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Free Popcorn Night



JVT provided free popcorn to fans during the second quarter of the Groton girls basketball game on Friday, Feb. 20. Over 200 bags of popcorn were handed out and the cooperative paid the GHS concession stand \$160.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Houghton - Columbia - Frederick	District 1	Roger Zastrow
Claremont - Hecla	District 2	Wendell Rye
City of Groton	District 3	Merle Hanson
Rural Groton - Andover	District 4	Bill Ewalt
Ferney - Mellette	District 5	Duane Jark
Conde - Bristol	District 6	Mark Wattier
Turton - Doland	District 7	William Troske

Two Directors To Be Elected

Two directors will be elected at this year's annual meeting on May 28. Current directors Wendell Rye (District 2: Claremont-Hecla) and Mark Wattier (District 6: Conde-Bristol) will be up for re-election. Anyone interested in running for a director position who resides in one of these districts should file a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members also residing in the member's district. Petitions can be picked up at JVT's business office.

Director petitions must be filed at JVT's office between the hours of 8am-5pm Monday through Friday no sooner than March 30 and no later than April 14.

Free Busing Provided

How about a ride to the annual meeting? Save gas money and enjoy fellowship with your friends and neighbors! JVT will be offering free bus rides for members with several locations available for pick up.

If you are interested, please fill out and return the form included with this month's statement or email your request to marketing@nvc.net. The schedule will be posted in the May Dial Tones.



**Annual Meeting Date Set:
 Thursday, May 28, 2009
 Groton High School**

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Telecom Jobs Stable In An Unstable Economy

While the economy is forcing many consumers to make sacrifices in order to save a few bucks, the demand for telecommunications-related services is expected to remain steady. According to a recent survey conducted by BIGresearch for STORES magazine, an overwhelming majority of Americans said that Internet (81%), cell phone (64%), and cable television (61%) are services they cannot do without.

Where there's demand for technology-based services, there's demand for technology-trained employees, and that makes pursuing a telecom technologies or data networking degree a smart choice for the upcoming crop of South Dakota high school graduates.

While the demand for telecommunications workers remains constant, the number of trained workers in the industry is expected to decrease due to the maturity of the current telecommunications workforce in South Dakota and across the nation.

A recent SDATC (South Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives) survey showed that 6.2% of outside plant, central office, IT, Internet, computer, and networking technicians and supervisors currently working for SDATC member companies plan to retire in 2009. By the end of 2014 another 16.2% of these workers expect to retire, with an additional 7.4% anticipating retirement by 2019.

All told, current technical workforce attrition due to retirement will be nearly 30% over the next 10 years. This

expected decline in the number of trained telecom employees working in South Dakota has spurred SDATC/SDTA to partner with Mitchell Technical Institute to inform and

recruit students into telecom training programs.

Mitchell Tech has a 40-year history in educating skilled technicians, historically in electronics and then, as technology advanced, in Telecommunications and Computer Systems programs. Students entering a telecommunications or data networking program at Mitchell Tech will find a myriad of experiences that will help them prepare for a stable career with a good future.

A recent wage survey of 2003-and-later Mitchell Tech graduates shows that after three to five years of employment with a telecommunications company, 50% of Telecommunications and Computer Systems graduates are earning \$40,000-plus annually.

Telecommunications is vital in the 21st century. Graduates are in high demand and will find profes-

sional and personal success. For more information, contact Mitchell Tech at 1-800-684-1969 or visit their website at mitchelltech.com.

Numerous scholarships are available to telecom technologies students, including the SDATC Memorial Scholarship. For scholarship information, contact SDATC by calling 605-224-7629.



Students at MTI get lots of hands-on experiences including work with a variety of equipment.



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What's On This Month...

SPOTLIGHT ON...

What are JVT employees watching on TV? This month we asked Stacy Weismantel, customer service representative. Stacy works in the Aberdeen office:



"The TV shows I watch on a regular basis include **One Tree Hill** and **90210** on **CW** (channel 59) and **Dancing with the Stars** on **ABC** (channel 13, HD channel 605). Every morning I tune in to **MSNBC** (channel 108) for daily stock updates. I also enjoy watching college basketball, especially when the games are broadcast in high definition. This time of year is great for NCAA basketball fans with **March Madness** concluding with **The Final Four** the first weekend of this month. Baseball is starting soon and I like watching games on TV, especially the Minnesota Twins. The Twins' last game in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome will be on Oct. 4 as next year the team moves to the new Target Field.

DVR is a great feature that I just recently added. **The Young and the Restless** on **CBS** (channel 4, HD channel 602) is set to record every day. I will be attending many Twins games and will be recording them and watching again when I have a chance."

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Get both services FREE for the first 2 months!

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SDPB, SDN Communications Widen Basketball Broadcasts

More than 130 South Dakota communities were able to tune in their televisions to catch the Web broadcasts of the South Dakota High School Girls A and AA tournaments March 12-14 and Boys B and A tournaments March 19-21. SDPB Television aired the other two tournaments – Girls B and Boys AA – statewide.

For several years, South Dakota Public Broadcasting (SDPB) has offered online broadcasts of many SDH-SAA (South Dakota High School Activities Association) championship events. For example, both girls and boys basketball includes three tournaments – B, A and AA – over three days. SDPB Television airs one of the three basketball tournaments statewide and the other two are offered on the Web. In this new experiment, SDPB and SDN Communications made use of a technology known as video-over-IP to test-broadcast the Web broadcasts as full-frame television. That gave viewers in selected communities a chance to choose which tournament to watch.

For over a decade, SDPB has used media production tools for webcasts in conjunction with partners in organizations, schools, and communities. The result is unprecedented access to the State Legislature; broadcasts of high school and university athletics; and a rich archive of stories about South Dakota available anywhere through webcasts. Now that a multi-channel digital broadcast environment has arrived, the network is exploring ways to use these services for more local, South Dakota-based programming.

For 20 years, SDN Communications' fiber optic network, which is now 22,000 miles, has been the region's leader in innovative broadband solutions. The partnership with SDPB is another example of how SDN and its owner companies – including James Valley Telecommunications – work to connect South Dakotans through telephone, Internet and video solutions. JVT added two new temporary special events channels (62 and 63) to its line-up to accommodate the tournament broadcasts.

Courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting



Cell Tips & Tricks

How Cell Phones Can Help Save Your Memory!

Have you ever thought about all the passwords, phone numbers, PIN numbers, bank account numbers, and other number/letter combinations you are expected to remember? Its no wonder our brains are full and we become memory-challenged! One way to make your life easier is to use your camera phone to save your memory:

Forgot where you parked? When you are at the mall, airport, or stadium take a picture of the row number instead of trying to remember where your car is parked.

Lost suitcase? Before traveling, take a picture of the contents of your suitcase. Describing the contents will be a lot easier if your luggage is lost.

Make shopping a breeze. Instead of trying to remember your shade of make-up or kind of shampoo or even a new sauce you just tried, take a picture of it before you go.

Try a new wine? If you are dining out and find a wine you really like, take a picture of the wine label so you can pick up a bottle the next time you shop.

New to a city? Take a picture of the intersection where your car is parked to make it easier to find your way back.

FREE MEMORY!

Sign up for cell service or add a line in April and receive a free memory card on select models.

Offer expires 4/30/09. Some restrictions apply and subject to availability. See store for details.

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