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25 Year Anniversaries

Tanya Berndt, CFO, is our fearless financial leader, spreadsheet sorcerer, and calculator whisperer.

Beyond the balance sheets, Tanya is a mentor, a problem-solver, and a trusted voice who always puts the team and the mission first.

Brandon (Ruby) Binder, Assistant Outside Plant Manager, is the kind of person every team hopes

to have - technically sharp, always reliable, and genuinely one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. He leads with a calm, can-do attitude that inspires others around him.

CEO James Groft is pictured presenting Tanya and Brandon with their plaques.

Thank you both for your service and congratulations on this amazing milestone!

Grand Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to Stephanie Dunwoody who won a \$200 Aberdeen Parks & Recreation 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!

Scholarship Winner Essay

Josh Thorson of Northwestern Area High School, son of Wendy and Eric Thorson



"How would your life change if you had to live without a cell phone or internet for one month?"

My life would completely change if I had to live without a cell phone or internet for one month!

As a teenager, I rely on my cell phone and internet

connection to meet many of my daily needs. Because I am a night owl, I would never make it to school on time without the use of the alarm clock I use on my cell phone. My education would greatly suffer because most teachers do not use textbooks anymore. I would not be able to take any of my dual credit classes or submit any homework assignments. Engaging in collaborative homework assignments with students who do not physically go to my high school would become almost impossible, especially if they do not have a landline telephone anymore.

I would also not have much of a social life because I would not be able to communicate with family and friends without being able to Snap, text or email.

Because I live in South Dakota, the weather can be very unpredictable. I would not be able to check my weather app to let me know what clothes to wear or if there are unfavorable driving conditions to where I might be going. I use my cell phone for practical purposes, like banking, trading stocks, ordering food, remote starting my vehicle, and keeping track of my fitness goals, to name just a few.

I would also be lost without my Remind app! But the biggest change I would have would be the simple fact that my greatest source of entertainment comes from my cell phone and the internet! No more YouTube, no more video games, no more music from Spotify, no more streaming movies or shows, no more taking pictures with my camera app! Most of my entertainment sources would be gone. I would have to learn how to entertain myself in different ways than I am used to, although I am sure that I would probably get more sleep than I do now.

I am sure that after one month without my cell phone and internet, I would come to appreciate all of the amenities that they supply to my everyday life!

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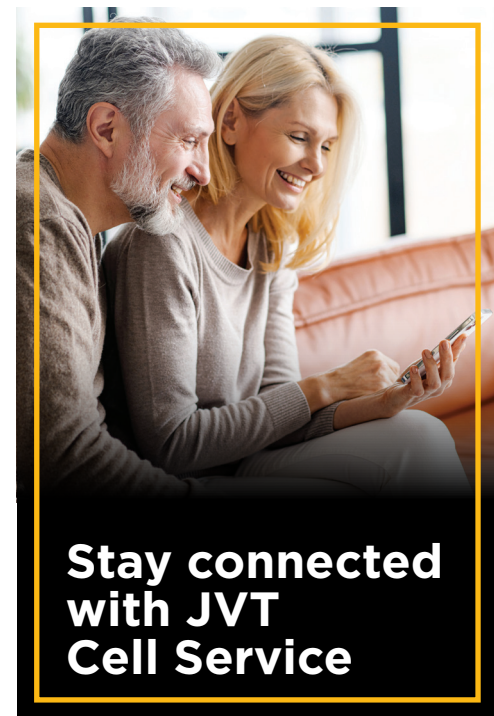
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Special Announcement

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



JVT Sponsors Blood Drive

We will be coordinating a blood drive again this year. Come to the Groton Community Center Monday, June 23rd to help save lives.

Groton Community Blood Drive

Monday, June 23

12:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Groton Community Center

Contact Stacy Oliver at 605-397-2323 (JVT) 605-397-7217 (cell) to sign up or go online to bloodhero.com. The sponsor code is Groton. All who donate will be entered into a drawing for a Yeti Hopper Flip Soft Cooler!

Thank you to Michelle Johnson, who is pictured donating last year.



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.

New Members

The Refuge Bar & Grill

Doland

605-635-6135

AAHS Sponsored Pet

As of printing deadline, our May Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet, Katana, is still available for adoption. Katana is a one-year-old orange and black female who has been in the shelter since July 2024. She does well with other cats and kids as well.

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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