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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 having fiber internet**. Let's reflect back to what life was like before fiber.

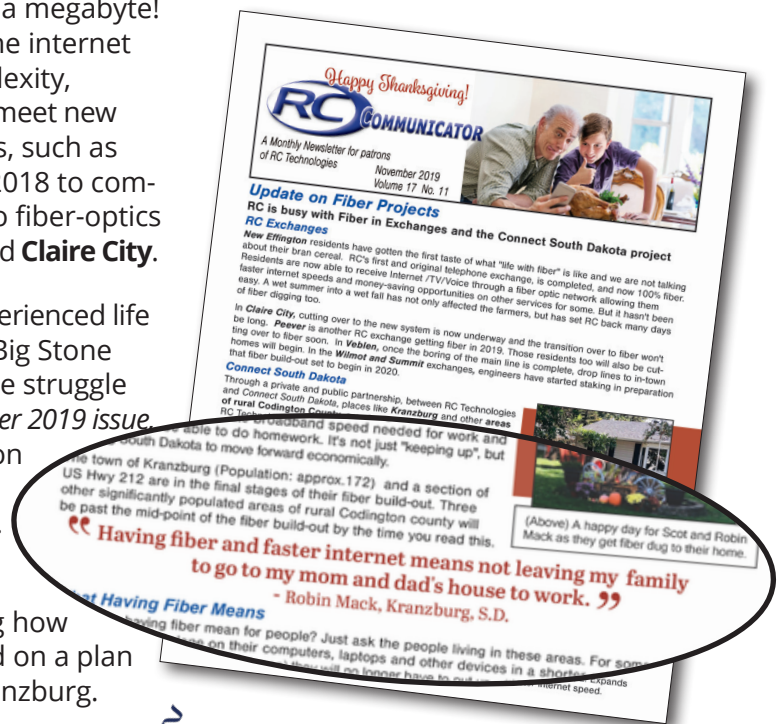
Prior to 2019, RC Technologies' network had two systems: copper line and wireless towers. Like many other internet providers throughout South Dakota and the U.S, copper digital subscriber lines had been around since the mid/late 90s, and were the delivery method households received Internet for the very first time! 256k speed! (Just a quarter of a megabyte! 5,859x faster than 1.5 Gig today!) In twenty years, the internet continued to evolve (and still does) with more complexity, pixelation, and video. The copper wasn't designed to meet new demands of modern technology and online activities, such as streaming, gaming, and working from home. From 2018 to completion in 2019, RC Technologies began the transit 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 RC's *November 2019 issue Communicator* newsletter. 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.

Talking with the Kranzburg community and learning how limiting wireless internet was, RC Technologies worked on 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 all at once. Like many others, RC learned to work with precautions to get the job done and fiber to homes.



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 next projects 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's bowl-shaped topography. The solution: a worry-free direct fiber-optic connection. This has been a game changer. Fiber now allows 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. It was not only the dependability of RC's fiber network, but equipment and packages too, with speeds of upto 1.5 GIG whether it's a lake business, a professional working remotely from the lake, a large family who enjoy gatherings, or a retiree. The fiber internet and wi-fi has made life more enjoyable and worry-free, no matter what small, rural South Dakota community you live (or play) in.



Big Stone Lake Resorts are Open! ☀️ 🎣 🚤

Hartford Beach: Opening Day, Friday, May 1st

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

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

Sodak Shores: Open 5-9p Tuesday- Sunday

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

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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 will be splashed on the homescreen of the app. Like everyone else, we are keeping our eyes and ears peeled for more information.

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Save the Date | Local Summer Events

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

10-12 - 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@rcctechteam.com

