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SCHOLARSHIPS

2021 BOB PETERSON MEMORIAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

James Valley Telecommunications will be awarding three \$2,000 scholarships this school year to area seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative.

Scholarship applications have been forwarded to the guidance counselors at area schools. Applications are also available online at www.jamesvalley.com.

The deadline for returning an application to the James Valley Telecommunication's office is February 26, 2021. All

applications must be received in the office by that date to be considered.

Seniors must be attending an accredited college, university or vocational school in South Dakota in the fall of 2021. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. As part of the application process, all applicants must submit a short essay of 400 words or less on the topic, "How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected learning during your senior year?"

JVT members can also apply for the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) scholarship. Requirements and application instructions are available at frs.org starting January 1, 2021.

CUSTOMER LOYALTY DISCOUNT

We're so thankful for our long-time customers and want to thank you for your years of continued business. If you've been a customer for 5 years or more, you

may be eligible for our customer loyalty discount of 10% off all your monthly recurring services!

Contact us to hear more about our loyalty discount.

Discount for residential customers only, restrictions apply.

GRAND GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Mike Crady, who won a \$50 Hulu gift card, \$50 Netflix gift card, \$30 Dominos gift card and three months of FREE Internet 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!



WORLD KINDNESS DAY

In honor of World Kindness Day, we wanted to spread a little kindness to the Aberdeen Area Humane Society by donating some needed items.

Sales Representative Brent Hanson is pictured with one of the kittens there.

If you're looking to adopt or a great place to donate, contact the Aberdeen Area Humane Society.



CABLE TV UPDATES

We recently added the Cowboy Channel to our Expanded View lineup on channel 163.



The Cowboy Channel is the official network of ProRodeo and the first

24-hour television network totally dedicated to western sports and the western lifestyle.

Programming highlights include *RanchHer*, a show that profiles women in the ranching industry; *Gentle Giants*, which explores the world of draft horses; and *Western Trading Post*, all about buying, selling and trading Western and Native American Indian collectibles.

Call us today to add Cable TV!

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS

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Stover Al & Connie	Northville	887-3344

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our office will be closed Friday, December 25 and
Friday, January 1 to celebrate the holidays.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

VIRTUAL GATHERINGS

If you're like many families this holiday season, getting together in person may not be an option. Families everywhere are figuring out creative ways to spend time together.

One obvious way is to do something outdoors, but this is South Dakota and that may be pretty difficult come late December.

Celebrating virtually may seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be a challenge if you do some advance planning and possibly even practice.

One of the first things to think of is which platform you will use. Zoom, GoToMeeting, Facebook Messenger Rooms, Microsoft Teams, and Google Meet are just a few that someone in your group may be familiar enough with to lead.

Who will be the host is maybe the second thing to consider. Choosing someone who has experience with the platform is a good idea and may ease other members into the idea.

Meeting with other families at different times may be helpful also. Appetizers with two groups and

desserts with a few others can lessen the confusion of who is speaking.

There are also things you can watch together such as parades or sporting events instead of prepping or eating a meal. You can catch up while being entertained and create a more laid back feeling.

Other things to think of is to make sure everyone is aware of the mute button and its location, possible different backgrounds if desired, lighting checks to ensure it's not too dark or too bright, fully powered devices and camera placement.

Also, be aware if there is a time limit on the platform you use. Zoom lifted their 40-minute meeting time limit on November 26 in anticipation of Thanksgiving celebrations. As of print time we don't know if they will extend that through December, but it is worth looking into as the holidays get closer.

Kim Komando is an expert in all things technology, and her website (www.komando.com) is a great source for planning virtual gatherings.

Good luck and happy holidays!



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HOLIDAY MOVIES AND SPECIALS

For many, enjoying the holiday season includes watching a certain movie or taking in a holiday special. If that's you, you're in luck because we have some of the best upcoming movies and specials listed below.

December 11
Home Alone - Freeform
The Polar Express - AMC

December 12
Elf - AMC

December 13
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation - AMC
The Santa Claus - Freeform
Christmas Comes Twice - Hallmark

December 14
Home Alone 2 - Freeform
Lonestar Christmas - Lifetime

December 15
Scrooged - AMC

December 16
The Voice Holiday Celebration - NBC

December 18
Christmas on the Menu - Lifetime
Shrek the Halls - ABC

December 19
A Christmas Carousel Hallmark

December 20
The Sound of Music - ABC
I Love Lucy Christmas Special - CBS

December 21
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch Musical - NBC

December 23
Christmas at the Castle - Lifetime
December 24
It's a Wonderful Life - NBC
Frosty, Rudolph, & Santa Claus is Comin' to Town - Freeform

December 25
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas - NBC
A Christmas Story - TBS & TNT

December 31
NBC's New Year's Eve - NBC
Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest - ABC

January 1
Tournament of Rose Parade - NBC

Streaming services also have holiday programming, so don't forget to search those too. Happy Holidays!