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With the importance of fiber optic broadband ever increasing, JVT is determined to bring fiber to all of its members and customers. In 2020, JVT completed 114 miles of core fiber in the Turton and Doland rural areas. Most JVT communities now have fiber and those that don't will get it in the next two years. The city of Groton will start getting its fiber optic cable this spring as soon as the ground thaws. JVT also plans to plow hundreds more miles of fiber optic core in the Bristol and Conde rural areas in 2021.

NVC was awarded close to \$1.5 million in CARES Act funds for rural Redfield in 2020. NVC placed over 400 miles of core fiber this past year to over 400 homes and businesses.

Rita Fenner, of rural Redfield, was excited to get fiber but recently took on a new position within her company and faster internet was a requirement to get the job. NVC was able to get the fiber spliced and installed very quickly. She will now be able

to work from home 100% and enjoy the benefits of NVC fiber internet.

"Bringing fiber optic broadband to underserved areas is part of our overall mission, and it's something we feel is vital to the communities we serve," said NVC CEO James Groft. "Internet speed is even more important this year for business, school, personal connection and life in general."

Erick Marlow, a farmer in rural Redfield, is looking forward to using NVC broadband while farming his 6,000 acre crop farm. As farming becomes more digital and cloud based, the demands to have fast internet speed becomes crucial as each app or type of software needs to be able to talk to each other. Marlow has said uploading to the cloud while at home on his 500Mb fiber internet connection and then using that information later while in the field has been possible with his faster broadband connection.

We look forward to being able to provide fiber optic broadband service to all of our members and customers.

DAKOTA NEWS NOW

The 9pm Dakota News Now broadcast

that aired on The CW was moved to FOX channel 11 in January. Instead of 30 minutes, it's now a 60 minute broadcast.

GRAND GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Kyle and Christa Sultz, who won a Fitbit Versa 3 in our Grand Giveaway! Christa 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!



2021 BOB PETERSON MEMORIAL 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 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?"

SAMSUNG S21

Ready for a new phone? Samsung has you covered with the all new S21.

The S21 comes with Eye Comfort Shield to eliminate digital eye strain. It also sports Gorilla Glass for scratch and damage protection, 8K

Video, a more steady camera for capturing action, improved night mode, and Zoom Lock to keep your subject centered. Add in the new All-Day Intelligent Battery for proof that Samsung just keeps getting better!

Stop by our offices to check out all our cell phone inventory.

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parsonage	Groton	397-2006
Otten Andrew & Elizebeth	Mansfield	887-3277
Paulson Adrian	Andover	397-7754
Stearns Kwentin	Hecla	994-2237



STATE HS EVENTS TV COVERAGE

State Gymnastics: Friday - Saturday, February 12 - 13

- Special Events ch 151

State Wrestling: Thursday - Saturday, February 25 - 27

- all matches available at trackwrestling.com with the Championship matches televised live on SDPB ch 3

Check our Facebook page for updates.

COVID-19 SCAMS

Recently South Dakota residents were warned about scam calls asking for money or more information in order to receive the vaccine.

We were informed a few JVT members have received one of these calls and urge you to not give any personal or financial information out. The state will never ask you for payment details.

Scammers are also using robocalls to spread disinformation about Covid-19 and offering free test kits. Don't pick up calls from unknown numbers. Federal and local agencies will leave a message with any information they want. Unless you initiated the call, never give your credit card, banking, Social

Security, Medicare, or other personal information over the phone.

Also, keep an eye out for any suspicious emails. Email scams are one of the most basic weapons in a scammer's arsenal. They're easy ways to spread malicious links to phishing sites and malware, and they serve as the perfect vehicles for malicious attachments that can harm your computer.

Other ways to ensure safety are to keep your passwords and pin numbers in a safe place, and be very careful about how much personal information you share on social media sites. Scammers can use your information and pictures to create a fake identity or to target you with a scam. Keep your mobile devices and computers secure.

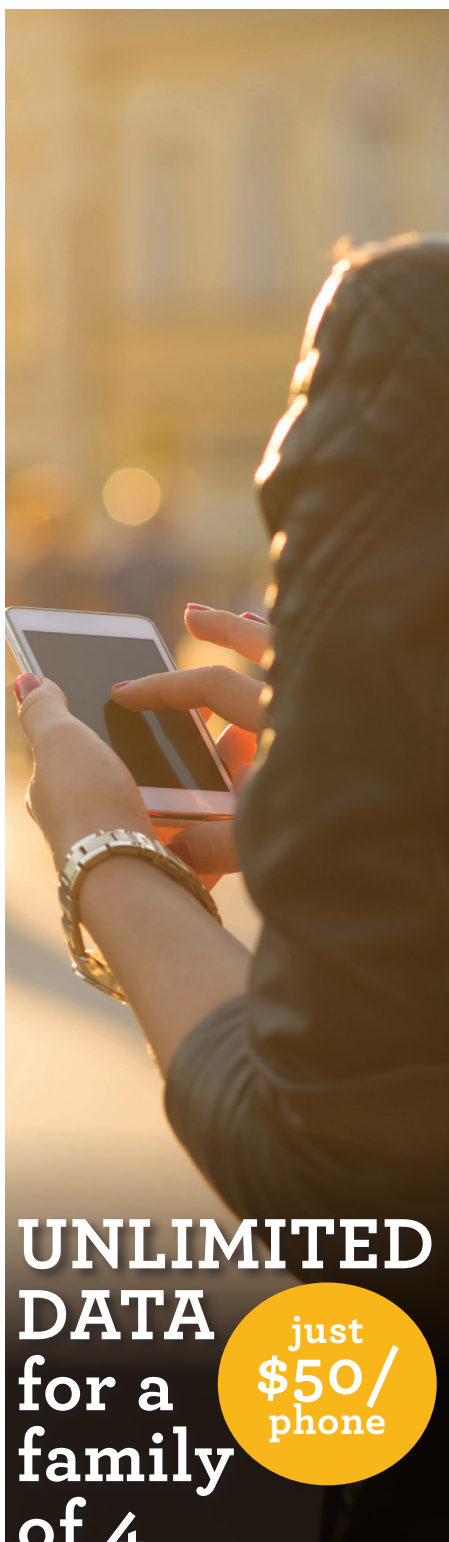
NATIONAL DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY

The federal government created the National Do-Not-Call Registry to make it easier and more efficient for you to stop getting most telemarketing sales calls you don't want. You can register online at www.donotcall.gov, if you have an active email address; or you can call toll-free 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236) from the number you wish to register.

Registration is free and will not expire. Your phone number, when

placed on the Do-Not-Call Registry, will remain there permanently. If you would like to remove your number from this list, you must call 1-888-382-1222 from the number you wish to delete.

If you receive telemarketing calls after you have registered your telephone number and it has been on the registry for 31 days, you can file a complaint at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236). You will have to know the company's name or phone number to file a "do-not-call" complaint.



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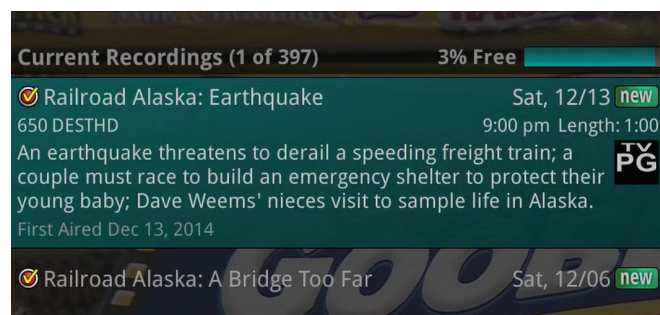
Are you running low on Cloud DVR storage and at risk of losing your favorite recorded shows?

To find out, simply press the LIST or DVR LIST button found under the POWER button on your remote. A green status bar representing the percentage of storage available will appear at the top of your screen. In

the image to the right you can see this user has only 3% free.

There's an easy fix to ensure you never lose your favorite game or cartoon your child loves.

Your storage can be increased with just a few clicks from us. In most cases, we can double your storage for just \$5 more per



month. **Call now and 3 months of additional storage is FREE!**

HBO MAX

HBO Max is now included with an HBO subscription! Cable TV customers that subscribe to HBO can stream HBO Max at no additional charge.

HBO Max offers traditional HBO

programming as well as original HBO Max programming and new feature films.

To start streaming, you must first set up an account at wtve.net using your JVT account number and selecting NVC as your provider from the drop down options.

Once logged in, select HBO Max from the menu and proceed to sign in to that site using your WTVE credentials. You can then set up an HBO Max account and add up to 4 additional users. If you have any questions or want to add HBO, please call us at 397-2323.