

## **Employee Spotlight**

Communication Tech Lance Opitz doesn't mind getting dirty on the job. He started with JVT/NVC in 1999 and has been crawling in attics and basements ever since. Lance says if there is a tool laying around, it's probably his.

Lance is a Webster native and NSU graduate. He and Rhonda, his wife of 19 years, have five kids. Lance is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has been a youth wrestling coach as well as

now serving on the Aberdeen Youth Wrestling Club board.

Saying his co-workers and supervisors are some of his favorite aspects of the job, Lance also noted he loves helping customers resolve communications related issues.

Thank you for your years of service Lance!



## **Grand Giveaway Winner**

Congratulations to Mark and Tammy Lindseth, who won a \$200 Pounders gift card in our Grand Giveaway! Mark 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!

# Summer Weather Precautions

Summer weather can be very unpredictable. Knowing whether to water your grass or if a storm is coming can help keep your lawn looking good and your family safe.

Hub City Radio Mobile Alerts are a great way to get weather updates via text message. You can get alerts by county as well as a daily forecast. Visit hubcityradio.com to sign up.

You can also download various weather apps including Dakota News Now Weather, Accuweather, or The Weather Channel at Google Play Store.



## **Scholarship Winner Essay**

Ethan Boekelheide of Groton Area High School, son of Heidi and Scott Boekelheide



"If you could thank anyone for their guidance and support throughout your high school years, who would it be and why?"

My band teacher is the person I thank for her guidance and support throughout my high

school years. I have always been very involved in academics and extracurriculars. However, music is the area that I have seen the most success and spent the most time. As an accomplished high school musician who has made the cut for very many all-state and honor band events, I reflect on the fact that my band teacher put me on this path. My most cherished memories and best friends throughout middle and high school were made at such events.

My band teacher has always encouraged me to stay committed and diligent about practicing. While my hard work and practice were so important in pursuing success, my band teacher was my guide along the way. Figuratively speaking, if I was driving a car on the road of my musical journey, she held the map. Through thick and thin, she was there

for me. If it were not for her guidance, I would not have discovered my passion for music and, more specifically, jazz.

I was first introduced to jazz band at South Dakota Middle School All-State Jazz Band in my sixthgrade year. While completely foreign, I embraced it and stepped out of my comfort zone. I did an improvising solo, despite having no previous experience or instruction. I slowly grew to love improvising and jazz after that. I am now very deeply connected emotionally and mentally to this genre of music. Improvising has made music such an important part of my life. It opened a door for so much exploration and expression. My band teacher made this possible because she encouraged me to try new things and to not fear failure. I would not have found my love for music if I did not have this voice of encouragement.

My band teacher went above and beyond to help me. She happily devoted much of her time preparing for and accompanying my auditions for various competitions. She even got me in touch with a trombone professor at a local college, so I could receive next level instruction. I am so thankful and lucky that I had such a great and committed mentor. The person responsible for the establishment of my favorite hobby, friendships, and memories is my band teacher. I could not have reached such a high level without her.

### **JVT Annual Meeting**

Pictured at right are the JVT annual meeting credit winners. L to R: - David & MaryLynn James - \$100 credit, Lyle Busch - \$500 credit, Donna Hearnen - \$250 credit, David (& Ava) Sigdstad - \$250 credit, Sue (& Richard) Wattier - \$100 credit.

JVT's Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, June 1. A delicious lasagna lunch was served, and many great prizes were given away after our business meeting. Each registered member also received a mini tool kit.







## **NVC Tent at Brown County Fair**

Make sure to stop at the NVC tent during the Brown County Fair August 14-20. 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**

Duerre Marcella Bristol 492-3580

## **AAHS Sponsored Pet**

As of printing deadline, our June Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet Fenrir, AKA Fenny, is still available for adoption. Fenny is a 2-year-old sweet boy who is very cuddly. We donate \$250 to the AAHS if our sponsored pet is adopted during that month.

You can find out more about Fenny and other available pets at anewleashonlife.net or call the AAHS at 605-226-1200 to schedule a time to visit.



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!



