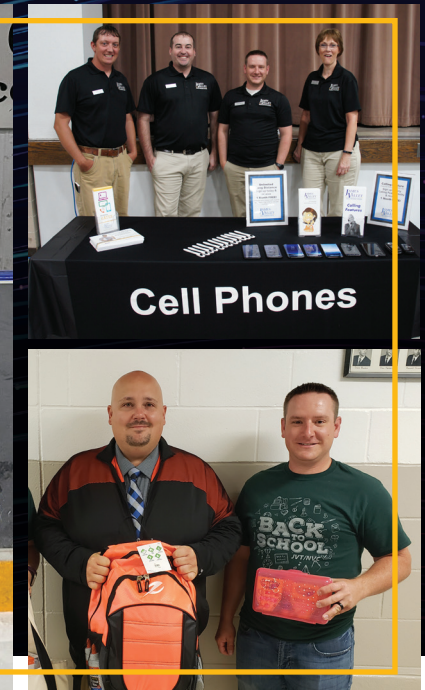


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Employee Spotlight

Tyler Herman, Systems Administrator, has worked for JVT/NVC since 2009, coming to us after getting his Management Information Systems Degree from NSU and working at TelServ Communications and Student Loan Finance Corporation.

Tyler is an Aberdeen native and Central High School graduate. He's been playing hockey since he was three years old, and is now a hockey official and coaches the sport. Tyler also serves on the Hub Area

Habitat for Humanity board.

He and his wife Kayla live in Aberdeen with their daughters Kylie and Hadley. In his free-time, Tyler enjoys playing hockey at men's league, golfing and mountain biking.

Tyler's favorite part of the job is solving complex problems and helping customers. For that, we say thank you for your years of service Tyler!



Grand Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to Mark & Terri Fischbach, who won a Samsung Galaxy Watch 5 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!

2023 Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship

James Valley Telecommunications will be awarding three \$2,000 scholarships this school year to area seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative.

Scholarship applications have been forwarded to the guidance counselors at area schools. Applications are also available online at www.jamesvalley.com.

The deadline for returning an application to James Valley Telecommunication's office is February 28, 2023. All applications must be received in the office by that date to be considered.

Seniors must be attending an accredited college, university or vocational school in South Dakota in the fall of 2023. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. As part of the application process, all applicants must submit an essay of 400 words or less on the topic, "If you could thank anyone for their guidance and support throughout your high school years, who would it be and why?"

JVT members can also apply for the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) scholarship. Requirements and application instructions are available at frs.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Update Your Email

Please feel free to contact us to update your email and ensure we have the email address you use the most.

We use email addresses to send important messages on our hours, products, possible equipment upgrades, etc.

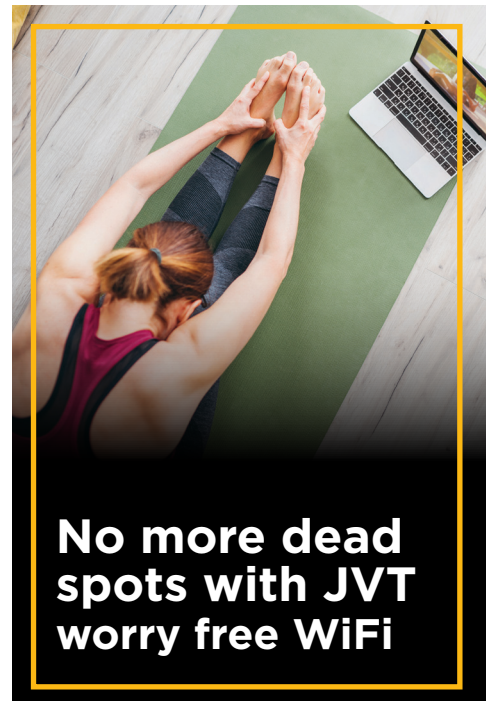
We will not sell or share your email address to any other company.

State High School Events Coverage

State Gymnastics: Aberdeen, Friday - Saturday, February 10 - 11
- Special Events ch 151

State Wrestling: Sioux Falls, Thursday - Saturday, February 23 - 25
- all matches available at trackwrestling.com with the Championship matches televised live on SDPB ch 3.

Check our Facebook page for updates.



No more dead spots with JVT worry free WiFi

Aberdeen Area Humane Society Sponsored Pet

Rocky was our January Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet. Rocky is a 10-month-old Terrier mix with a ton of energy. We're happy to report he has been adopted, so we will be donating \$250 to the AAHS! Our December pets, Toby and Heidi are still available.

You can find out more about available pets at anewleashonlife.net or call the AAHS at 605-226-1200 to schedule a time to visit. Watch our Facebook page for our monthly sponsored pet.



Customer Loyalty Discount

We're so thankful for our long-time customers and want to thank you for your years of continued business. If you've been a customer for 5 years or more, you may be eligible for our customer loyalty

discount of 10% off all your monthly recurring services!

Contact us to hear more about our loyalty discount.

Discount for residential customers only, restrictions apply.

Mobile Alerts

Sign up for Hub City Radio Mobile Alerts sponsored by NVC and receive text updates to your cell phone. Get school closings, severe weather alerts,



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Keeping Your Home WiFi Network Secure

Your home network's security is only as good as the configuration of your router. Leave it open or vulnerable, and you might end up with freeloaders that hog your bandwidth, at best. At worst, a snoop might take the opportunity to examine your internal traffic, hoping to learn sensitive information about you that can be exploited.

Use these tips below to ensure your network's security.

Change your passwords

Not only change your password to something stronger, but use a password manager. This will ensure it's more random and stores it so you don't forget it.

Update your router

WiFi technology has improved a lot recently, so if your router is a few years old, it won't work nearly as well as a new one. Newer WiFi technology uses

stronger wireless signals and allows multiple users to connect at the same time.

Check for outdated client devices

While your WiFi router is an important part of the WiFi network, the wireless devices that you use to connect to the Internet also impact the quality of your WiFi experience. As with the router, older devices are going to have outdated technology, resulting in slower connection speeds.

Set up a guest network for smart home devices

A guest network is a feature on some routers where you can set up a separate SSID and password for access to your home network, and people on that network won't be able to see devices (and their traffic) on your primary network.



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