

OUTLOOK



High School Channels

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In 2016, NDTC teamed up with Polar Communications, a telecommunications service company operating in Park River, ND, to provide the first of our three high school TV channels. “Knight Vision” is produced and run by Dakota Prairie students through both NDTC’s and Polar’s digital TV platform. Polar Communications has been delivering school channels across their TV platform for many years, and since the Dakota Prairie school district is physically divided between NDTC and Polar’s serving areas, both companies assisted the district in getting the channel off the ground.

In 2017, NDTC assisted Rugby Public Schools with the launch of “Panther Vision”. Most recently, we worked with Devils Lake Public Schools to launch “Firebird Vision”.

Each school district is responsible for all the content displayed on their video channel. Students enrolled in the Multimedia classes learn the different aspects of video planning, software and production, so they can broadcast school activities occurring on a day-to-day basis, including daily announcements, lunch menus, news programs, sporting events and more.

Knight Vision can be seen on NDTC TV channel 470; Panther Vision channel 471; and Firebird Vision channel 472. Numerous other Polar Vision channels can also be seen on NDTC TV in areas where service is available.



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Small Business Spotlight

Would you like us to feature your small business? Call us at 662.1100 and share how our services have benefited your business, and you may be selected for our Small Biz Spotlight!



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Office Hours

Mon. – Fri. 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Phone lines are open until 6 P.M.

Repair Center also available Sat. 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Payment Drop-Offs

- NDTC office in Devils Lake
- Ramsey Bank in Cando, Rugby, Esmond, Maddock, & two Devils Lake locations

To report trouble, call 662.1100.

If after hours, follow prompts for assistance.





3 Internet Hacks to Try

Instantly Check if a Site is Safe

1. Type the following into your browser: [google.com/safebrowsing/diagnostic?site=websitehere.com](https://www.google.com/safebrowsing/diagnostic?site=websitehere.com)
2. Change the green letters to the web address you're questioning
3. Get your own personal detective report back to see if it's safe or not

Slow Motion YouTube Videos

Simply press and hold the space bar while watching a video to slow its speed down. Excellent for everything from playing Where's Waldo to further slowing down those videos of dogs jumping in water.

Remote Facebook Logout

Left your Facebook account open somewhere? Before someone posts false yet hilarious anecdotes about you, logout remotely with another device. Navigate to 'Settings', then 'Security' and finally 'Where You're Logged In'. From here, close any open sessions.

NDTC Awards \$7,500 in Scholarships

We are pleased to announce the NDTC 2018 scholarship recipients. Each of these 10 outstanding high school seniors will be awarded a \$750 scholarship to attend the college of their choice this fall. NDTC's Scholarship Program serves our local communities by investing in the future of deserving youth in our area.

Consideration was given to high school seniors planning to attend a post-secondary school, and whose parents or guardians live within NDTC exchanges and are current subscribers to NDTC telecommunication services. NDTC congratulates all students in our community for their hard work. We wish you a future filled with success and happiness.



Hunter Sand

Dakota Prairie High School
Son of Scott
and Traci Sand



Marit Wang

Devils Lake High School
Daughter of James
and Kelly Wang



Bobbie Jo Kuntz

Drake-Anamoose
High School
Daughter of Dan Kuntz



Kevin Friedt

Harvey High School
Son of Mark Friedt
and Dawn Friedt



Lindsey English

Harvey High School
Daughter of James
and Donna English



Alexandria Heck

Leeds High School
Daughter of Randy
and Lisa Heck



Keringten Lee

Maddock High School
Daughter of Jason Lee
and Pamela Lee



Stephanie Miller

North Star High School
Daughter of Bradley
and Sherri Miller



Jacquelyn Blessum

Rugby High School
Daughter of Alan
and Karleen Blessum



Sage Bertsch

Warwick High School
Son of Amy Bertsch

Scholarship applications and information for the 2019 Scholarship Program will be available in December on our website; gondtc.com. Please encourage any high school seniors you know of to participate in this great opportunity.



8 Interesting Internet Facts

1. The WWW will be 30 years old in 2019
2. 3.2 billion people use the internet now
3. Nearly 5 billion videos are watched on YouTube daily
4. There are approximately 1.2 trillion Google searches per year
5. Over 30,000 websites are hacked daily
6. The first ever website still exists today, at info.cern.ch
7. Humans only account for 49% of all online traffic
8. At the top of Mt. Everest there is 3G service and internet

Notes from the General Manager



As I was writing this newsletter, our friendly neighbors in Minnesota and

South Dakota were experiencing a major snow storm. Roads were closed, airports were shut down, and three Minnesota Twins baseball games were cancelled. Hopefully by this time the gardens are growing, the crops are doing well, and we are all enjoying a great summer.

Earlier this year we were in the process of hooking up fiber to the homes/businesses in Hampden, Starkweather, Cando and Minnewaukan. We expect by the time you read this newsletter those areas should be completed and served by the new fiber. If that is not the case, or you are unsure about it, please give our office a call.

This spring the fiber construction will be in the areas of Oberon, Warwick, Ft. Totten, St. Michael, rural Sheyenne, and the towns of Fessenden, Drake and Anamoose. Once that work is completed we will begin hooking customers up to the fiber, which will start in the December/January timeframe. When this year's construction is complete, it is exciting to say, all of NDTC's customers will be served by state-of-the-art fiber communications. This is an astounding achievement, which required many years of dedication, planning and building. Thank you for your patience as we near the end of this vast endeavor.

We appreciate the privilege of being your communications provider now and in the future. I hope you all have a great summer.

Dave Dircks

WIN \$25 CREDIT

from NDTC

Return this completed coupon to NDTC to be eligible for the next drawing. Congratulations to **Ralph Olson of Maddock!** He was the winner of the credit from the Spring newsletter issue.

Name _____

Number _____

#5 down from crossword puzzle

Fun Facts

- There are roughly 150 million telephone lines in the world, a number that increases by thousands daily.
- The name Google was created accidentally. A spelling error was made by the original founders, who were under the impression they were going for Googol.
- More people own a mobile phone than a toothbrush.

Cyber Security Tips for the Whole Family

From learning new things and connecting with people to watching kitten videos and playing those addictively fun games, we all use the internet for different reasons.

While we can agree it's pretty amazing, the internet also presents threats. Stay safe with these four quick tips:

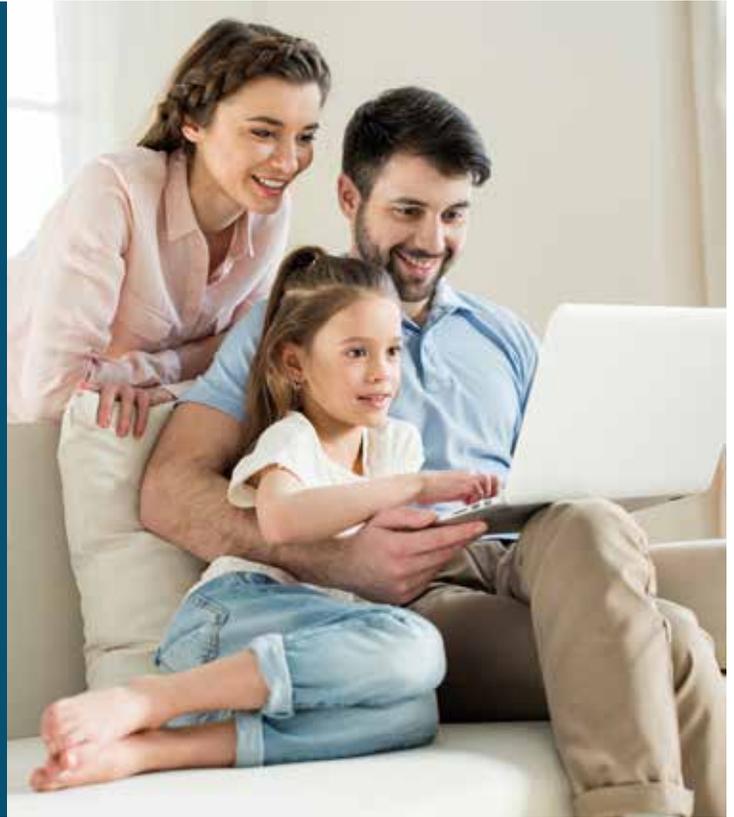
Update firmware on your computer to keep out viruses, spyware and other threats.

Don't share personal info with any sources that are not 100% trusted.

Never open questionable links from emails or other content from unknown sources.

Update passwords often, and make them complicated.

Keep yourself and your loved ones protected from cyber threats with these tips and more at gondtc.com.



How to Keep a Strong Wi-Fi Signal

You deserve the best internet connection possible. If your home is full of Wi-Fi connected devices, you can experience dropped signals and an overall bogged-down network, resulting in slower internet. Other times, the router itself can be the issue, from its location to its age.

Some things you can do to try remedy poor connections are:

- Update firmware
- Change router channel
- Password-protect your Wi-Fi
- Put router in a central location
- Replace old routers
- Turn off Wi-Fi on devices not in use

If you've tried some of these and still experience connectivity issues, an excellent option is Managed Wi-Fi – our \$3.95/month service that offers a mega boost for your internet signal and eliminates the need to update or replace routers.

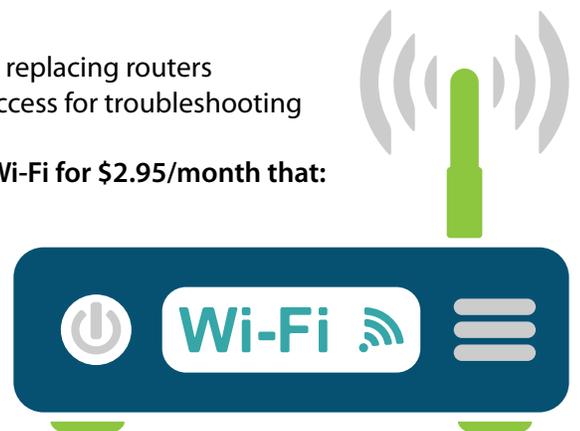
Experience with Managed Wi-Fi:

- Strong wireless signals
- No hassles with upgrading or replacing routers
- No upfront wireless router costs
- NDTC Support with remote access for troubleshooting

You can also choose to add an additional Mesh-Enhanced Managed Wi-Fi for \$2.95/month that:

- Complements Managed Wi-Fi by enabling the equipment signal to cover a larger area.
- Enhances the operation of various video streaming, gaming and online apps used on different devices located throughout the home.

Learn more or sign up today at [662.1100](tel:662.1100).



Sonic Speed Internet

Imagine the possibilities when you have the fastest internet available. It gives you the ability to do everything you love on the internet, from downloading and gaming to streaming video and more – all at hyper speeds, for multiple devices.

Is your home filled with everyone from grandpa, who can't get enough streaming of his favorite show, to the little ones that love their online learning games? Our SonicGig internet speed is as good as it gets. This blazing speed allows simultaneous downloads, streaming, file transfers and more, so you can all do more of what you love.

Here are some examples of how our lightning-fast SonicGig internet could make your life easier:

Download Speed Comparison Chart

File Length & Type	Approx. File Size	Internet Speeds – in Mbps					
		10	30	50	100	200	1000 (1 Gig)
4-Minute Song	4 MB	3 sec.	1 sec.	1 sec.	.5 sec.	.3 sec.	.03 sec.
9-Hour Audiobook	110 MB	1.75 min.	34 sec.	18 sec.	9.25 sec.	4 sec.	1 sec.
45-Minute HD TV Show	600 MB	9.25 min.	3 min.	1.5 min.	50 sec.	25 sec.	5 sec.
2-Hour HD Movie	4.5 GB	1.25 hr.	24 min.	13 min.	4.5 min.	3.25 min.	42 sec.
Miscellaneous	10 GB	Forget it	Long Nap	38 min.	16 min.	7 min.	1.5 min.

Above times are approximate and based on download speeds working at full capacity.

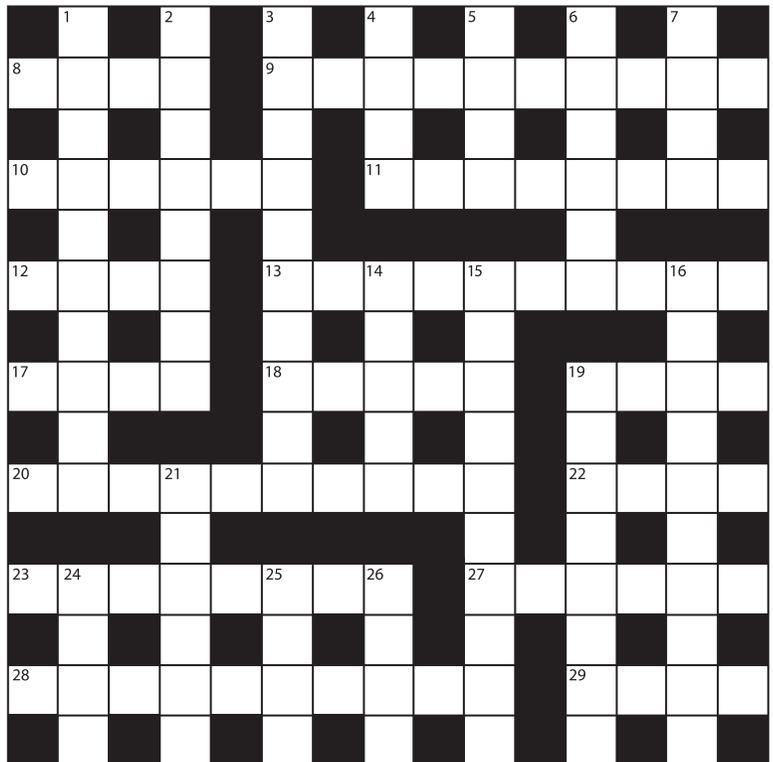
Interested in upgrading your internet? Give us a call today to get started with your super speed!

ACROSS

8. Abominable Snowman
9. Official examination
10. Dormant
11. Edible marine bivalves
12. Dad
13. Flight attendant
17. Perishes
18. Small terrestrial lizard
19. Autumn
20. Particularly
22. Constellation bear
23. Precarious
27. Not outside
28. Unglazed earthenware
29. Cut

DOWN

1. Stunt flying
2. Exhibits
3. A language of India
4. Demands
5. Plateau
6. Impassive
7. A type of liquid food
14. Electronic letters
15. Deductive
16. The end of an Apollo flight
19. Quartet
21. Whole
24. Require
25. Baroque composer
26. Dines





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