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NATIONAL PET DAY

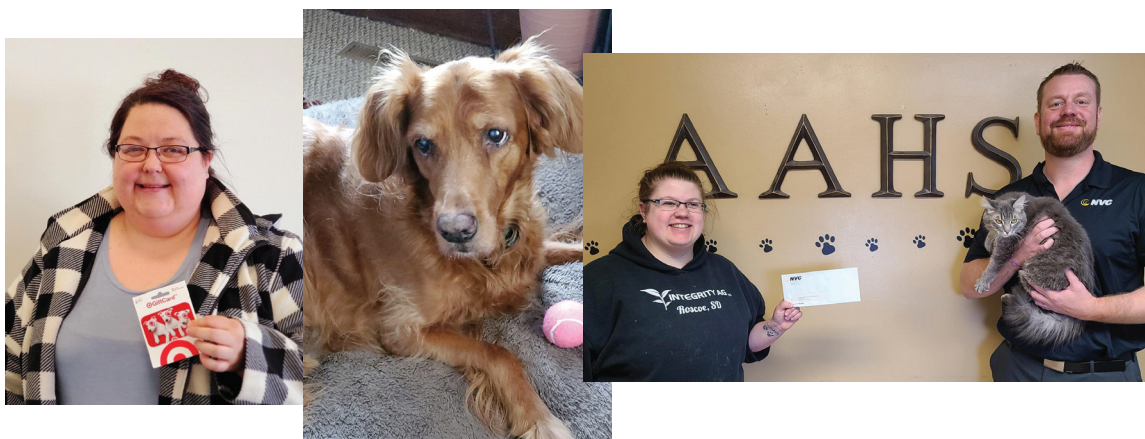
Congratulations to Sarah Breitag and her dog Sammy, both pictured. They won a \$50 Target Gift Card as part of our National Pet Day Facebook giveaway.

We also donated \$300 to the Aberdeen Area Humane Society on behalf of the giveaway in which many of you posted

pet selfies. Thank you to everyone who participated!

JVT's Brent Hanson is pictured with Shelter Manager Elaine Schaible and kitty Lewis, who is available for adoption.

Visit anewleashonlife.net or call 226-1200 to donate or inquire. The AAHS is requiring all visitors to call ahead.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The JVT offices will be closed Monday,
May 31. Happy Memorial Day!*



GRAND GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Jeff and Nancy Thaler, who won a \$250 Delta gift card in our Grand Giveaway! Nancy 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!



TEXTING 9-1-1

South Dakotans now have the option to text 911 when they're unable to make a 911 call.

The text, like a phone call, will be routed to a local dispatch center. The new texting option is part of the state's 9-1-1 Coordination Program.

Officials said texting should only be used when someone can't safely make a voice call, such as

in situations involving an active shooter, domestic violence or a home invasion. Texting to 911 can also be used by people who lose the ability to speak because of a medical crisis.

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety issued some guidelines, including first texting location and type of emergency. Photo or video texts cannot be received by dispatchers.

STATE TRACK & FIELD ON JVT

Saturday, May 29, 2021 -- Special Events ch 151

Check our Facebook page for updates.

NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS

Baule David	Andover	298-5226
Pederson J	Conde	382-5280
Remily Jackie	Brentford	887-3167
Roitsch Jerry	Bristol	492-7777
Roitsch Nola	Bristol	480-616-7482



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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ESSAY

*Brianna Duerre, daughter of Thad
and Vicki Duerre*

“How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected learning during your senior year?”

The Covid-19 pandemic affected learning during my senior year in several positive ways. As learning became “distant,” I came to appreciate and master technological services. I greatly appreciate my high-speed internet, especially at home. I have become more independent in using technology such as Zoom, college dual on-line courses and various educational apps.

Even though group activities have been limited my senior year, I have become much more proficient in being a leader in classroom activities.

Because of barriers, and masks, I have improved my speaking skills by being more articulate and projecting my voice. Because we wear masks, I have learned to use my hands and body language to show expression.

Overall, I believe I have become much more independent because of the pandemic and distant learning. I have had to rely on myself to research questions or problems that I have had. Because I do not always have



immediate access to a teacher, I have pushed myself as a student. I have relied heavily on the internet for research and have become much more proficient while searching and researching.

I believe the hardest part for high schoolers, including myself, has been limited social activities at times. I had become used to being with friends, in large groups, all the time. It was definitely a change to having no social activity for several months. As social activities started back up again, I believe I was grateful for any time I had with my friends. I would also have to agree that I love the time I was able to spend with my family. Yes, I missed all my activities, but it was really great to have two to three family meals a day together, to play games, and even cuddle up and watch movies with my family. I will always appreciate this time together, and have vowed to

understand the importance of this bonding time when I have a family!

There have definitely been difficult times during the pandemic, but there has always been a lot to learn

from the pandemic. I believe I am well prepared to attend Dakota Wesleyan University this fall because I have become much more independent. I am thankful to technology as I have worked through my senior year during the Covid-19 pandemic!

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District 2
Claremont - Hecla



MARK WATTIER
District 6
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ROGER ZASTROW
District 1
Houghton - Columbia
Frederick



BILL EWALT
District 4
Rural Groton - Andover



GARRETT RAHM
District 7
Doland - Turton

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

A total of five directors will be elected at the 2021 annual meeting, which is scheduled for August 5th, 2021 at the high school in Groton. Wendell Rye (District 2) and Mark Wattier (District 6) are up for re-election for 3-year terms.

Due to the postponement of the 2020 annual meeting and pursuant to the Bylaws, Roger Zastrow (District 1), Bill Ewalt (District 4) and Garrett Rahm (District 7) are up for re-election for 2-year terms.

Anyone interested in running for an open director position, in the district in which they reside, should file a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members also residing in that interested member's district.

The petition can be picked up anytime during business hours at JVT's office and must be returned and filed at JVT's business office between the hours of 8am-5pm no sooner than June 7 and no later than June 21.

At the annual meeting, members from each district in which a director is being elected will receive a ballot listing the names of all the candidates who have submitted valid petitions for that district. The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for each district will be elected.

Bylaw Section 4.3. Qualifications to be Nominated, to Become, or Remain

a Director. Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a director of the Cooperative who resides in the district from which the director is nominated and is not an employee of the Cooperative or in any way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or maintaining communications facilities. However, the Board may grant exceptions for "de minimis" competing enterprise. The director is expected to attend two-thirds or more of the regular meetings during each twelve-month period beginning with the month of the director's election.

Nothing in this Section shall affect, in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meetings of the Board.

Bylaw Section 4.4. Candidate Petitions. Any member who meets the qualifications of Section 4.3 and wishes to appear on the ballot for election as a director for the member's district, shall, not less than 45 nor more than 60 days preceding the day designated for the annual meeting, file during business hours at the business office of the Cooperative, a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members residing in such member's district. The petition shall be in a form approved by the board of directors. The signature of only one member of a joint membership may be counted among the valid signatures on a

petition, and any other signatures on the same petition by other members of the same joint membership shall be stricken.

Bylaw Section 4.5. Election of Directors. Elections of directors shall be by a separate printed ballot for the exclusive use of the members of each district in which a director is being elected. Each district's ballot shall list the name(s) of the candidate(s) who have submitted valid petitions, the order of which shall be determined by drawing of lots.

At the membership meeting considering the election of directors, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of all those who have submitted valid petitions.

The candidate from each district from which a director is being elected receiving the majority of votes cast for that office at such meeting shall be declared elected as a director. At least seven members from that district must cast votes at the membership meeting for the election of the director to be valid.

Failure of an election for a given year shall allow the incumbent director whose directorship would have been voted on to hold over only until the next member meeting at which a quorum is present.

Director petitions must be filed at JVT's office between June 7 and June 21, 2021.