

# THE NETWORK

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## ANNUAL MEETING

JVT's Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, June 7. Many great prizes were given away including gift cards, smart watches, and two Samsung Galaxy S9s!

Pictured on the right are the JVT credit winners. L to R: James Groft, CEO, Rose Hoellein - \$100 credit, Marilyn Clocksene - \$100 credit, Maralyn & Ron Hoops - \$250 credit, Randy Zimmerman - \$250 credit, Dakota Press/Kathy Sundermeyer - \$500 credit.



Below are a few pictures from the day including members of Groton Rec Soccer, who were presented with a check for providing daycare during the meeting.



## JVT SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who participated in our Blood Drive – it was a great success! Fifty-three people registered to donate and 39 were able to give. Seven gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine which collects two units of red blood cells during the donation, so a total of 44 products were collected.

All participants (whether they were able to donate or not) registered

to win a \$100 credit on their JVT account. Congrats to Larry Schnaidt who was our winner! Pictured is Communications Technician Randy Lord.



## JVT/NVC BOARD GOVERNANCE

James Valley Telecommunications and Northern Valley Communications recently approved the new board governance for the upcoming year. They are listed below.

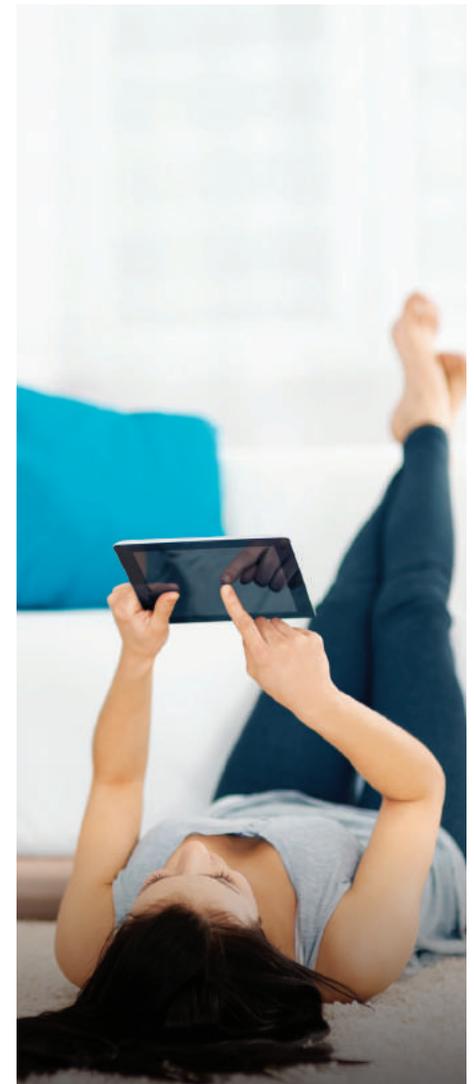
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## GRAND GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Cory and Theresa Backous who won a \$200 Aberdeen Parks & Recreation gift card in our Grand Giveaway!

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

Theresa is pictured with CSR Brittany Cooper.



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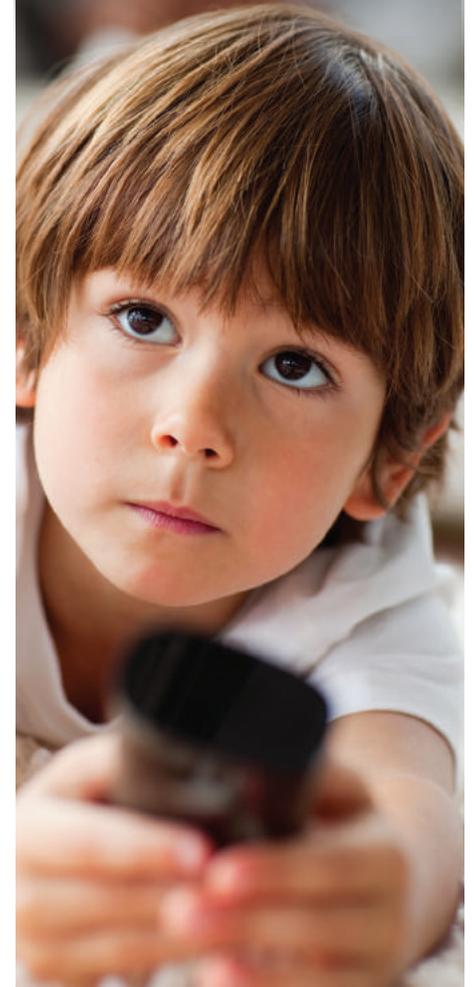
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## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ESSAY

*Faith Crissman, daughter of Wanda & Corey Freudenthal*

**“How would your life change if you had to live without your cell phone or internet for one month?”**

The internet is one of the most important inventions ever created in the modern world. Evidence of the globalization of the virtual world can be found in almost every home. It is difficult to even imagine how life would be in the absence of the internet. The internet provides countless sources of information for keeping in touch with distant relatives and even for basic tasks we do every day such as checking the weather. Our phones give us the ability to connect with people all around the world and opens our eyes to a world outside our own. The internet makes the world smaller by bringing people together in a fraction of a second compared to the many days it takes to write and receive a handwritten letter. Email is one of the greatest communication tools today. It is a great way for me to keep in touch with family and friends I have not seen in a long time.

There is a huge amount of essential information on the internet for just about every subject known to man.



One click on search engines like Google and Yahoo will bring you to the four corners of the world. It would take hours upon hours to find that same information at a library, the internet simply compiles all that information and makes it readily available all in one place. Billions of people are benefited from the internet for work, entertainment, and even education. Many classes have begun to incorporate the internet into the curriculum because of the many benefits it brings. My school life would be very different without the internet.

Concisely, people are used to living with the internet and, therefore, life without it would take some adapting. Communicating with friends and family across the United States would consist of writing letters, and researching for a school project would mean hours spent in the library. On the bright side, life without internet would strengthen face-to-face communication skills. I believe the internet was created for a reason. It was a huge step in the right direction and life without it would be difficult. Internet use does have its downsides, but the advantages definitely outweigh the disadvantages. I cannot say my life would change for the worse without the internet, but I can say with confidence that certain activities I do every day would not be possible without it. For that reason, I think that the internet is a tool that, in moderation, is a huge benefit in my life.