His experience with cats is unknown. If you're looking for a fun, energetic companion with lots of personality, Esteban might be your guy.

We donate \$250 to the AAHS if our sponsored pet is adopted during that month. Thank you to all

who shared our post on Facebook! The AAHS is full of amazing animals waiting to find homes. Visit [anewleashonlife.net](http://anewleashonlife.net) to find your new best friend!



*Looking for some easy money? Just refer a friend to NVC and you and your friend will each get a \$100 credit on your next bill! Just have them give us your name as the referrer.*

*That's \$100 you have to spend somewhere else. So get out there and tell your friends about NVC!*



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