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Employee Spotlight

Jay Waage, Network Operations Technician, continued the tradition set by his parents when he started working part-time at JVT in 1986. Both worked in various telecommunications positions, and his mom Rose (pictured above, left) retired from the JVT billing department in 2001.

Jay, a Groton Area High School graduate, went on to Lake Area Technical College and worked for other

telecommunications companies before coming back to JVT twenty years later in 2006.

Jay and his wife, Jonna, live in Groton where they raised their kids, Jackson and Kasey. He enjoys golfing, bowling, hunting, and fishing. Jay also volunteers his time with the Groton Fire Department.

Thank you, Jay, for all your years of dedication!



Grand Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to Terry & Cheryl Geisler, who won a \$200 gift certificate to The Market on the Plaza, 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!

Aberdeen Area Humane Society Sponsored Pet

Douglas was our June Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet. He is a two-year-old male domestic shorthair mix that loves to cuddle. If our sponsored pet is adopted in their corresponding month, we will donate \$250 to the AAHS.

As of our printing deadline, Douglas is still available. You can find out more about him and other available pets at anewleashonlife.net or call the AAHS at 605-226-1200 to schedule a time to visit.



Scholarship Winner Essay

Justin Haven of Northwestern Area High School, son of Jarrod & Tamra Haven

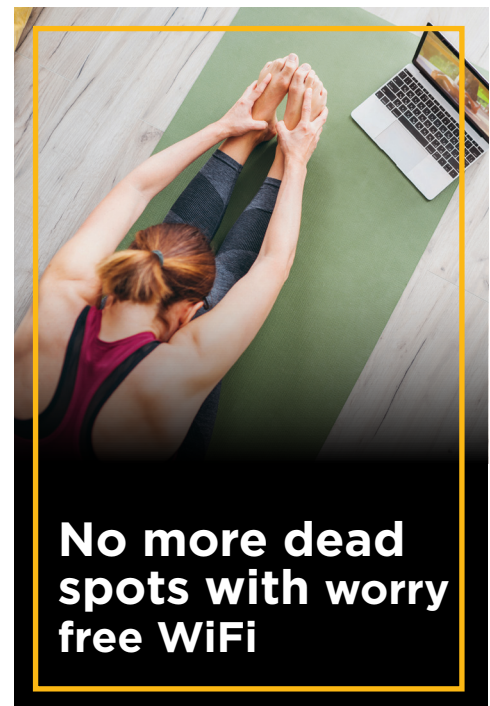


"How do you use the Internet today and how do you envision using the Internet in the future?"

What the internet has become today is beyond the wildest dreams of anyone twenty years ago, and in another twenty years I believe it will be even more advanced. With the

onset of the Covid-19 pandemic much of my school work has migrated from paper to online. I now take many classes online from teachers hundreds of miles away. I believe in the future more classes will be online because it allows students to study on their own time and schools can offer more classes with less teachers. Every day more and more banking is done online. Safe secure internet access is vital for online banking and James Valley provides internet access that businesses can trust. Today online banking is still a new idea for many people, but in the future I believe digital wallets will replace cold hard cash. Growing up as a farm kid the internet has provided a invaluable source for knowledge. From a young age I have been fascinated by pigs, but because both of my parents have never raised pigs they were wary about a young kid with no experience trying to be so bold. Because there

are almost no pig producers in the area I had no one to turn to ask questions, so I turned to the internet and a quick inquiry gave me enough knowledge to take a chance on pigs. Through much trial and error and the endless supply of information from the internet I have grown my pig herd and have even farrowed pigs on my own. Children today have more recourses at their disposal today than any generation has ever had before. With a click of a button almost any question can be answered and an endless amount of skills can be learned. Before the advent of the internet in order to learn a skill some one had to be teach them in person, but today there is a YouTube video for almost anything, but that can be a double edged sword. The internet can be a haven for crime, but in the future I believe there will be more safeguards put in place. The internet can be a scary place but holds a vast amount of knowledge and if harnessed properly will greatly advance society.



No more dead spots with worry free WiFi

JVT Annual Meeting



Pictured above are the JVT annual meeting credit winners. L to R: - David (& Ava) Sigdestad - \$100 credit, Belvera Bruse - \$100 credit, Dennis (& Shirley) Larson - \$250 credit, Sheila Sullivan - \$250 credit, Jacqueline Wagner - \$500 credit.

JVT's Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, June 2. A delicious lunch was served, Groton Area OST (Outside of School) performed, and many great prizes were given away after our business meeting. Each registered member also received a cooler bag.



NVC Tent at Brown County Fair

Make sure to stop at the NVC tent during the Brown County Fair August 15-21. The NVC tent will be

located just southwest of the Home Arts Building and will feature various forms of entertainment.

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.

New Members

St John's Lutheran Church Parsonage	Groton	397-2449
Martz Charlean	Groton	397-3017
Sanderson Bruce & Carolyn	Claremont	294-7882
Stern Marvin & Marilyn	Conde	382-5993
Yeadon Jeremy & Diane	Groton	397-2449

Weather Precautions

According to weather.gov/safety/lightning, each year in the United States more than 400 people are struck by lightning. Lightning kills an average of 20 people in the United States each year, and hundreds more are severely injured. Most of these tragedies can be avoided with a few simple precautions. When thunderstorms threaten, get to a safe place. Lightning safety is an inconvenience that can save your life.

In addition to protecting yourself by staying inside during storms, it is also imperative to protect your equipment from lightning strikes. Computers, monitors, routers, printers, televisions, electronic telephones, cable TV boxes, and any other electronic items made with delicate components are potentially in danger.

Lightning can enter your home through three paths: 1) Electrical wiring from power lines that feed your house, 2) Data wiring used for telephone, DSL, and cable services, 3) Directly through the atmosphere.

While there are no guarantees, there are steps

you can take to minimize the chance of your equipment being damaged during a storm. All equipment should have adequate, high-quality surge suppression and/or battery backup power to protect from damage caused by a potential lightning surge. However, the best guarantee for protecting your equipment is to simply unplug it before severe storms arrive. If you will be away from home during the thunderstorm season, unplug your equipment before you leave.

For more information about lightning and its potentially harmful effects, visit the website mentioned above or lightningsafety.com.



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