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Celebrating 7 Years of Fiber! New Effington, Claire City, Kranzburg

Wow. WHERE has the time gone? Many service areas are now celebrating **5, 6, and 7 years of fiber internet service.** Let's reflect back on what life was like before fiber.

Prior to 2019, RC Technologies' network had two systems: copper lines and wireless towers. Like many other internet providers throughout South Dakota and the U.S. since the mid/late 90s, Copper Digital Subscriber Lines were the primary method for households to access the Internet for the first time at 256K speeds. (Just a quarter of a megabyte! 5,859 times faster than 1.5 Gig, we offer today!) Over those 20-something years, the internet continued to evolve with greater complexity, higher pixelation, and more sophisticated video and it continues to evolve 30+ year later! The copper lines were not designed to meet the demands of modern technology and online activities, such as streaming, gaming, and working from home. A network upgrade to fiber would be required to match our 21st-century daily online needs. From 2018 through completion in 2019, RC Technologies began transitioning to fiber-optics in its first two copper line exchanges: **New Effington** and **Claire City**.

Wireless internet. We used to do it. Some of you experienced life with it. **Kranzburg** residents (as have rural Corona, Big Stone Lake, and rural Watertown residents) understood the struggle of wireless firsthand. Read a quote from November 2019 Issue of *The Communicator*. Wireless was the only option for internet, and it came with its own challenges: interference, a home's construction, weather, trees... frankly, being a point-to-point system.

After talking with the Kranzburg community and learning how limited wireless internet was, RC Technologies developed a plan to bring future-ready Fiber Internet with Wi-Fi to Kranzburg.

Celebrating 6 Years of Fiber! Peever and Veblen

In 2020, **Peever** and **Veblen** were the next exchanges on our list to transition from copper to fiber. Businesses and residents would soon benefit from RC fiber's ultra-fast Wi-Fi and Internet without lag. Little did we know the importance of having fiber internet during a major global event, a pandemic, as many households had entire families at home working remote and schooling online. Like many others, RC learned to work with precautions in place to get the job done and fiber to homes.

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

Congratulations!
Class of 2026

Honoring & Remembering

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25th

RC offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th
in observance of Memorial Day.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Celebrating 5 Years of Fiber! Wilmot, Summit, Big Stone Lake



In 2021, **Wilmot** and **Summit** exchanges and the start of the Big Stone Lake would be the projects next in RC's fiber deployment. Wilmot and Summit businesses and residents heard the difference fiber optic and new Wi-Fi 6 equipment (Now Wi-Fi 7, call for details) had made in neighboring communities and were excited and very anxious to get it!



Wilmot's Fiber Build-out 2021

You don't have to remind **Big Stone Lake** residents about the days of wireless internet, they remember. Wireless internet, no matter who provided it, was a struggle for lake residents due to the Big Stone Lake bowl-shaped topography. The solution: a worry-free direct fiber optic connection. Having fiber has been game changer. Fiber allows now them to receive weather updates during a storm from a TV without fear of losing signal, and a home phone in their kitchen for residents who get no or extremely limiting cell service. Not only was the fiber network's reliability a game-changer, but the equipment and packages with speeds up to 1.5 GIG were too—for town and lake businesses, professionals working remotely, families who enjoy gatherings, and retirees. RC Fiber Internet with Premium Wi-Fi has made life more enjoyable and worry-free, no matter what small, rural northeast South Dakota community you live or play in.



Big Stone Lake Resorts are Open! ☀️ 🎣 🚤

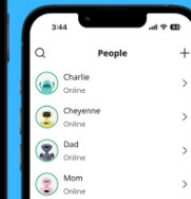
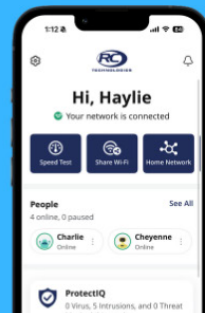
Hartford Beach: Now Open! Opening Day, Thursday, April 23

Schmidt's Landing: Now Open! Opening Day, Thursday, April 23

Shady Beach: Open 4-9p M-Th / 4-10p Fri / 11a-10p Sat / 10a-9p Sun

The Wharf: Open 4-10p Wed/Th / 4-12a Fri, 11a-2a Sat

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The Free Wi-Fi App, You're Gonna Want



In Streaming News



**The standalone Hulu app
will be unifying with
Disney+ app**

Owned by Disney, Hulu announced its standalone Hulu app will transition to Disney+ app. They have not announced a specific date in 2026 when this could be happening.

Hulu subscribers will then go to a dedicated spot on the Disney+ app, just like Pixar or Marvel. Nothing has been announced about Hulu + LIVE TV. We can imagine Hulu will email its subscribers or info on splashed on the homescreen of the app. Like everyone else, we are keeping our eyes and ears peeled for more information.

NEW DIRECTORY LISTING

CLAIRE CITY

Comets Corner

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Save the Date | Local Summer Events

July 4 - Happy 250th Birthday America
Kranzburg, SD July 4th Parade

10 - Summit's Fog (Bless America) Fest

17 - Big Stone Lake Boat Poker

24-26 - Wilmot's Harvest Fest

Aug 8 - Peever's 125th Birthday!

Got a summer event in our area? Email marketing@rcstechteam.com

