

PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATES

Craig Lon & Carmen Claremont 294-4442
 Craig Lon & Doug Shop Claremont 294-4440
 Elsen Cliff & Terri cell phone 994-7774
 Gunther Tom Frederick 329-2163
 Hatfield Jeremy & Nellie Hecla 994-2816
 Newekk Darrell Columbia 396-2630
 Nick's Frederick 329-2165
 Pauli Brad Columbia 396-2368
 Portage Pork Hecla 994-2022
 Spenst Sue Groton 397-2434
 Thomas Chris Doland 635-6211
 Waddington Marjo Frederick 329-2770

Show Choir Cook-Off



JVT employees Tami Herron and Janet Hoscheid competed in the Groton Show Choir Soup and Chili cook-off on Feb. 5 on behalf of the cooperative. Their recipe was *Potato Soup with a Kick*.

ATTENTION SENIORS! Scholarship Deadline is April 1

JVT will be awarding five \$500 scholarships this year to area seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative.

Scholarship applications have been forwarded to the guidance counselors at area schools and are also available on-line at www.jamesvalley.com.

The deadline for returning the scholarships to JVT's office is April 1.

Shoot For Loot Contest Results

"Shoot For Loot" contests were held in Doland Jan. 20 with Myron Stahl winning \$25, Northwestern on Feb. 3 with Devon Smith winning \$25, (pictured at right with JVT manager James Groft) and Conde on Feb. 6 with Sam Palmer winning \$50 (pictured at right with JVT dispatcher Crystal Sippel).

JVT sponsored the events, which gave one shooter the chance to win up to \$100 by completing a series of shots in 45 seconds. Your cooperative also donated \$100 to each school who hosts a "Shoot For Loot" contest.



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OFFICIAL NOTICE - TWO DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED

Two directors will be elected at the 2009 annual meeting, which is scheduled for May 28 at the high school in Groton. Wendell Rye (District 2: Claremont-Hecla) and Mark Wattier (District 6: Conde-Bristol) are up for re-election for 3-year terms.

Anyone interested in running for a director position in the district which they reside should file a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members also residing in that interested member's district. *The petition can be picked up at JVT's business office and must be filed at JVT's business office between the hours of 8am-5pm no sooner than March 30 and no later than April 14.*

At the annual meeting, members from each district in which a director is being elected will receive a ballot listing the names of all the candidates who have submitted valid petitions for that district. The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for each district will be elected.

Bylaw Section 4.3. Qualifications to be Nominated, to Become, or Remain a Director. Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a director of the Cooperative who resides in the district from which he is nominated and is not an employee of the Cooperative or in any way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or maintaining communications facilities. However, the Board may grant exceptions for "de minimis" competing enterprise.

The director is expected to attend two-thirds or more of the regular meetings during each twelve month period beginning with the month of his election.

Nothing in this Section shall affect, in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meetings of the Board.

Bylaw Section 4.4. Candidate Petitions. Any member who meets the qualifications of Section 4.3 and wishes to appear on the ballot for election as a director for the

member's district, shall, not less than 45 nor more than 60 days preceding the day designated for the annual meeting, file during business hours at the business office of the Cooperative, a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members residing in such member's district. The petition shall be in a form approved by the board of directors. The signature of only one member of a joint membership may be counted among the valid signatures on a petition, and any other signatures on the same petition by other members of the same joint membership shall be stricken.

Bylaw Section 4.5. Election of Directors. Elections of directors shall be by a separate printed ballot for the exclusive use of other members of each district in which a director is being elected. Each district's ballot shall list the name(s) of the candidate(s) who have submitted valid petitions, the order of which shall be determined by drawing of lots.

At the membership meeting considering the election of directors, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of all those who have submitted valid petitions.

The candidate from each district from which a director is being elected receiving the majority of votes cast for that office at such meeting shall be declared elected as a director. At least seven members from that district must cast votes at the membership meeting for the election of the director to be valid. Failure of an election for a given year shall allow the incumbent director whose directorship would have been voted on to hold over only until the next member meeting at which a quorum is present.

Director petitions must be filed at JVT's office between March 30 and April 14, 2009.



Wendell Rye



Mark Wattier

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

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What's On This Month...

DTV Transition

Deadline extended to June 12, 2009

Congress recently passed the DTV Delay Act, which extends the deadline for full-power broadcast TV stations to complete the DTV transition from Feb. 17, 2009 to June 12, 2009. The new law allows more time for consumers to be prepared for the DTV transition. However, stations may choose to complete their transition and stop broadcasting in analog before June 12.

If you have a television that receives free over-the-air TV programming with an outdoor antenna or "rabbit ears" on the TV, you will need to be prepared. You have three options: 1) purchase and connect a "digital-to-analog converter box" to your TV; 2) purchase a digital television; or 3) subscribe to a paid service such as cable or satellite TV. Each U.S. household is eligible to receive two \$40 coupons to be used toward the purchase of two digital-to-analog converter boxes.

If you have JVT's cable television service, the switch from analog to digital broadcasting will not impact you. In addition, if you have service from a satellite provider, you will not be impacted. If you receive all of your service from antennas on television sets and do not take one of the three steps listed above, you will lose service on or before June 12, 2009.

Please visit www.dtv.gov, call 1-888-388-2009 or contact our office by dialing 611 from your home phone if you have any further questions.

www.DTV.gov

HD/DVR SPECIAL

Get the most out of your HD TV!

Enjoy over 20 channels broadcast in crystal clear HD picture and sound with JVT's HD service. Say goodbye to your VCR and have the ability to record, rewind, and pause live TV in addition to recording your favorite shows with JVT's DVR service.

Get both services FREE for the first 2 months!

Price is \$14.95/mo for HD/DVR or \$9.95/mo for one service.

Call 611 today!



BABY BOOM! JVT outside plant technician Randy Lord and his wife Alyssa welcomed twin boys Brody and Blake on Dec. 9. Customer service representative Carla Jangula and her husband Jerrad (not pictured) welcomed son Ryder James on Feb. 4.

Congratulations, Carla & Randy!

The Results Are In!

95% Satisfied with JVT's Customer Service

JVT recently sent out a survey to a random group of customers and 54% responded, providing the co-op with valuable feedback regarding its prices, products, staff and overall performance. Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey! Highlights include:

- * 76% reported it was easier to do business with JVT compared to other telecommunications companies.
- * Nearly 73% of members have called the office at least once in the last year, and 92% of those who called were satisfied with the outcome of that call. 98% reported their call was handled in a timely manner.
- * 99% of members gave a "Good" or "Excellent" score to customer service and phone technicians, while 95% reported the same for Internet technical support.
- * When asked how satisfied they were with the overall customer service, 95% responded favorably with "Very Satisfied" or "Somewhat Satisfied" answers.
- * 92% said they were satisfied with the overall quality of the services they receive from JVT.
- * 99% stated they would recommend JVT to someone else.

PHONE DIRECTORY CHANGES

Deadline is March 13!

JVT is in the process of getting ready to publish the June 2009 phone directory. If you would like any additions or changes to your existing listing in the white pages, please call 611 to make sure these changes are incorporated in the next phone book.

You may want to consider adding information such as a PO Box, an email address, or a cell phone number. There is no charge to list a PO Box in the same community as your 911 address. **If you have a cell phone from JVT, you can also list your cell number at no charge.**

Additional line listings are \$1.00 per month. There is a one-time \$5.00 fee to change your current listing.

PHONE DIRECTORY PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline is March 16!

JVT is having a photo contest for the 2009 phone directory cover, with entries due on March 16!

The winner of the contest will receive a \$50 credit on their JVT account. The photo must be taken by a JVT member and should be labeled with a description and the photographer's name.

Photos will not be returned, and JVT reserves the right to reject any and all photos. A release form is required for any winning photo that contains pictures of children under the age of 18.

Send all photos to: JVT - Attn: Photo Contest, PO Box 260, Groton, SD 57445 or drop off your entry at our office.

GOT PHONES?



Slam Dunk Deals!



MARCH CELL PHONE MADNESS

Sign up for cell service or add a line in March and be registered to win an NSU Gift Pack including 2 season tickets to all NSU home

basketball games for the 2009-2010 season!

SCORE BIG

with cell service from JVT

- * Unlimited local network calling only \$39.95/month
- * Nationwide coverage
- * Affordable family plans
- * Excellent local customer service
- * Earn capital credits
- * Bundle with other services and save!

A local cell phone company with great coverage = a SLAM DUNK deal!

Some restrictions apply, see store for details. Offer expires 3/31/09.



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