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Getting the newsletter in your mailbox is great, but why not get it in your inbox!

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JVT SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

James Valley Telecommunications will be coordinating a blood drive again this year. Come to the Groton Community Center June 25 to help save lives.

Contact Stacy Oliver at 397-2323(JVT) 397-8217 (home) to sign up or go online at www.bloodhero.com. The sponsor code is Groton.

All who donate will be entered into

a drawing for a \$100 credit on their account!

Donors are required to be wearing a mask of any kind when they arrive to donate and keep it on for the duration of their appointment. Staff will also be wearing masks.

Groton Community Blood Drive

Thursday, June 25

12:15pm - 6:00pm

Groton Community Center

GRAND GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Orville West, Roger & Joann Weifenbach, Gerald & Betty Wandry, Judy Bell, Laverne Bierman, Elenora Heilman, Brandon & Terri Fites, Dale & Linda Mork, Jake Wurtz and David & Bonnie Bourassa. They all won a \$50

credit on their account 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!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The JVT office will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day. Happy 4th of July!



WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS

According to weather.gov/safety/lightning, each year in the United States more than 400 people are struck by lightning. Lightning kills an average of 47 people in the United States each year, and hundreds more are severely injured. Most of these tragedies can be avoided with a few simple precautions. When thunderstorms threaten, get to a safe place. Lightning safety is an inconvenience that can save your life.

In addition to protecting yourself by staying inside during storms, it is also imperative to protect your equipment from lightning strikes. Computers, monitors, routers, printers, televisions, electronic telephones, cable TV boxes, and any other electronic items made with delicate components are potentially in danger.

Lightning can enter your home through three paths: 1) Electrical wiring from power lines that feed

your house, 2) Data wiring used for telephone, DSL, and cable services, 3) Directly through the atmosphere.

While there are no guarantees, there are steps you can take to minimize the chance of your equipment being damaged during a storm. All equipment should have adequate, high-quality surge suppression and/or battery backup power to protect from damage caused by a potential lightning surge. However, the best guarantee for protecting your equipment is to simply unplug it before severe storms arrive. If you will be away from home during the thunderstorm season, unplug your equipment before you leave.

For more information about lightning and its potentially harmful effects, visit the website mentioned above or lightningsafety.com.

Hub City Radio Mobile Alerts are a great way to get weather updates via text message. You can get alerts by county as well as a daily forecast. Visit hubcityradio.com to sign up.

FREE PUBLIC WIFI

We are offering free public WiFi locations to assist those without Internet access. The free WiFi locations are accessible from our parking lots so those using it can access it from the safety of their vehicle.

NVC Corporate – 2211 8th Ave NE, Ste 1101, Aberdeen

NVC – 3307 7th Ave SE Suite 102, Aberdeen

NVC – 1316 E 7th Ave, Redfield

JVT – 234 E 1st Ave, Groton

The NVC/JVT public WiFi access locations are available 24x7.

ANNUAL MEETING

We continue to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation in regard to our postponed annual meeting.

We don't have an update at this time but continue to watch future newsletters for more information.

NEW MEMBERS

Powers Dale

Groton

397-2222

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CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Summer construction season is upon us, so remember to call SD One-Call before doing any digging for construction or home improvement projects. SD One-Call will help determine if there are any buried utility lines in your yard. The call is

free and there is no charge for the utilities to locate their facilities. By calling SD One-Call at least 48 hours before you dig, you can avoid costly bills that may be charged to you if facilities are cut. Calls to SD One-Call are answered 24 hours a day.

Below is the information you will need to have on hand when you call.

South Dakota One-Call - 811

Required Ticket Information

Excavator (Company or Homeowner) _____

Phone _____

Caller Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Alternate Contact _____ Phone _____

Best Time To Contact _____

Work To Begin Date _____ Time _____

Explosives (Y/N) _____ Tunneling or Boring (Y/N) _____ Inside City Limits (Y/N) _____

Depth of Excavation _____ Duration of Excavation _____

Type of Work _____

Work Being Done For _____

County _____

Excavation Address _____

Nearest Cross Street _____

Excavating in ROW (Y/N) _____

Description of the Excavation Site (Marking Instructions) _____

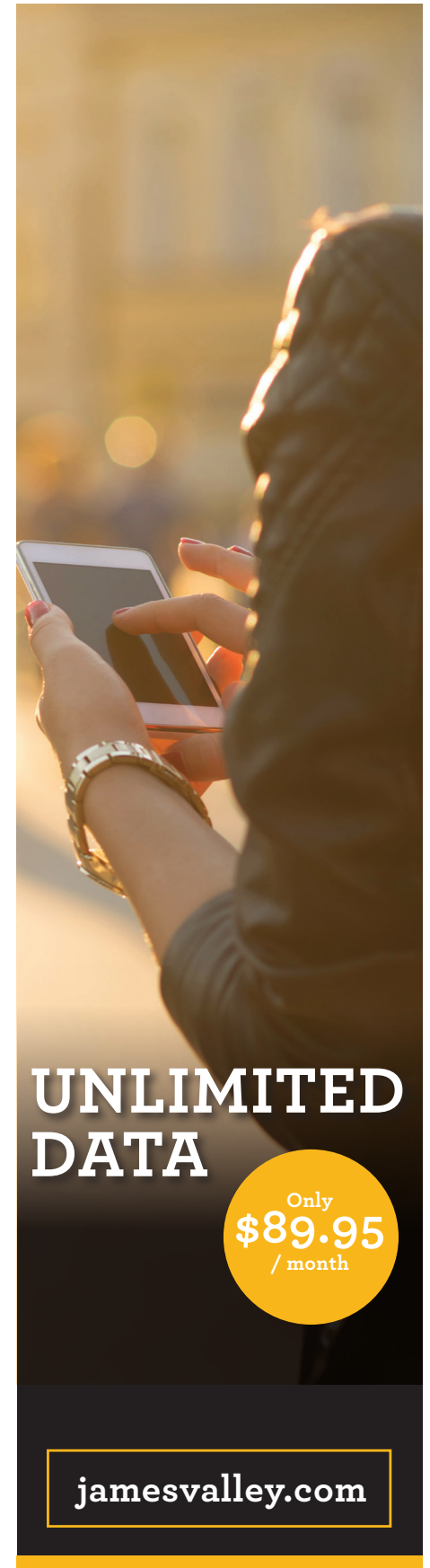
Remarks (includes driving instructions on rural tickets w/o street addresses) _____

Rural tickets might require this information if a specific rural address is not provided by the excavator:

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates _____ or

Township _____ Range _____ Section/Quarter _____

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ESSAY

Kayla Jensen, daughter of Lynn & Robin Jensen

“What does it mean to be a good student in the classroom, as part of a team or organization, and in your community?”

While growing up in Groton, South Dakota, many important qualities have been installed in me, such as teamwork skills, good citizenship, and a love for education. Small-town life offers many opportunities to learn and grow as an individual. The values instilled within us will be used throughout life. Therefore, we can ask this question: what does it really mean to be a good student, team member, and community servant?

First, it is essential to learn the meaning of being a good student. Being a good student takes a hardworking, ambitious spirit – good grades come from effort. Good students are different because of their attitude, achievements, and the ability to ask intellectual questions and get engaged in what they are learning. Being a good student means actively participating in school activities. Lastly, it is important to have a love for acquiring knowledge. My teachers have helped foster my passion for learning, and that is why I want to become one.



Next, the infamous phrase “team player” is one of the biggest buzzwords in employment. In nine out of ten job descriptions, there is a requirement of being a team player. I have been a part of many different types of teams, all of which require collaboration and teamwork. Teams triumph in their wins, but that should not be the only goal – it should be supporting one another no matter what. Being a member of a team teaches empathy, trust, loyalty, and confidence. These skills can be applied to the rest of my life.

Much too often, community service is seen as a chore – “hours I need for a scholarship and to graduate.” For me, serving my community is fun and rewarding. Volunteering with the Special Olympics has been one of the most impactful experiences I’ve ever had. Community service is not just voting or picking up trash in the park. It means making people smile and establishing yourself as a friend for others. Through community service I have come to realize how much my kindness, even something as small as a smile, can mean to someone.

In conclusion, I believe it is very important to become a well-rounded individual through school, activities, and community service. By being a good student, team member, and community servant, I have learned many lessons and qualities for myself that will serve me well in the future.