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**Create a
Bundle &
Save!**



JVT Sponsors Blood Drive

We will be coordinating a blood drive again this year. Come to the Groton Community Center June 29 to help save lives.

Groton Community Blood Drive

Thursday, June 29

11:30 am - 6:00 pm

Groton Community Center

Contact Stacy Oliver at 605-397-2323 (JVT)
605-397-7217 (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 \$100
cash!

We always
appreciate JVT
staff that donate!
Pictured is Network
Operations
employee Brody
Sombke.



Grand Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to Justin and Sarah Dewey, who won a \$200 gift card to Aberdeen Parks & Recreation in our Grand Giveaway! Justin 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!

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.

Scholarship Winner Essay

Jacob Lewandowski of Groton Area High School, son of Brad and Becky Lewandowski



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

My father grew up in the small town of Grenville, South Dakota. He was born to a seventeen-year-old father who worked construction, and a

fifteen-year-old mother who gave up her education plans to stay home with her newborn child. During my father's later years, he would attend Northern State University, making him a first generation college graduate. Eventually, he would settle down and accept a position with the South Dakota Department of Corrections, a place he works at to this day.

Throughout my father's life, he has attempted to provide his children with the opportunities he did not have. During his youth, my father often witnessed his parents stress over bills and expenses. In my younger years, on the other hand, I never once had to wonder whether I would have three meals or a warm bed -- something I will always be grateful for. While my father was a teenager, he had to work a series of jobs both, after school and during the summer, trying to ease his parents financial burden. Throughout my high school years,

oppositingly, I have been able to save my earnings, putting them towards my future education instead.

Perhaps the greatest impact my father has had on me is his constant encouragement when pursuing my goals. When I told him I wanted to play football, he gave me some lifting advice so that I would be best prepared to play. When I decided to play the drum set for the Groton Show Choir, he offered to pay one hundred dollars for me to by my own set. Lastly, when I told him I wanted to become the Valedictorian of my high school class, he let me know that I could have it, but only if I was willing to put the effort in. Everyday, for the next four years, my dad would sit down with me before bed, asking how my goal was coming along. After four years, I am proud to tell him that his guidance and support paid off. For that, I will be forever thankful.



AAHS Sponsored Pet

Gunner was our May Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet. He's a Terrier, American Pit Bull/Mix, and about 6 years old. We're happy to report Gunner has been adopted, so we will be donating \$250 to the AAHS!



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

Brent recently presented a check to Elaine at the Aberdeen Area Humane Society for our monthly pet sponsorship and National Pet Day contest.



Special Announcement

Our offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4. Happy Independence Day!



Call 811 Before You Dig

Summer construction season is upon us, so remember to call SD One-Call before doing any digging for construction or home improvement projects. SD One-Call will help determine if there are any buried utility lines in your yard. The call is free

and there is no charge for the utilities to locate their facilities. By calling SD One-Call at least 48 hours before you dig, you can avoid costly bills that may be charged to you if facilities are cut. Calls to SD One-Call are answered 24 hours a day.

Visit www.sdonecall.com for more information.

New Members

Furman Derick

Claremont

294-5820

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Groton

397-3052

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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