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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

For LuAnn Steen, getting a job as a Customer Service Representative at James Valley was a little like coming home. Her dad, Casey Witlock, worked at JVT and was Outside Plant Supervisor when he retired after 30 years. LuAnn has been working at JVT/NVC for 21 years.

LuAnn graduated from Groton High School and Northern State University before marrying her husband Jeff. LuAnn and Jeff have twins Jennifer and Jordan and have a grandson named Henry. Her twins are the twelfth set in her family!

Giving back to her community is important to LuAnn and something she has done over the years while serving on the Groton Chamber of Commerce and Groton Area Fire & Protection Board. She also served as her church's alter society chairperson for several years. In her free time LuAnn loves to quilt and gives them as gifts.

Thank you
LuAnn for
being such
an incredible
employee!



GRAND GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Daryll and Deb Peckham, who won a \$200 Ken's SuperFair Foods gift card 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!



JVT SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who participated in our Blood Drive – it was a great success! Forty-four people registered to donate and 41 were able to give. Nine gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine which collects two units of red blood cells during the donation, so a total of 50 products were collected.

All participants (whether they were able to donate or not) were eligible to win a \$100 credit on their JVT account. Congrats to Korbin Blackmun, who was our winner!

Heidi Locke and JVT employee Jason Hill are pictured.



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HUMANE SOCIETY SPONSORED PET

We're so happy to announce that Lizzie, our sponsored pet for June, has been adopted! Lizzie was abandoned near a dumpster before first being taken to the pound and ultimately the Aberdeen Area Humane Society.

Because Lizzie was adopted before the end of the month, we will donate \$250 to the AAHS on her behalf. Watch our Facebook page for our next sponsored pet!

If you're interested in adopting a pet, call the AAHS at 226-1200 to schedule a time to visit.



NVC TENT AT BCF

Make sure to stop at the NVC tent during the Brown County Fair August 16-22. This year is the 85th year of the BCF!

The NVC tent will be located just southwest of the Home Arts Building and will feature various forms of entertainment.

Acts and artists like the stick horse rodeo, a hypnotist and henna tattoo artist and Apollo's Beacon, On the Run, and Rewinder will be featured.

Stay tuned to this newsletter and our Facebook page for more updates. Also, watch for the Brown County Fair program this month for a final schedule.



LIFELINE DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

Lifeline is a federal program that provides a monthly discount on home phone, cell phone or internet service to eligible low-income households. If you qualify, the Lifeline assistance program provides a \$9.25 credit on your monthly internet service

or a \$5.25 credit on your monthly home phone or cell phone service. Only one discount is available per household on either your home phone, cell phone or internet service. For more information or to determine eligibility, please visit the Lifeline National Verifier at www.checklifeline.org/lifeline



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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ESSAY

***Tessa Erdmann, daughter of Darrin
and Julie Erdmann***

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

My parents and I have been saving for my college education since before I was in elementary school. And, I have worked part-time during the school year and summer to save for college. However, with the struggling ag economy over recent years and with our family's income tied to agriculture, I will still need to rely on scholarship funds to help with my financial needs to make attending college a reality.

Growing up on a farm, raising and showing livestock, as well as participating in FFA and 4-H in my rural community have provided me a wealth of opportunity to grow as a person. With each activity, I have

also grown my voice and been inspired to get more involved including hosting local community ag safety activities, serving as

a state 4-H ambassador and setting an example for others, and most recently, serving as a 2021 legislative page in the South Dakota House of Representatives. Learning by experiencing has given me a unique outlook and perspective which I believe will be important in my future career. In Fall 2021 I plan to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings to pursue a career focused on agriculture, specifically ag business and ag economics. My passion for South Dakota agriculture stems from my family's roots in agriculture as well as my experiences in 4-H and FFA.



This past spring when the pandemic hit and grocery store shelves became bare rather quickly, consumers learned that agriculture is indeed an “essential” business. While ag faces challenges from weather to markets, I am excited to learn and work together to keep agriculture viable. And, with fewer and fewer people in our world with agricultural backgrounds, I know how important it is to be a voice and contributor to this important and essential industry.

Most importantly, I am excited to pursue a career in agriculture because of the hard-working, genuine people who make their living in agriculture. They care about their local community as well as the global community. They care about passing their business to the next generation, because they recognize without agriculture there is no future. I look forward to a career path that allows me to proudly work alongside others within agriculture and that allows me to influence others in a meaningful way.