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Scholarship Winners

JVT is pleased to announce the winners of the three \$2,000 Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarships for 2025!

Congratulations to (left to right): Josh Thorson of Northwestern Area High School, son of Wendy and Eric Thorson; Gabrielle Millard of Frederick Area High School, daughter of Kelli and Troy Millard; and Axel Warrington of Groton Area High School, son of Amy and Neil Warrington.

Any graduating senior whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative could apply for the scholarships. The winners were selected based in part on an essay on the theme, "How would your life change if you had to live without a cell phone or internet for one month?"

Each winner's essay will be printed in a future issue of the Network.

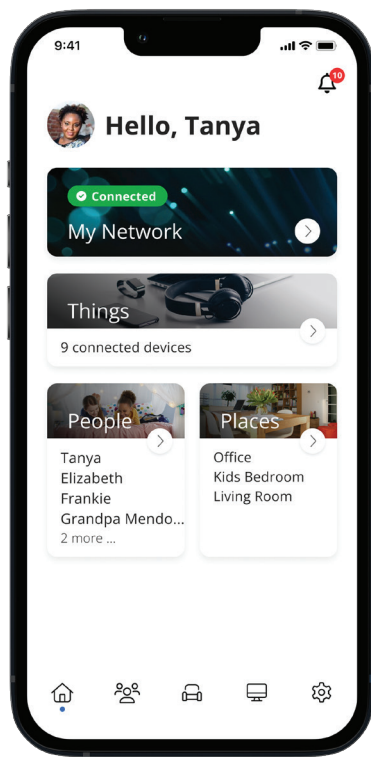


Grand Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to Joetta Redlin who won a \$200 Visa gift card 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!

CommandIQ App for your Wi-Fi



CommandIQ delivers everything you need to control your entire home Wi-Fi experience. It's like a remote control for your Wi-Fi!

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and/or priority networks.

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SDTA Scholarship

The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) is offering two \$2,500 and one \$2,000 SDTA Scholarships.

The SDTA Scholarships will be awarded to students who have a High School Diploma or GED equivalent; are accepted into or attending a multi-year program degree at any accredited technical college or other accredited post-secondary higher education institution in South Dakota for the fall 2025 semester; are majoring in a degree/program or field of study that is useful in the telecommunications or broadband industry or which significantly relies on the use of broadband services and related technologies. Applicants must be a member/customer or have a parent or legal guardian that is a member/customer of an SDTA member company. Previous SDTA Memorial Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is June 13, 2025. The application and details can be found online at sdtaonline.com/sdta_scholarships.php



Justin Bahr Celebrates 25 Years

While technology has changed significantly over the past 25 years, Justin's dedication to our customers has never wavered. No matter the time of day, Justin always goes above and beyond to ensure the job is done right. His hard work and ability to tackle any challenge make him an invaluable part of our team - he even agreed to climb 400 foot cell towers! And somehow, through it all, he has more hair today than when he started.

Justin, we appreciate everything you do and are grateful for your years of service.



JUSTIN BAHR
Communication Tech

Streaming Presentation

Join us Tuesday, June 3, at 2pm at Aberdeen's K.O. Lee Library to learn more about streaming services.

Streaming has become incredibly popular, with many people choosing it over traditional cable or broadcast TV. Many Gen Z and Millennials aren't even buying TVs anymore. In a 2023 Consumer Technology Association study, 68% of consumers in this age group own a TV versus 87% of total US adults.

Things are changing, and it can be confusing to keep up! The presentation will cover what streaming is and why so many people have cut the cord, what streaming services are, and how to choose what's best for you. There will be plenty of time for your questions after the presentation.

Spring Clean Your Tech

We usually do a little spring cleaning in our closets or kitchen or office, but have you thought about spring cleaning your digital life? A little bit of physical and digital decluttering can go a long way to improving productivity.

When you think of everything that accumulates on your phone you'll probably want to start there. If you haven't used an app in a few months, it's probably time to delete it. You can also move apps you don't use all that often off your home screen.

If you have more time, go through your photos. There are possibly many screenshots you no longer need. How about your contacts? There may be a few you can delete.

Also, remember all the places you take your phone and give it a good wipe down. While you're at it, grab your earbuds for a quick cleaning. If you have removable tips, take those off and clean them with

soap and water. Make sure they are dry before putting them back on.

Smart watches are also breeding grounds for dirt and germs. Bands should be wiped frequently. If you're going to use soap or water, you may want to remove them from the watch face to not damage it.

Computers are dust magnets, so blowing out laptop fans or the vent on your computer tower is a great start. Your keyboard and mouse could use the same treatment.

Now is also a good time to go through your email and folders to see what can be deleted or moved to the cloud. Then restart your computer.

People rarely "clean" their TV. Using a vacuum or air blower to get the dust from the vents and ports is a good start. The back of the TV also holds a lot of dust. For a digital clean, go through your smart TV and delete any free or paid apps you don't use. Maybe you downloaded them for a one time use and forgot to remove them after.

AAHS Sponsored Pet

As of printing deadline, our March Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet, Buan, is still available for adoption. Buan, a 2.5-year-old male DSH, was originally found as a stray with a large wound on his back. It has now mostly healed, but he will need to be on a relatively inexpensive medication for the rest of his life, in addition to a more expensive allergy food. He is truly a rescue cat!

We donate \$250 to the AAHS if our sponsored pet is adopted during that month. Thank you to all who shared our post on Facebook!

The AAHS is full of amazing animals waiting to find homes. Visit anewleashonlife.net to find your new best friend!



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