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## Employee Spotlight

IT Manager Jason Hill started at JVT/NVC as an intern and moved to full time after graduating from NSU. Hailing from Milbank, Jason and his wife Tara now live in Groton with their two children Hank and Hazel.

Jason is the President of the Lake Region Shrine Club, is a youth wrestling and baseball coach, and a high school wrestling official. He began wrestling in third grade and finished his career at NSU. Jason started officiating 15 years ago and has officiated at the last 15 State Wrestling Tournaments. Last season he won the Active Officials Award.

Jason enjoys golfing, watching wrestling, going to Pickerel Lake with his family, and attending all of his kids' activities.

His favorite part of the job is being a part of the team that keeps customers connected to the Internet. Thank you Jason for your years of service!



## Grand Giveaway Winner

*Congratulations to Brad and Jessica Henjum, who won a \$100 Netflix gift card and a \$100 credit on their account in our Grand Giveaway! Jessica is pictured.*

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!



# Scams More Common for Seniors

Digital scams are so common these days, but according to the FBI's 2021 Elder Fraud Report, scams involving people over 50 increased dramatically over the last year. And the FBI thinks because seniors are less likely to report the fraud, it's even worse. In comparison, 20% of people over 70 report fraud, while 44% of people in their 20s and 30s report.

According to the report in 2021:

Over 92,000 victims were older than 60.

It amounted to \$1.7 billion in losses.

The losses increased by 74% compared to 2020.

The average victim over 60 lost \$1,800 per scam.

3,100 victims lost more than \$100,000 to scams.

Below is a list of some of the most common scams to be aware of.

## Tech Support

Through malicious email attachments or pop-ups on a website, they usually inform the user of a problem with their computer. In order to fix it they are prompted to call a provided number or click on a link that goes to a fraudulent call center, or the link goes to a malicious site that can steal sensitive information or infect their device with malware.

The aim is to convince the victim to pay for antivirus software or get access to their computer, which can be costly. Elderly victims account for 58% of the total reports of tech support fraud.

## Confidence Fraud/Romance Scams

These scams are designed to pull on a victim's heartstrings. Preying on seniors' loneliness, scammers often target single people with fake identities to win over their affection and confidence. Grandparent Scams also fall into this category, where the criminal impersonate a panicked loved one, usually a grandchild or niece/nephew, asking for money.

## Investment Fraud

This involves the illegal sale or purported sale of financial instruments. Usually it includes offers of low or no-risk investments or guaranteed returns. Examples of investment fraud include advance fee fraud, Ponzi schemes, pyramid schemes, and market manipulation fraud. More than 2,100 Over 60 victims reported Investment scams in 2021, with losses over \$239 million.

In order to protect yourself, never give out personal data if you don't know the sender of a text or email or can't verify their identity. Don't click on links or attachments you receive in unsolicited emails.

## State High School Events Coverage

State Soccer Championships - Saturday, October 15

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State Cheer & Dance Championship - Friday & Saturday October 21 & 22

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All-State Band Concert - Saturday, October 29

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*Check our Facebook page for updates.*



## Aberdeen Area Humane Society Sponsored Pet

Orion was our September Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet. Orion (2.5-year-old Australian Shepherd/Alaskan Husky mix) came to the shelter with his mom, Ava, who was adopted before him. Because he was adopted, we will be donating \$250 to the AAHS.

You can find out more about available pets at [anewleashonlife.net](http://anewleashonlife.net) or call the AAHS at 605-226-1200 to schedule a time to visit.



## Local Parades

We were happy to be able to participate in a few local parades in our communities this fall. Employees LuAnn Steen and Sherry Koehler are pictured at the Groton Area High School Homecoming parade.

## New Members

Elsen Curt	Hecla	994-2559
Lavish Luxury Salon Suite	Groton	397-3000
Porter Dorothy	Groton	397-4009
Smith Auto Body	Groton	397-2407



# October is Cooperative Month

Would you trust a business more if you owned it? Cooperative businesses like James Valley Telecommunications are owned by more than 120 million Americans.

Member-owned cooperative businesses touch the lives of virtually all Americans every day and provide almost every product and service imaginable. And since cooperatives are owned by their members, you know you are getting a good deal and that more of the money you spend stays in your community.

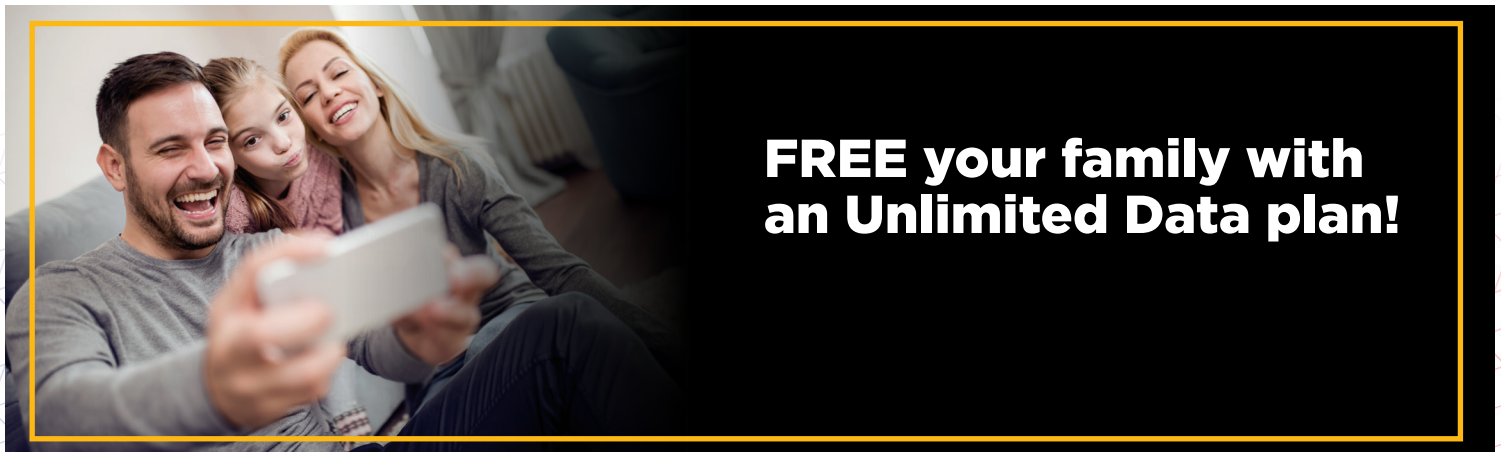
JVT is proud to be a part of the communities it serves and demonstrates its commitment through donations, sponsorships, scholarships,

gross receipts taxes, and the involvement of our employees in community service organizations, youth sports, volunteer groups, and more.

One of the best benefits of being a member of a cooperative is the payment of capital credits. For every dollar you spend with JVT, a percentage will be returned back to you! How it works is any income over JVT's expenses results in margins, which are returned over time to the members in the form of capital credits. Over the past 15 years, over 34% of member patronage was allocated back to members. Thank you for your partnership!

*Looking for some easy money? Just refer a friend to JVT and you and your friend will each get a \$100 credit on your next bill! Just have them give us your name as the referrer.*

*That's \$100 you have to spend somewhere else. So get out there and tell your friends about JVT!*



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