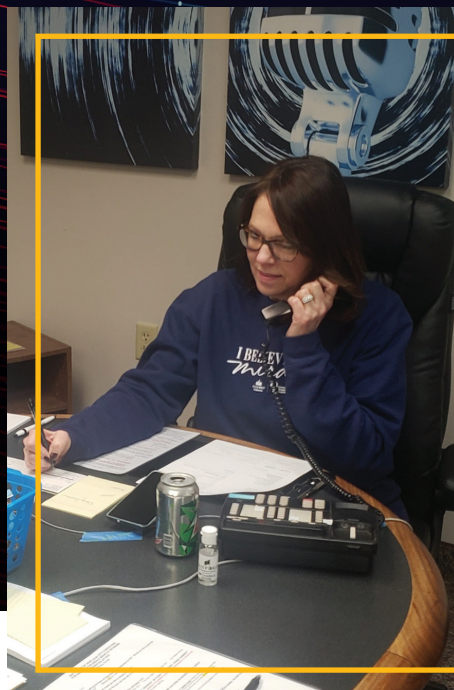


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## Employee Spotlight

You may not realize it, but chances are good you've heard Barb Stugelmayer's voice many times. Barb has been selling phone systems for JVT/NVC for over 20 years and has recorded auto attendants and other messages for businesses during that time. She has been in the telecommunications industry for close to 30 years and loves it.

Barb grew up on a farm in Eden and attended high school in Webster. She previously worked as a manager at Family Weight Loss Centers, as

well as an assistant bank manager and pharmacy technician.

Barb enjoys volunteering her time as an Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and welcoming new businesses. She also enjoys spending time with her two sons, daughter, and fiancé.

Thank you Barb for your years of service and dedication to your customers!



## Grand Giveaway Winner

*Congratulations to Jessica Hardie, who won a \$200 Delta gift card, in our Grand Giveaway!*

Wondering how to register? No problem, because there's no purchase or registration, just winners! Each month we randomly select one of our "grand" residential customers to win. Our next winner could be you!



# 10-Digit dialing mandatory as of July 6, 2022

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. Ten-digit dialing will become mandatory for our network (and most of South Dakota) on July 6, 2022.

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.

## Scholarship Winner Essay

Madeline Fliehs of Groton Area High School, daughter of Jeff and Bridget Fliehs



"How do you use the Internet today and how do you envision using the Internet in the future?"

"Modern technology has become a total phenomenon for civilization, the defining force of a new social order in which efficiency is no longer an option but a necessity imposed on all human activity."

~ Jacques Ellul. Technology and the internet both have become such a need in our world today for multiple reasons. One of the key reasons it benefits us today is that it speeds up our daily tasks. We do not realize how much of our life and what functions around us revolves around the internet and technology. The internet has changed our communication globally. We used to have to send messages through letters and peers, and now we are able to send a message with one click using the internet. I have benefitted from technology by using Zoom to talk with teachers online, especially during the pandemic. I also use my computer everyday to complete dual credit classes that are specifically online. Through those online classes, I can communicate with professors and complete homework on time. Another way that I use the internet daily is by using my phone to communicate to friends and family. I have learned a lot about technology by just having my phone. I have learned through trial and error how to set up and deal with

problems involving many cell phones. I have benefitted from the internet by broadening my knowledge about the complex technology that we have today.

I believe that the future of technology is very bright. What can result from technology is limitless. The internet has already changed drastically over the last ten years. What should we expect of the internet in the future? I believe that the internet will enhance to become faster, bigger, and safer. Considering how many scams that happen as people hack technology and devices, I foreshadow that the internet will become more private. In the future, I think that more and more department stores will shut down their stores and put their product online only. Many people order their clothes, groceries, and material goods online and do not even need to leave the house. I believe that the internet will continue to advance and become better and better. Technology and the internet is so powerful that it impacts everyone's lives without people even knowing it.





## Aberdeen Area Humane Society Sponsored Pet

Our April Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet, Hoss, was adopted, so we donated \$250 to the AAHS!

You can find out more about available pets at [anewleashonlife.net](http://anewleashonlife.net) or call the AAHS at 226-1200 to schedule a time to visit.

## National Pet Day

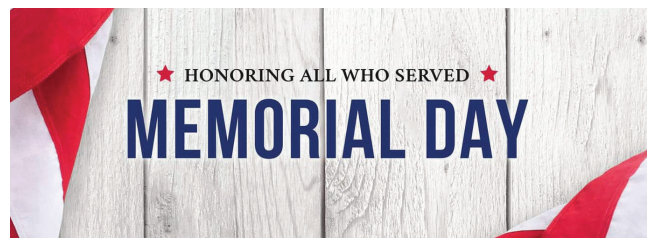
Congratulations to Lisa Welch and her dog Ruby (pictured below) who won a \$50 Target gift card as part of our National Pet Day giveaway! Lisa was unavailable to pick up her gift card so her niece Madalyn stopped in instead. Madalyn is pictured below right.

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!



## Special Announcement

Our offices will be closed Monday, May 30. Happy Memorial Day!



## New Members

Chester Patrice

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# Annual Meeting Thursday, June 2

Watch for your official annual meeting notice, which will be mailed out this month. This report contains the meeting agenda, minutes from last year's meeting, the cooperative's financial statement, and a summary from the CEO.

Many door prizes will be given away at the meeting and each family receives a gift at the registration table. This year the registration gift is a cooler bag.

Registration/lunch starts at 11:30am, and the business meeting will begin at 12:30pm. The Groton Area OST (Outside of School) kids will be performing during lunch. JVT's office will be closed 11am to 2pm.

We hope to see you at the meeting Thursday, June 2, at the Groton High School Arena.

## Busing Schedule

How about a ride to the annual meeting Thursday, June 2? JVT will be offering free bus rides for members. The schedule and locations for pick-up are listed below. To sign up for a ride call us at 611, send an email to [marketing@jamesvalley.com](mailto:marketing@jamesvalley.com) or

return the stuffer included in your bill.

Members who reside in Groton can call Groton Community Transit at 397-8661 for a free ride. Please give the transit 24 hours' notice.

Time	Town	Place
11:00 am	Bristol	Fritz's Furniture & Antiques
11:15 am	Andover	The Other Place Bar
10:00 am	Frederick	Frederick Area High School
10:30 am	Hecla	Hecla Community Center
11:00 am	Columbia	The Lodge
10:45 am	Doland	Doland Area High School
11:00 am	Turton	Farmers State Bank
11:15 am	Conde	Plains Commerce Bank
10:30 am	Mellette	Northwestern Area High School
10:45 am	Brentford	American Legion
11:00 am	Stratford	Community Center
11:15 am	Ferney	Harry Implements

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