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JVT SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

James Valley
Telecommunications
will be coordinating
a blood drive again
this year. Come to the
Groton Community
Center June 24 to
help save lives.

Contact Stacy Oliver
at 397-2323 (JVT)
397-7217 (cell) to sign up or go online at
www.bloodhero.com. The sponsor code is
Groton.



All who donate will be entered into
a drawing for a \$100 credit on their
account!

Donors are required to be wearing a mask
of any kind when they arrive to donate
and keep it on for the duration of their
appointment. Staff will also be wearing
masks.

Groton Community Blood Drive

Thursday, June 24

12:00pm - 6:00pm

Groton Community Center

JARK CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

JVT President Bill Ewalt (left) recently
presented board member Duane Jark
(right) an award for his 40 years of service
in the telecommunications industry.
Duane has served many positions on the
JVT board over the years. Thank you,
Duane!



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our offices will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Happy 4th of July!



GRAND GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Hillary and Marcus Robinson, who won a \$200 Aberdeen Parks and Recreation 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!



MANDATORY 10-DIGIT DIALING AS OF OCTOBER 2021

Everyone in South Dakota will soon have to dial local numbers using 10 digits — the area code and the seven-digit phone number.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

In order for 988 to work in the 605 area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented. To complete

local calls, all customers in the 605 area code will need to dial the area code followed by the seven-digit telephone number. Adopting 10-digit dialing will be mandatory in October of 2021.

This will affect both landlines and cell phones. If you have programmed seven-digit phone numbers into speed dial functions or cellphone contact lists, you will need to reprogram those as 10-digit numbers in order to make a phone call after that point.

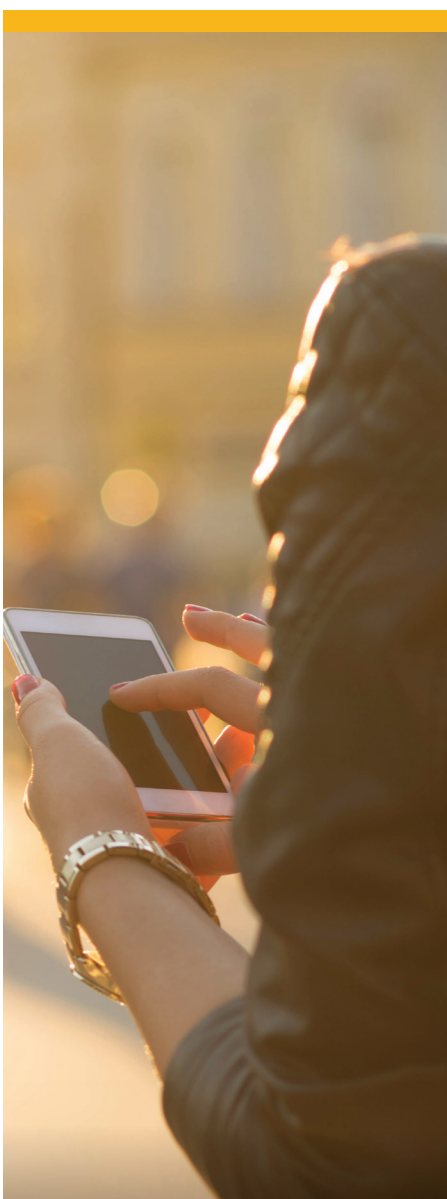
You can visit <https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline> for more information.

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CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Summer construction season is upon us, so remember to call SD One-Call before doing any digging for construction or home improvement projects. SD One-Call will help determine if there are any buried utility lines in your yard. The call is

free and there is no charge for the utilities to locate their facilities. By calling SD One-Call at least 48 hours before you dig, you can avoid costly bills that may be charged to you if facilities are cut. Calls to SD One-Call are answered 24 hours a day.

Below is the information you will need to have on hand when you call.

South Dakota One-Call - 811

Required Ticket Information

Excavator (Company or Homeowner) _____

Phone _____

Caller Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Alternate Contact _____ Phone _____

Best Time To Contact _____

Work To Begin Date _____ Time _____

Explosives (Y/N) _____ Tunneling or Boring (Y/N) _____ Inside City Limits (Y/N) _____

Depth of Excavation _____ Duration of Excavation _____

Type of Work _____

Work Being Done For _____

County _____

Excavation Address _____

Nearest Cross Street _____

Excavating in ROW (Y/N) _____

Description of the Excavation Site (Marking Instructions) _____

Remarks (includes driving instructions on rural tickets w/o street addresses) _____

Rural tickets might require this information if a specific rural address is not provided by the excavator:

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates _____ or

Township _____ Range _____ Section/Quarter _____

www.sdonecall.com

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ESSAY

Trey Gengerke, son of Collin and Deb Gengerke

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

COVID-19 has affected everyone in the entire world. These effects have ranged from everyday inconveniences to devastation. I feel very fortunate to be able to say the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on learning during my senior year has been minimal and mostly positive.

My school district has given students more independence.

In order to reduce the chances of exposure to COVID-19, Juniors and Seniors at my high school were offered the option to complete our online dual credit college classes off-campus. Students diagnosed with COVID-19 or those quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19 were



responsible to participate in virtual learning and to follow up with their teachers if they had questions on the material. Our four-day school week has given us more flexibility to manage our time and to learn life lessons and skills through employment. I feel these independent learning experiences have been a good opportunity for my classmates and me to prepare for college while having the safety net of our high school teachers and staff checking up on us.

We have more appreciation for school and learning. When I was younger and would complain that I

had to go to school, my mom would say. “No, you GET to go to school!” To be honest, I hadn’t given much thought to what she was trying to tell me until my school closed suddenly last March because of COVID-19. I think up until that point, I and most other Americans took schools and education for granted.

It is very difficult for me to imagine going through this pandemic without school leaders and teachers who were willing to go the extra mile to offer both virtual and in-person learning this fall, or to imagine the last 11 months without technology and internet services that allowed for virtual learning options and a way for us to stay connected with family and friends. While having virtual options is great, I think most students agree there is no substitute for in-person learning and in-person social interactions. It makes me sad not all seniors in South Dakota and across the United States have had the same support and learning opportunities.