

THE NETWORK

Vol. 4 No. 8 – AUGUST 2020

**JAMES
VALLEY**
* TELECOMMUNICATIONS *

OFFICE INFORMATION

234 E 1st Ave
PO Box 260
Groton, SD 57445

(605) 397-2323

OFFICE HOURS:
Mon.- Fri. 8am- 5pm

jamesvalley.com

GET OUR E-NEWSLETTER

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

**Sign up for NVC's monthly
eNewsletter at NVC.net.**

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay in touch with NVC,
check us out on Facebook
and Twitter!

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF 2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the Board of Directors, pursuant to the authority provided in the Bylaws, have determined it is in the best interest and health of the co-op's members and staff, to postpone the 2020 Annual Meeting. A new date for the Annual Meeting has not

been set but it is the present intention of the Board to hold the meeting sometime in 2021.

Postponement of the Annual Meeting does not affect the validity of any action taken by the co-op and, pursuant to the Bylaws, the current directors and officers will continue to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

The 2019 Annual Report will be mailed out this month.

GRAND GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Ty & Bridget Edwards, who won a JBL Pulse 4 Portable Bluetooth Speaker and 3 months of free internet in our Grand Giveaway! Bridget is pictured.

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

*Our offices will be closed on Monday, September 7.
Have a great Labor Day weekend!*

DOCUMENTARIES TO WATCH

Documentaries and docuseries have been huge in the last year, and there are some fun, educational options available for you to view. Below is a short list to check out. There are so many more!

You may have already watched every minute of *The Last Dance* when it premiered on ESPN in April. You can still catch all 10 episodes of the Chicago Bulls 1997-1998 championship season on Netflix.

Down to Earth with Zac Efron premiered on Netflix July 10 to rave reviews. The series follows Efron and wellness expert Darin Olien around the world to find healthy, sustainable ways to live.

Amazon's *All or Nothing* is a sports-documentary series that follows a different team each season highlighting the struggles and triumphs of each franchise.

Netflix's *Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution* is the story of Camp Jened, a summer camp for teens with disabilities in the early '70s. It

highlights the need for the disability rights movement in the US.

If you're a music and hip hop lover, you may appreciate *The Beastie Boys Story*. It's a documentary/concert film/two-man play available on Netflix.

Night on Earth on Netflix is a lot like *Planet Earth* but with the lights turned off. The entire series isn't in the dark, as it shows some daytime behavior before shifting to night.

In 1991, a group of eight people sealed themselves inside a giant dome in Oracle, Arizona, where they attempted to live in complete isolation for two years. The filming of the experience has turned into *Spaceship Earth* and is available on Hulu.

Although *Hamilton*, which premiered on Disney Plus on July 3, isn't technically a documentary, it should be mentioned since it drove up Disney Plus downloads 74% over its opening weekend according to *Variety*. If you haven't seen the play in person, the "movie," which was recorded live on stage in New York in 2016, is said to be very close.

STARZ PROMO

Call JVT before August 31 to add Starz for \$5.99/month for 3 months. That's 3 months of enjoying original series and blockbuster movies for only \$5.99/month!

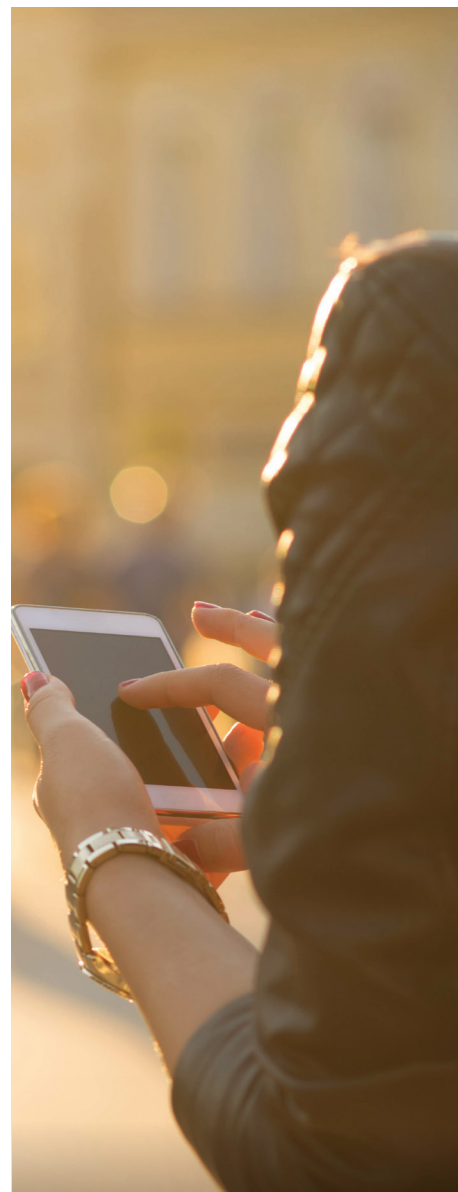
Offer for new Starz customers that have not subscribed in the previous 12 months.

STARZ

NEW MEMBERS

Dacotah Bank	Groton	397-2711
Dacotah Bank	Langford	493-6474
Kampa Chad & Katie	Groton	397-4868

THE NETWORK



**UNLIMITED
DATA
for a
family
of 4**

just
**\$50/
phone**

jamesvalley.com

**JAMES
VALLEY**
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ADOPT A PET

Nirvana, or Vana for short, is available for adoption at the Aberdeen Area Humane Society and her adoption fees are sponsored by JVT. She is a four-year-old domestic short hair.

If interested, please call the AAHS (605-226-1200) to schedule an appointment to meet Nirvana!



USING TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

When it comes to protecting your family, there's so much technology out there it can be overwhelming. We looked to expert websites like komando.com and cnet.com to see what they recommend.

Life360 is an app that keeps you in the know about your family through your smartphone. It features 24/7 roadside assistance, stolen phone coverage, and driver safety alerts.

There is a free version as well as three paid levels. The paid levels add up to 30 days of location history, SOS help alerts, family driving summary, crime reports, and ID theft protection. If you've got security concerns about a location-tracking app, don't. Life360 has never had a data breach.

To go one step further, bSafe is an app where you can tap the SOS button to send an alarm straight to your emergency contacts with your location. Audio and video will automatically be recorded and sent straight to them. You can also set a timer to notify someone when you have successfully arrived somewhere to give them peace of mind.

The number of options for DIY home security have blown up in the last few years. You've probably heard of Ring and Nest but may not know which is best.

Video doorbells have gained in popularity and are a great option for someone who would like extra security without adding an entire system. Next, you'll find two options and differences between the two.

Ring's latest video doorbell features two-way talk, customizable motion zones, infrared night vision. If you subscribe to a Ring protect plan, you also get pre-roll, which lets you view the six seconds before motion is triggered.

Google Nest Hello is hardwired only, so there's no battery option like Ring. It does offer continuous cloud recording with their Nest Aware service. You can also use photos to create a database of regular visitors.

One thing to consider when looking at smarthome cameras or doorbells is if your current internet bandwidth is enough to cover all your internet devices. Many people forget about all the things they have using an internet connection. Use our bandwidth calculator on our website to check yours. It can be found under internet on our website.

Cloud DVR

FREE
for 3 months

jamesvalley.com



jamesvalley.com

ADD HIGH SPEED INTERNET FROM JVT NOW!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ESSAY

Ashley Gustafson, daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Gustafson

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

Being a good student in the classroom, as part of a team, or in your community means saying “yes” to the people and opportunities around you: it requires participation. In order to effectively participate, three important attributes that a student must portray are discipline, communication skills, and passion. Self-discipline can also be described as efficient responsibility. What I mean by this is that to be a good student, you must be able and apt to complete your tasks on time, in an organized fashion, and with accountability for potential mistakes.

If the people around you consider you to be an unreliable source for information or action, the participation you are contributing is not as advantageous to your school, team, or community. Additionally, if you are an ineffective communicator, the potential contribution you bring to

the table may be limited. The ability to convey a confident and positive voice when deliberating among your peers is extremely valuable. It requires a lot of courage to be able to express what is on your mind and stand strong in what you believe in. Likewise, it takes a lot of self-control to speak your mind in a calm and considerate manner.

Even though being a proficient speaker is an important life skill to adopt, speaking is only half of communication. It is just as important to be a focused, attentive, and open-minded listener. Listening promotes cooperation and tolerance; both of which are vital to group settings (not to mention life in general). It is imperative that you try to understand the ideas and feelings of the individuals around you in order to keep environments harmonious. That being said, what would the point of any of this be if you were not passionate about what you are doing? You must go about your choices and activities in a deliberate, confident manner that aligns with your ambitions. Happiness and passion go hand in hand. The ability to spread confidence and positivity among those around

you is just as valuable as book smarts and leadership skills. If you are able to contribute to your school, team, and community with discipline, communication, and passion, you are a good student.

