

## GIFTS FOR GRADS

### Customized prepaid calling cards available!

Prepaid calling cards make a great gift for any graduating senior, and JVT offers custom cards for all of the high schools in our service area - Aberdeen Central, Aberdeen Roncalli, Conde, Doland, Frederick, Groton, Northwestern, and Redfield! The cards cost \$10 for 100 minutes and can be ordered by calling JVT at 397-2323.



**Groton Area High School**  
100 prepaid minutes  
JVT PREPAID PHONE CARD

James Valley Telecommunications  
235 E 1st Ave - Groton, SD  
(605) 397-2323 - 1-800-556-6525  
www.jamesvalley.com

Congratulations Class of 2008!

JAMES VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## PHONE DIRECTORY CONTEST WINNER



This picture will be featured on the cover of the JVT 2008 phone directory due in homes later this month. The picture was taken by Michele Caspers of Hecla. She received a \$50 credit on her JVT account for winning the photo contest.

There were many great pictures to choose from this year. Thank you to all who entered the contest!

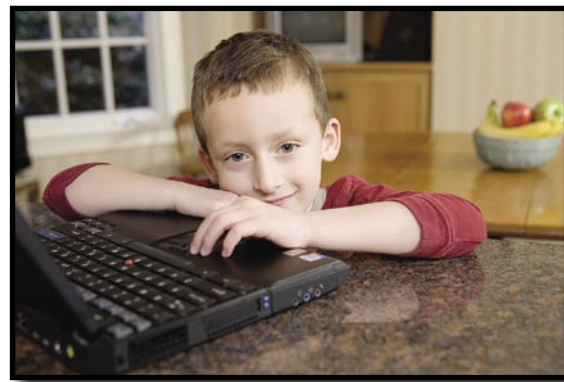


## GEEK SPEEK!

### Today's Topic: Message Center Upgrade

In an effort to provide the highest level of service, JVT/NVC will be upgrading its E-mail Spam/Antivirus filtering device (Message Center) from Postini to the Ironport E-mail Security Appliance. The enhancement will be done on May 6th at approximately 11pm.

Customers will still have access to the old message center for five days following the upgrade. Daily e-mails will continue to be sent to your account with the Ironport Appliance if there is spam caught in your quarantine, or you can check your new quarantine after the 6th by clicking on the "Message Center" link on the JVT website.



The username and password for the Ironport Quarantine will be the same as the webmail/e-mail username and password, so you will not have to include the @nvc.net when logging in. Customers will also be notified by e-mail regarding the upgrade and more information can be found on JVT's website at [www.jamesvalley.com](http://www.jamesvalley.com), click on "Message Center".

The reason the upgrade is being done is to better protect our customers from harmful spam and viruses that come through e-mail. Latest statistics show that over 90% of all mail on the Internet is spam, and more than 90% of all viruses are spread through e-mail.

Ironport is an industry leader in spam and antivirus filtering. To learn more about Ironport visit their website: [www.ironport.com](http://www.ironport.com). Please contact us if you have any questions at [support@nvc.net](mailto:support@nvc.net).

Internet technical support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-888-919-8945.

## PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATES

Anderson Richard Groton 397-5816  
Baird Dennis & Kathy Brentford 887-7760  
Dakota Risk Management Groton 397-2299  
Dakota Risk Management Fax Groton 397-2298  
Daly Darlene Cell Phone 396-7601  
Daly Doug Cell Phone 396-7600  
Dayton Dana Stratford 382-7203  
Ehresmann Kelsie Columbia 396-2307  
Fire Chief Ron Worlie Conde 382-5675  
Frohling Jesse Columbia 216-5949  
Frohling Krissi Columbia 216-0753  
Hearnen Travis Conde 382-7436  
Hermann Linda Shop 396-2416  
Jones Trenton Frederick 329-2016  
Martin John Cell Phone 397-7770  
Mitchell Alex Cell Phone 887-7777  
Palmer Charles Mellette 887-3579  
Peterson Gary Cell Phone 329-7088  
Peterson Jan Cell Phone 329-7688  
Rossow Bob Cell Phone 382-7382  
Samantha's Massage Groton 380-9393  
Schimmel-Lopez Lisa Bristol 492-3358  
Scott's Wild Bird Food Doland 635-6104  
Stickler Doug Doland 635-6502  
Stohr Helen Groton 397-8489  
Tastad Topper Cell Phone 397-7337  
Thomas Jeff & Dianne Conde 382-5236  
Zweber Vic Cell Phone 397-7734

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 May Day
- 2 Space Day
- 4-10 Pet Week
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 Disconnect Day
- 11 Mother's Day
- 12 International Nurse's Day
- 13 Tulip Day
- 22 JVT Annual Meeting
- 26 Memorial Day - JVT Office Closed
- 30 Bills Sent Out



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
JVT's office will be closed  
Mon., May 26  
in observance of Memorial Day.

## SDATC Scholarships Available

The South Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives (SDATC) is awarding four \$1,000 scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year.

The SDATC Memorial Scholarships are available to applicants who have completed at least two semesters of course work at an accredited post-secondary school in South Dakota and whose family is a member/customer of an SDATC member company, such as JVT. The scholarships can be used at any post-secondary educational institution in South Dakota, including public and private universities, technical schools, and community colleges.

The scholarship program began with a single \$300 scholarship in 1987. Since that time, SDATC has awarded more than \$37,000 to help 62 students receive their post-secondary education.

The deadline to apply for the scholarships is May 31, 2008. Applications are available at:

[www.sdatconline.com](http://www.sdatconline.com)

or from any South Dakota post-secondary institution student financial aid office, or the SDATC office (605-224-7629).



## 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



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## Three Directors To Be Re-Elected

Current directors Roger Zastrow (District 1), Bill Ewalt (District 4), and William Troske (District 7) are the only directors in their respective districts to turn in petitions so they will be re-elected at the annual meeting on May 22 for three year terms. Watch for your official annual meeting notice which will be mailed out early this month. This report contains the meeting agenda, minutes from last year's meeting, the cooperative's financial statement, and summaries from the board president and general manager. Many door prizes will be given away at the meeting and each family receives a gift at the registration table. We hope to see you there!

## BUSING SCHEDULE

How about a ride to the annual meeting? JVT will be offering free bus rides for members - the schedule and locations for pick-up are listed below. To sign up for a ride, call us at 611 as soon as possible. Members who reside in Groton can call community transit at 397-8650 for a free ride.

Town	Place	Time
Bristol	Bristol School	4:45pm
Andover	Main St by Andover Cafe	5:00pm
Frederick	Frederick School	4:00pm
Hecla	Community Center	4:30pm
Columbia	Bdwy St by K L Cabin	5:00pm
Doland	Doland School	4:15pm
Turton	By Farmer's State Bank	4:30pm
Conde	By Plains Commerce Bank	4:45pm
Mellette	Northwestern School	4:30pm
Brentford	Legion	4:45pm
Stratford	By B S Bar & Grill	5:00pm
Ferney	By Harry Implements	5:15pm

### \*PLEASE NOTE\*

The buses have to stay on schedule. Drivers will not be able to wait for riders who are not there at the pick-up times listed above.



## Get Cell Service From JVT and Win \$1000

### PACK YOUR BAGS!

One lucky JVT cell phone customer will receive a \$1000 trip to the destination of their choice at this year's annual meeting!

**How do you win?** All you have to do is get your JVT cell phone before the annual meeting on May 22. Then, attend the meeting and bring your cell phone! One cell number will be called immediately following the business meeting. If your number is called and you answer, you win! *You must be present to win.*

If you haven't received your JVT cell phone yet, stop by our office before May 22 and experience cell coverage like never before with JVT's new wireless network.



## ANNUAL MEETING THIS MONTH

**THURSDAY, MAY 22**

Groton High School Gym and Arena  
5:00pm-6:30pm - Registration & Dinner  
6:30pm - Business Meeting

*Bring the whole family, free childcare provided!*



# What's On This Month...

## VIDEO RATES TO INCREASE

Effective June 1 of this year, some JVT cable television subscribers will see a rate increase of \$3 per month for the Family View and Expanded View cable television packages and an increase of \$2 per month for the cost of premium movie suites.

We work hard to hold rate adjustments to a minimum. This is the first rate change for JVT members in over two years and our efforts to control expenses have resulted in no increases to the prices customers pay for high-speed Internet and phone service. In addition, customers currently in a bundle with cell phone service will not see any rate increase.



The major challenge with the cable TV rates is the rising cost of TV programming - namely, the fees we are required to pay the owners of the networks. Taken together, those fees, which are beyond our direct control and represent our single-largest expense category, are growing at approximately 9% each year, three times faster than the rate of inflation. As much as we dislike having to increase rates, we understand that occasional increases are necessary in order to provide the best value and the best service to you.

We are committed to helping our members save money wherever we can, such as through packages that bundle TV, Internet, phone service, and cell phone service. These bundles provide significant annual savings over the price you would pay if you ordered the services separately and from different providers. Please contact a JVT customer service representative to discuss the options that are available. Thank you for your patronage and support. We will continue to do the very best we can to obtain popular programming at the most reasonable prices possible.

## ANALOG TO DIGITAL TRANSITION

*JVT cable TV customers not affected*

What is the DTV transition? After February 17, 2009, all full power over-the-air TV broadcasts will be provided in a digital format only. Any consumer who receives TV broadcasts via antenna and has a TV with only an analog tuner will need a converter box to watch TV. Congress has mandated this switch because the airspace being used currently by full-power television stations to broadcast their analog signals is needed for emergency and wireless communications.

The Federal Communications Commission wants to ensure that all consumers are informed and prepared for the switch. As part of their national outreach campaign, they are requiring companies including JVT to provide the following notice to customers each month from now through March of 2009.

*After February 17, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before to receive low power, Class A or translator television stations and with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and similar products. Information about the DTV transition is available at [www.DTV.gov](http://www.DTV.gov) or [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or call 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for 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, you will lose service on February 17, 2009.

Please visit the above websites or contact our office by dialing 611 from your home phone if you have any further questions regarding the DTV transition.

[www.DTV.gov](http://www.DTV.gov)

## SPOTLIGHT ON...



Carla Jangula

What are JVT employees watching on TV? This month we asked Carla Jangula, a customer service representative who lives near Stratford and works in the Groton office. Here is what she had to say:

"As sad as it is, our daughter (age 2) usually is in control of the TV! Her channel line-up, which has now become our channel line-up, consists of *Dora the Explorer*, *Diego*, *Backyardigans*, *Blues Clues* (all on Nickelodeon) and...yes, I saved the best for last...*Barney* (PBS)! We have established quite the tolerance level for that crazy dinosaur!

When we, or more or less I, gain control of the TV, we quickly tune into *Big Brother* (CBS) three times a week. I am a HUGE reality TV junkie, so we also watch a lot of *MTV*, *VH1*, and so on. Cheesy, I know, but VERY entertaining!! *Desperate Housewives* (ABC) is also another Sunday night favorite, with new episodes airing again! I am anxiously awaiting *Grey's Anatomy* (ABC) to return to my weekly TV viewing as well.

Now that I think about it, I am not really sure what my husband watches on TV if he is ever given the opportunity to do so. Between *Barney* and reality TV, there is not much TV time left at the end of the night! When he does manage to gain control of the remote, it usually consists of the *Speed Channel*, the *Outdoor Channel*, and so on."

## HDTV UPDATE!

*Prices Announced for HD & DVR*

Many JVT members who have HD television sets will soon be able to take advantage of the company's HD service! The service is currently being tested and equipment that will allow the HD signal is being installed in several towns.

High-definition television yields a better-quality image than does standard television because it has a greater number of lines of resolution. However, you must have an HD set and the programs you are watching must be broadcast in HD to take full advantage of the service.

JVT is currently working on their HD lineup which will include approximately 25 channels. The cost for JVT's HD service is \$9.95 per month per television set. DVR service is also available and can be purchased in a package with the HD service for only \$14.95/month. DVR purchased alone will cost \$9.95/month per TV.

DVR stands for digital video recorder. Also referred to as PVR or personal video recorder, a DVR functions a lot like a VCR, except it uses a hard drive to record as opposed to videotapes. This means that there aren't any tapes to cue, and there is more recording time available. In addition, the image quality of a DVR recording is considerably better than a VCR tape. One of the most popular DVR features is its ability to pause, fast forward, rewind, or replay live television.

If you are interested in either HD or DVR or both, please contact JVT's office to add your name to the list. We will contact you to set up an appointment if and when the service is available in your area. Thank you for your patience as we roll out this new service!

### Add Cable TV Today!

JVT's all-digital cable television service is available in the towns of:

<i>Andover</i>	<i>Claremont</i>	<i>Columbia</i>
<i>Conde</i>	<i>Ferney</i>	<i>Groton</i>
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>Houghton</i>	<i>Mellette</i>
<i>Mellette</i>	<i>Stratford</i>	<i>Turton</i>

If you live in one of the above towns and would like to add cable TV, call JVT's office at 611 today!



## Cell Tips & Tricks

### "ICE" YOUR CELL PHONE FOR SAFETY

Got your cell phone handy? Take a moment right now to put

"ICE" in front of the names of the people you would want called in case of emergency. That's what "ICE" stands for -- "in case of emergency."

The point is to let rescue workers, police, or doctors check your cell phone and reach the people you would want contacted if you're in an accident or other emergency. Emergency workers often struggle to reach family members when a patient cannot communicate, and the first place they look is a cell phone. Having "ICE" in front of names gives them a good place to start and speeds up the process of going through all contacts listed in an address book.

Those agreeing to be your "ICE" contacts should be able to confirm your name, date of birth and address. In addition, information on allergies, blood type and previous medical history may be use for treatment.

For assistance in adding contacts to your cell phone contact JVT's office by dialing 611.



## FEATURED CELL PHONE



### MOTOROLA ROKR

- Integrated Music Player
- Bluetooth
- Memory Card Slot
- 2 Megapixel Camera
- Headphone Jack

RETAIL PRICE: \$299<sup>95</sup>

### INTRODUCTORY OFFER

**\$129.95 with two year contract!**

For a complete list of handsets available with JVT's cell phone service, visit [www.jvtwireless.net](http://www.jvtwireless.net)

or stop by our offices located in Groton and Aberdeen. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8am-6pm and the Aberdeen office is open on Saturday from 9am-12pm.

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