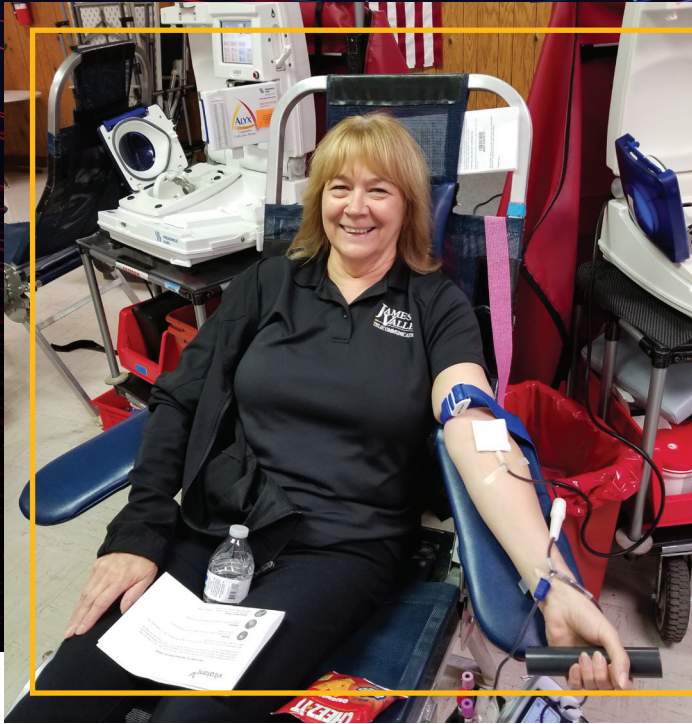


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JVT employees can always be depended on to support the blood drive! Pictured are Sherry Koehler, Randy Lord and Will Gauer.

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!

Groton Community Blood Drive

Thursday, June 23

11:30 am - 5:45 pm

Groton Community Center



Grand Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to Josh and Hannah Carlson, who won a \$200 Aberdeen Parks & Recreation gift card, in our Grand Giveaway! Their son, Oscar, is pictured with Hannah.

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

Jessica Boekelheide of Northwestern Area High School, daughter of Chad and Kris Boekelheide



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

The internet has always been woven into my life. One of the first times I used the internet, I downloaded songs from Apple iTunes onto my iPod. I felt very proud that I could transfer the music from the computer to

my iPod. Then, I could listen to the music wherever I wanted. Granted, I had played games on the computer before, but this was the first time I saw how the internet could serve me in a powerful and useful way.

Now, I'm on the internet for hours a day. I use it for schoolwork, entertainment, communication, and miscellaneous tasks. Concerning school, I watch recorded lectures for dual credit classes, check class schedules, and save documents all online. Then, when I need a break from homework, I read online articles or watch YouTube videos. Beyond school, one of my most appreciated uses for the internet includes navigation. I couldn't imagine referencing a paper map while driving through unfamiliar towns. However, Google Maps not only helps me arrive at my destination, but it can also help me choose a destination in the first place because of the additional information on the app. To

do this, Google Maps connects to the internet and finds business' hours and ratings. My amazement toward the connectiveness of apps today is like my astonishment toward transferring music to my iPod when I was younger.

In the future, I plan to continue using the internet in all the avenues I currently use it—and in new ways. As I leave for college next year, I plan to video chat with my family regularly. My family has done this with my older siblings, and I know I will appreciate seeing their faces. As the digital trend grows, I will continue to save more and more of my documents and photos online. I look forward to seeing future advances in technology, but that doesn't mean I will employ all of them. For example, I do not foresee myself connecting household appliances to the internet. Above all, I remind myself that the internet is a tool that serves me. I shouldn't hop on every trend but, instead, be creative and use the internet in a powerful, impactful way.



Aberdeen Area Humane Society Sponsored Pet

Mayhem is our May Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet. She is a 1-year-old Doberman mix who came to the AAHS as a transfer from the City Shelter in June of 2021. If our sponsored pet is adopted in their corresponding month, we will donate \$250 to AAHS.

As of printing deadline, Mayhem is still available. You can find out more about her and other available pets at anewleashonlife.net or call the AAHS at 226-1200 to schedule a time to visit.



Lifeline Discounts 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.

Please visit lifelinesupport.org for more information about the Lifeline program or NV.FCC.gov to apply for Lifeline benefits.

Mother's Day Contest Winner

Congratulations to Linda Schmig who was our Mother's Day giveaway winner in May and won a \$100 Mavericks gift card.

Linda was randomly selected after posting her favorite thing about being a mom on Facebook. Thank you to all the moms that participated.



New Members

LaBrie Lonnie & Mary

Doland

635-6938

Marttila Annikk

Frederick

329-2134

Travel Tips to Stay Safe While Away

Summer is here, which means barbeques, picnics and maybe a getaway is right around the corner. If you're getting ready for camping and travel season, check out these tips below before you go.

Secure your home.

Don't make it easy for burglars to get inside your home. Move your hidden keys, make sure the cameras are charged and working, lock all your windows, and take an inventory of what you've left inside your home.

Be aware of online scams.

Nothing will spoil your getaway faster than knowing that you have been swindled out of your vacation budget. Entering phrases like 'best deals' into whichever search engine used can sometimes bring up websites that look official, but are designed solely to take advantage of consumers.

Don't rush to post on social media about your trip.

Don't announce to the world that you won't be home for a couple of days, and don't mention when

you will be back. It is OK to post vacation photos but wait until you're home. It may save you from having unwanted guests in your home.

Ask a friend or neighbor for help.

Have someone you know well bring in your packages and mail, since it can be a giveaway no one is home. They could also water plants and make sure the appliances are still working. Make sure they know how to contact you in case of an emergency.

Bring along important documents.

Whether it's a paper copy or in electronic form, having a copy of your insurance cards, passport, vaccine record and any necessary medical forms can be helpful if your luggage is lost or stolen.

A summer vacation is meant to be a relaxing time. These tips should help you feel at ease while away.



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