

Welcome New Members

Atherton Joshua & Merrie Bristol 492-3488
 Bahr Janice Groton 397-2655
 Del Muro Miquel Andover 298-5244
 Diede Evangeline Hecla 994-2430
 Elsen Twyla Hecla 994-2559
 Fortin Brent Mellette 887-3386
 Humann Irene Bristol 492-3137
 Keil Gerald Warner 887-3406
 Martilla H Frederick 329-2160
 McNeil Dustin Stratford 395-6567
 Monson Nicholas & Lyncee Groton 395-6485
 Olson Evelyn Bristol 492-3304
 Olson Kay Groton 397-4561
 Pahl Pearl Groton 397-8331
 Place Red & Bessie Conde 382-5693
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- * Any time of the day
- * Any day of the week
- * In-state & out-of-state
- * No monthly minimums
- * No hidden fees

Call 611 to sign up today

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

Black History Month
 2 Groundhog's Day
 4 Super Bowl XLI
 10 Disconnect Day
 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
 14 Valentine's Day
 18 1930 - Planet Pluto Discovered
 19 President's Day
 20 1962 - John Glen became first American astronaut to orbit the earth
 20 Mardi Gras
 22 1732 - George Washington's Birthday
 28 Bills Sent Out

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

Reminder Service



JVT is pleased to introduce a new calling feature now available to its members called **Reminder Service!**

The **Reminder Service** can be used to schedule one-time or recurring reminders or wake-up calls. The calls are then automatically made to your home phone. You can record your own messages, and even access the feature and schedule calls when you are away from home. It even has a built-in snooze feature, just like your alarm clock!

Reminder Service works great for:

- ✓ Daily reminder to take your pills
- ✓ Getting the kids out of bed
- ✓ Reminder to pick up dry cleaning
- ✓ Remind yourself of important meetings
- ✓ Birthday or anniversary reminders

This feature is only \$2/month!*

Try **Reminder Service** free for the first month! Call 611 to sign up today, or return the form included with this month's statement.

* residential rate



Contact Information

James Valley Telecommunications ★ 235 E. 1st Avenue ★ PO Box 260 ★ Groton, SD 57445-0260
 605-397-2323 or 1-800-556-6525 ★ Fax: 605-397-2350
 Email: jvinfo@jamesvalley.com
 Website: www.jamesvalley.com

DIAL TONES

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JVT Announces Computer Lease Program

JVT's Computer Lease Program allows members to own a new Dell computer for as low as \$28 per month! The price includes free installation and transfer of information from an old computer if needed.

There are three levels of the program, depending on the processor, memory, monitor, and hard drive size in each computer. All computers include Microsoft Office and Microsoft Windows XP and a CD-RW drive. The lease options for the **Basic level** are:

- 30 Month Lease - \$28/month
- 20 Month Lease - \$41/month
- 15 Month Lease - \$54/month

The **Mid level** lease options include:

- 30 Month Lease - \$36/month
- 20 Month Lease - \$52/month
- 15 Month Lease - \$68/month

Lease options for the **High-End** computer are:

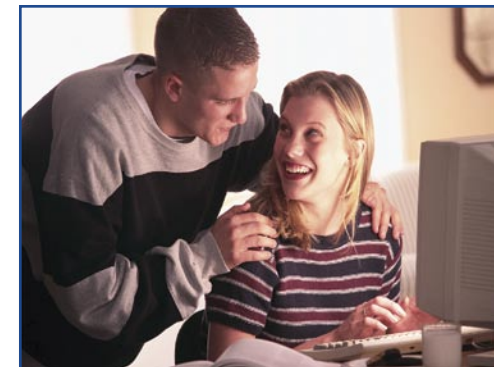
- 30 Month Lease - \$48/month
- 20 Month Lease - \$69/month
- 15 Month Lease - \$90/month.

All of the options provide a \$1.00 buy-out at the end of your lease term! The monthly fee can be added directly to your phone bill. Customers must maintain consecutive high-speed Internet service with JVT during the lease period.

Monthly maintenance plans with special computer repair rates are also available with the lease program:

Monthly Maintenance Plan - \$4.99/month

- Includes virus removal, spyware removal, software and hardware troubleshooting and repair.



Call JVT at 611 for more information.

JVT To Award Five \$500 Scholarships

James Valley Telecommunications 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 available at JVT's business office. Applications are also available online at www.jamesvalley.com. The deadline for returning the scholarships to JVT's office is May 1, 2007.

Seniors must be attending an accredited college, university or vocational school in South Dakota in the Fall of 2007. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required.

As part of the application process, all students shall submit a short essay of 500 words or less on the theme "What are the benefits of cell phone usage in rural South Dakota?"



Yellow Page Sales

The official JVT phone directory sales representative, Brian Seguin from Independent Pinnacle Services, began contacting businesses last month about their advertising for the June 2007 phone book. All members are encouraged to check their white and yellow page listings and call our office at 611 if you would like any changes made.

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Do You Qualify For Heating Assistance?

If you recently received notification that you qualify for low income home energy assistance, you are eligible to receive a credit of \$8.25 per month on the basic service portion of your phone bill through the Lifeline program. This discount applies only to basic local telephone service in the home where the eligible member resides.



You may also receive discounts if you receive assistance from any of the following programs:

- * Food Stamps
- * Federal Housing Assistance
- * Medicaid
- * Supplemental Security Income

Recipients of Lifeline funds must recertify each year. Contact JVT's office at 611 for more info.

Cell Phone Network Update



Work continued last month on several towers in preparation for JVT's cell phone service. The tower pictured here is being constructed in Andover. It was approx. 40 feet tall when the photo was taken. Most of the towers will be 195-200 feet tall when completed, and will have a range of approximately 8-10 miles.

Check out JVT's website:
www.jamesvalley.com/cellservice.html
for more pictures and updates.

JVT Sponsors "Shoot For Loot" Contests At Area Schools



Tony Waage of Groton won \$50 at the contest held on Jan. 2 by making three of four shots.

School	Date	Game
Groton	1/2/07	vs Britton-Hecla
Conde	1/26/07	vs Warner
Doland	1/27/07	vs Redfield
Northwestern	1/30/07	vs Doland/Conde
Frederick	2/3/07	vs Sisseton

"Shoot For Loot" contests were held in 4 schools last month with one more contest to be held in February. JVT sponsors the events, which give one shooter the chance to make up to \$100 by completing a lay-up, free throw, 3-point shot and half-court shot in 45 seconds. JVT also donates \$100 to each school who hosts a "Shoot For Loot" contest, and there is no cost for people to sign up to be the shooter. Results from most of the contests were not available at press time.

GEEK SPEEK!

Today's Topic: Help Us Can "Spam" Emails



What is "spam"?

Are you annoyed with emails from people that you don't know? As more people use email, marketers are increasingly sending more emails to solicit their products or services. Some people find unsolicited email (also known as "spam") annoying and time consuming while others have lost money due to bogus offers that arrive in their email in-box. Typically, an email spammer buys a list of email addresses from a list broker: (i.e. news groups, web sites, chat rooms, etc.) The marketer then uses special software that can send hundreds of thousands, possibly even millions of email messages to email addresses all over the world at the push of a button.

How can I reduce spam?

Try not to display your email address in public, to include newsgroup postings, chat rooms, and websites or in an online service's membership directory. Check the privacy policy when you submit your address to any website. See if it allows the company to sell your address. Some websites allow you to opt out of receiving email from their "partners", but you may have to physically uncheck a box if you want to opt out. Lastly, we urge that you read and understand all forms before you transmit any personal information over the internet.

How can I filter spam?

If you are using a NVC email account, you can simply visit our website www.nvc.net and click on the "Message Center" button. You will be prompted for your email address and email password. If you are unsure of your password or receive an error while logging in, please contact NVC's Internet department. Once you are logged into the Message Center, click on the "Junk Email Settings" link. Make sure that your "Junk Email Blocking" button is set to ON. You may also want to adjust your Spam Filter levels to "Aggressive" and then click the "Save Changes" button.

What to do with the Spam in my In-Box?

Report it to the Federal Trade Commission by sending a copy of unwanted or deceptive messages to spam@uce.gov. The FTC uses the unsolicited emails stored in this database to pursue law enforcement actions against people who send deceptive spam email. Let the FTC know if a "remove me" request is not honored. If you want to complain about a removal link that doesn't work or not being able to unsubscribe from a list, you can fill out the FTC's online complaint form at www.ftc.gov. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Consumer Sentinel database and made available to hundreds of law enforcement and consumer protection agencies.

Directory Changes or Additions

JVT is in the process of getting ready to publish the June 2007 phone directory. Please take a moment now to check your listing in the 2006 directory. If you would like any additions or changes to your existing listing in the white pages, please call 611 by March 15, 2007 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. Additional line listings (email addresses, cell phones, lake cabins, etc.) are \$1.00 per month. There is a one-time \$5.00 fee to change your current listing.

EXAMPLE

Jones John & Jane 1234 Main St Grtn397-5555
E-mail: jones@nvc.net
Teen Line.....397-5554
Jones Katie 1234 123rd Av PO Box 4 Cnd.....382-5555
Cell Phone.....380-5555

**DEADLINE FOR PHONE DIRECTORY CHANGES:
March 15, 2007**

Phone Directory Contest Winner Will Receive \$50 Credit

JVT is having a photo contest for the 2007 phone directory cover, with entries due on March 15!

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.



This Month's Feature Channels: Premium Suites

JVT offers four premium suites that can be added to either Family or Expanded View, at the cost of \$10.95 each. Below is a listing of movies and other programming available in February with each suite. Call 611 to add a premium channel suite to your current cable tv package and the first month is free.

HBO Premium Suite (5 channels)

Rome Second Season began January 14

Temptation. Torment. Retribution. As one tragic chapter ends, a new, more ruthless one begins. In the wake of Caesar's murder, a cauldron of contrary emotions bubbles across Rome.

Cinemax Premium Suite (4 channels)

16 Blocks

A burned-out cop gets a chance at redemption when the seemingly inconsequential job of transporting an inmate takes a shocking turn. Bruce Willis is Jack Mosley, an alcoholic wreck of an NYPD detective who is asked to drive petty thief Eddie Bunker (Mos Def) 16 blocks to the courthouse. But the short drive becomes a desperate effort to survive as they come under fire from dirty cops--led by Jack's former partner--whom Eddie is being driven to testify against in court.

Showtime Premium Suite (5 channels)

Boxing: Adamek VS Dawson/Diaz VS Chavez Starting February 3

Tomasz Adamek defends his WBC light heavyweight crown against challenger Chad Dawson from Miami, Florida on the eve of the Super Bowl in the same city.

Starz/Encore Premium Suite (11 channels)

The Benchwarmers Starting February 3

Seeking revenge for being bullied as kids, a trio of nerdy guys - with backing from a wacky billionaire - form a three-man baseball team and take on the local Little League thugs in this outrageous comedy.

**JAMES
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CABLE TV

What's on?

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JVT's New Channels

In the last few months James Valley has added six new channels to its lineup at no additional cost to our members. JVT's exciting lineup now features over 130 channels including digital music and four premium movie suites. The new channels include:

NFL Network	Channel 58	www.nfl.com/nflnetwork/home
C-SPAN 2	Channel 60	www.c-span.org
Hallmark Movie	Channel 61	www.hallmarkmoviechannel.com
Sportsman Channel	Channel 130	thesportsmanchannel.com
Biography Channel	Channel 131	www.biography.com
History Int'l	Channel 132	www.historyinternational.com

The first three channels are in the *Family View* package and the last three are in the *Expanded View* package. To upgrade your existing services call 611 and your first month of the upgrade will be free!

What's on this month

- HD TV Update
- Your "Tip of the Month"
- Premium Movie Suites



THE HDTV CHALLENGE

Over the last few months, many JVT members have inquired about the availability of HD service. Thank you for your continued patience as we work hard toward being able to provide HD to you. At this time we would like to provide a further explanation as to what is happening in our industry that is causing the unexpected delay in being able to provide this service.

HDTV (high-definition TV) is a kind of a digital television broadcasting system that offers a much higher resolution and wider aspect ratio than SDTV (standard-definition TV). Due to the higher resolution, colors on HD televisions generally look more realistic, due to the cleaner, digital signal.

The added benefits of HDTV such as higher image resolution and larger color palette come at a price: HDTV programming must transmit 2-5 times the amount of information onto the television screen as SDTV. This means additional bandwidth will be needed to support HD programming. Bandwidth represents the capacity of a connection – with more capacity comes the ability to provide more channels of HD programming at a higher quality.

The demand for HD programming is only going to increase as more television networks are able to provide it. Because of this, JVT wants to make sure the network and equipment it uses to distribute the HD signal offers plenty of bandwidth to support the HD programming available today and in the future. We have chosen a technology called IP TV (Internet Protocol) to deliver that signal.

IPTV allows a television service to be integrated with a broadband Internet service and share the same home Internet connections. The IP-based platform offers significant advantages, including the ability to integrate television with other IP-based services like high speed Internet access and VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol).

The IP network also allows for the delivery of significantly more content and functionality. In a typical cable TV or satellite network, using broadcast video technology, all the content constantly flows downstream to each customer, and the customer switches the content at the set-top box. The customer can select from as many choices as the provider is able to provide with the available bandwidth to that home.

A switched IP network works differently. Content remains in the network, and only the content the customer selects is sent into the customer's home. That frees up bandwidth, and the customer's choice is less restricted by the size of the "pipe" into the home.

An IP-based platform also allows significant opportunities to make the TV viewing experience more interactive and personalized, including the integration of the Internet. For instance, in the future viewers may be able to look up a player's stats while watching a sports game. They also may be able to access photos or music from their PC on their television, or even use a wireless phone to schedule a recording of their favorite show, or adjust parental controls so their child can watch a documentary for a school report while they're away from home. Customers will eventually be able to access content anytime-anywhere over their televisions, PCs and cell phones, and to integrate services and content to tie them together.

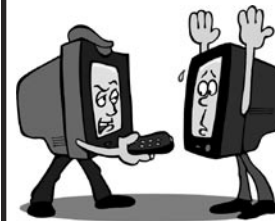
Because the IPTV industry is still in the emergent stages, there are a limited amount of vendors and equipment available to support it. Additionally, HD set-top boxes have not been deployed at an industry-wide level as the equipment is still in the testing phase. This is why we have not been able to provide HD service to our customers at this point. While we understand that many are anxious for this service, we know you will appreciate the added benefits of television's newest technology and we will have it available as soon as possible.

Interested in HD?

Email marketing@nvc.net and we'll add you to the list.

The Cable Corner "Tip of the Month"

Browsing Upcoming Programs



When watching your cable television service you are able to scan through future channel and programming listings by using the arrow buttons located in the center of the remote control.

If you would like to find out what is going to be available for upcoming shows, push the **Right Arrow Button** to see the title and duration of future shows. To see the listings for other channels push the **Up and Down Arrow Buttons**. These listings can be as far out as one week in advance.