

# On the Road to a Fiber Network



A Monthly Newsletter for patrons of RC Technologies

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## Fiber Expanding to Summit, Wilmot, and Big Stone Lake Area

RC Technologies is on the road again, expanding its Fiber network. This year's focus is on the Summit, Wilmot, and Big Stone Lake area. The goal is, and always has been, to improve our broadband network to continue to provide customers with the best service experience possible with faster internet speeds via fiber optics.

Some may ask, "Why Fiber?" "What's so great about it?"

Fiber offers the most consistent and reliable internet. Fiber, like copper, is delivered through a direct, underground connection to the home, resistant to weather and interference. Fiber optic cable, which is made of glass, allows data to travel literally at the "speed of light" through the glass for the fastest transferring of data and video.

More reasons for fiber are, the copper lines are aging, becoming obsolete, and are needing replaced. The copper (telephone) lines were not designed to deliver the volume and capacity of the "digital traffic" of today's world.

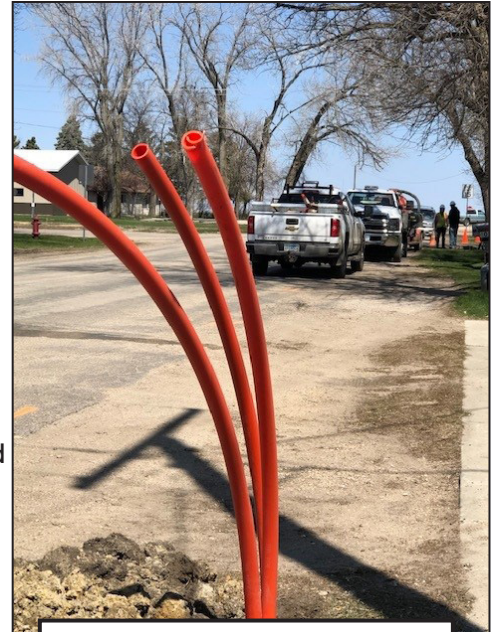
Another reason for fiber, customers with wireless internet know, wireless comes with its own set of challenges like speed limitations, "line of sight" problems, and interference issues, going to fiber eliminates all of that. So, if you are a RC wireless internet customer who has a chance to have fiber internet from *any* service provider, please consider doing so.

For businesses, large and small, and families in rural communities, the need for advanced broadband technology is real and urgent. An advanced broadband infrastructure is *just* as important as good highways, bridges, water, power, and other essential infrastructures. Advanced broadband technology via Fiber-to-the-Premise contributes to commerce in all industries, to businesses and their employees who may have to work from home to families, children to do their homework or who receive an education through an online class. Others may use broadband for their healthcare via telemedicine or online purchases for medicine, supplies, and other essential items, all done from computers, laptops, tablets, and smart phones.

We hear stories of people and families who have moved to a farmstead or to their "dream" rural location only to move away after a year or two, because the internet in the area was not sufficient enough for them to do their job and continue living here or operate their business from a location. Fiber would resolve that.

The large volume of "*digital traffic*" created from people working from home, streaming video, gaming, and online learning, is happening in households and businesses today. As that "traffic" continues to increase in the future, we need advanced communication infrastructure that can match the capacity, Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) or Fiber-to-the-Premise (FTTP) can handle it.

This will allow farmers, ranchers, businesses, healthcare networks, entrepreneurs, at-home workers, among others, the ability to operate at level of productivity that will not only sustain communities but encourage growth as well as allow a workforce to participate in the economy on multiple levels, growing small towns and rural communities and having a huge overall positive economic impact for everyone in the State of South Dakota.



RC contractors, Anderson Underground, have begun the fiber build-out in Wilmot.

## Ways to Pay Your RC Bill

Have peace of mind knowing if you forgot mail in your bill and it's due, there are a variety different ways to pay your RC bill and avoid a late charge.

### Pay by Phone

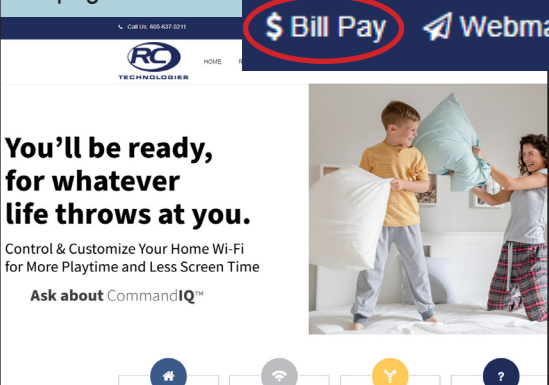
Give us a call at (605) 637-5211 to pay your bill over the phone. We will verify your identity, confirm your monthly bill amount and give you options on how to pay.

### Pay by Bank Draft (ACH)

You can sign up for automatic bank draft by using your bank routing and your checking account numbers. With this option, your monthly bill can be deducted from your bank account automatically.

### Online Bill Pay

1. Go to <https://www.tnics.com>
2. Look for **\$ Bill Pay** in the dark blue band across the top of RC Technologies' web page and click.



3. Underneath the Sign In, click on the **Don't have an account? Register here**
4. Enter the Invoice Number and the Amount Due from your most recent invoice.
5. Next, you would enter your email, create a username and password. Once registration has been completed, a confirmation email will be sent to you.

**If you need any assistance, call 637-5211, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a customer care consultant can assist you.**

RC would like to honor...

## Class of 2021

It's been challenging times and you did it! Congratulations!

## Moms and others

who have mothered someone  
Happy Mother's Day!

**The Brave Men & Women**  
who gave the ultimate sacrifice, we honor you!  
**Memorial Day 2021**

**In recognition of those brave men and women,  
RC Technologies offices will be closed  
on Monday, May 31st, Memorial Day.**

## Ways To \$ave Money

### 1. Disconnect Your Landline

Some people are still paying for two voice services: cell phone service and their home phone service. With changes in regulations, a home phone is no longer required with internet. Disconnecting your home phone is one way to save money. *Digital Voice*, an alternative voice service with unlimited long distance within the lower 48 states, may be an option.

### 2. Stream TV

Streaming TV can also save you money. All you need to stream is an internet connection, a streaming device or a Smart TV. Streaming devices, like an Amazon Fire Stick, Roku or Chromecast, can be purchased for under \$50 and found at many retailers.

Interested? Call RC Technologies at 637-5211, we will be happy to answer any questions for you. Services not available to all areas. Some restrictions may apply.





Your Source for All Thing RCTv

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## Enjoy FREE Preview of Game Show Network May through June



**Game Show Network (Channel 126 in Expanded)** is offering a **FREE Preview** to all RCTv subscribers, **starting May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.**

Game Show Network is the home of your favorite classic and engaging original game show programming. The first channel and only cable channel dedicated exclusively to game show genre, Game Show Network is your destination channel providing you with a daily dose of feel-good and family friendly programming with winning personalities, play from your arm chair entertainment and wall-to-wall fun. Here are few shows GSN's Free Preview has offer, tune in and enjoy!

### Get A Clue | Weekdays at 9:30 a.m.

**GET A CLUE** is a fast-paced, high energy clue game in which two teams compete to see who can successfully guess the most answer words before time runs out. In each round, teams will receive a list of answer words they get to play. The fun starts as the first player gives clues to the second player until they guess the correct word, then the second player gives clues to the third player, and so on, until the team either guesses all the words in the category or runs out of time. The team with the most points advances to the bonus round to play for \$10,000. They'll have 60 seconds to guess eight words but the entire team has to stay on their toes because the clue givers, and guessers, change randomly with every new word.



### CATCH 21 | Weekdays at 2 p.m.

In **CATCH 21**, dealing out larger-than-life playing cards, the host quizzes contestants with general-knowledge questions as they attempt to build the closest hand to 21. Part knowledge, part nerve, and part strategy, every correct answer is a chance to add a card and build a better hand or pass the card and "bust" the competition. In addition, every correct answer gives a player control of the deck and the option of "freezing" their hand to protect themselves from being "busted" later in the round. Putting a familiar twist on a classic game, players match wits and put victory on the line in every round with the turn of a card and the next correct answer. Hosted by Alfonso Riberino, who is best known for his role as the uptight cousin in "Prince of Bel-Air" and his many other supporting roles, like in "Silver Spoons" and his "Dancing with the Stars" appearance.



## America Says | Weeknights at 7 p.m.

**AMERICA SAYS** is a fast-paced studio game show where two teams of friends and family face off to guess America's responses to fill-in-the-blank survey questions covering every topic under the sun. They'll have to be quick when trying to think of what America says, as time is always ticking and the team with the most money banked after three rounds will head to a bonus round to see if they can win up to \$15,000.

Hosted by John Michael Higgins, he is recognized for his iconic roles in "Pitch Perfect", "The Break Up", and "Best In Show." **Answers: Revenge, Ice Cream, Gazpacho**



## ‘Lead Off’ May with This Twins Schedule

Saturday, May 1 at 1:10 p.m, Twins vs. Royals

Sunday, May 2 at 1:10 p.m. Twin vs. Royals

Monday, May 3, at 6:40 p.m. Twins vs. Rangers

Tuesday, May 4, at 6:40 p.m. Twins vs. Rangers

Wednesday, May 5, at 6:40 p.m. Twins vs. Rangers

Thursday, May 6, at 12:10 p.m. Twins vs. Rangers

Friday, May 7, at 6:10 p.m. Twins at Tigers

Saturday, May 8 at 3:10 p.m. Twins at Tigers

Sunday, May 9 at 12:10 p.m Twins at Tigers



### \*\*\*Programming Note\*\*\*

- With the Diamond Sports Group's recent purchase of FSN, Fox Sports North and Fox Sports North Plus, has been rebranded as **Bally Sports North** (Channel 28) and **Bally Sports North Plus** (Channel 30).
- WGN (Channel 112) is now **NewsNation**.