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## Employee Spotlight

After almost 25 years with NVC/JVT, Assistant Outside Plant Manager Brandon Binder, says the longstanding relationships with coworkers remains the highlight of his job.

“Winding down the day after work in the shop, you just couldn’t ask for a better crew. They are always willing to go above and beyond to make sure the work gets done and it gets done right no matter what day or time it is,” he said.

Around the office Brandon is also known as Ruby because his dad and grandfather are named Rueben,

and “the guys in back” thought it was a fitting name.

Brandon attended Steele-Dawson High School before graduating from Northwest Technical College. He and his wife Amber have two sons, Hunter, a sophomore at NSU, and Beau, a junior at Roncalli High School. Brandon enjoys hunting, fishing, and smoking meat and helps coach the Roncalli Trap team.

Remembering it was dial tone phone and dial-up internet when he started, Brandon appreciates how NVC/JVT has been able to stay on top of industry changes and embrace innovation.

Thank you for your hard work Brandon!



## Grand Giveaway Winner

*Congratulations to Erich and Maria Schaffhauser, who won a \$100 Netflix gift card and a \$100 credit 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!

# 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 10 years, over 42% of member patronage was allocated back to members. Thank you for your partnership!

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## Trick or Treat Downtown

Trick or Treat with us in downtown Groton on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 4-6pm. Our office, as well as many other businesses, will be participating.

All goblins and ghouls welcome!



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## State High School Events Coverage

State Soccer Championships - Saturday, October 19

- Special Events ch 151

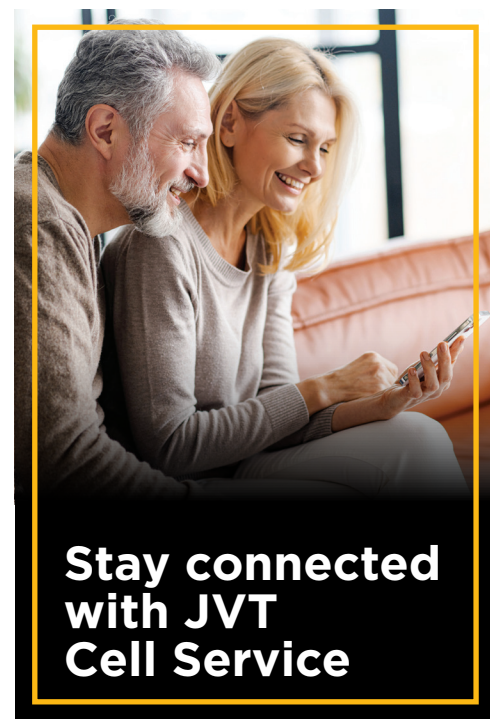
State Cheer & Dance Championships - Friday & Saturday, October 25 & 26

- Special Events ch 151

All-State Chorus & Orchestra Concert - Saturday, November 2

- Special Events ch 151

*Check our Facebook page for updates.*



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## AAHS Sponsored Pet

As of printing deadline, our September Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pets, Apollo and Hermes, are still available for adoption. They are a pair of charming 1-year-old brothers who love to cuddle. We donate \$250 to the AAHS if our sponsored pet is adopted during that month, and there were two anonymous matches for Apollo and Hermes to be adopted together.

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



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## Apps for Fall

Fall often means football, baking, yard work, and pumpkin spice flavored everything. Below are a few apps that can help you stay in the fall state of mind.

*Dreamdays*

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If you enjoy looking forward to Thanksgiving or Christmas, then Dreamdays Countdown may be just the app for you. You can customize a countdown for any event with a background and voice memo as well as order dates by importance.

Unfortunately, fall weather is often unpredictable. To follow any possible storms there are many weather apps. Weather Underground, Weather Channel, and AccuWeather are just a few if you don't already have one.

Maybe you enjoy trying new recipes each fall. Cooking apps abound! Kitchen Stories is a fun app with some unique features. Users can activate "cooking mode" to be guided effortlessly through recipes, step-by-step. Yummly and Tasty are other apps to check out for cooking ideas. Pinterest is also a great place to not only search and save recipes but get inspiration on so many other topics.



It wouldn't be fall without football, would it? ESPN, NFL Network, and CBS all have their own football apps. You can also set up your own team with the NFL Fantasy Football app.

All these apps can be found in the Play Store on your phone.

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## New Members

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# Local Parades

We were happy to be able to participate in a few local parades in our communities this fall. Pictured

below (L to R) are employees Jason Lafave, Brent Hanson and Shaun Falken at the Redfield Area High School Homecoming parade and Tina Guthmiller, her daughter Cassidy, and Marjae Schinkel at the Groton Area High School Homecoming parade.



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