

## ATTENTION SENIORS! Scholarships Available

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 guidance counselors at area schools.

Applications are also available on-line at

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

The deadline for returning the scholarships to JVT's office is May 1, 2008.

Seniors must be attending an accredited college, university or vocational school in South Dakota in the Fall of 2008. 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 "How do you use the Internet today and how do you envision using the Internet in the future?"

## SHOOT FOR LOOT

The last three "Shoot For Loot" contests were held in Conde on Jan. 18, Doland on Jan. 22, and Frederick on Jan. 25. Linda Hofer (pictured below), James Logan, and Gary Huettl all won \$50!



## GEEK SPEEK!

### Today's Topic: Spam & Other Unwanted Messages

Spam now makes up 90% of all email volume and annoys people all around the world.

#### What is Spam?

Spam is flooding the Internet with many copies of the same message in an attempt to force the message on people who would not otherwise choose to receive it. Most spam is commercial advertising, often for dubious products, get-rich-quick schemes, or quasi-legal services.

#### How do Spammers get my email address?

The three most common ways spammers get your email address are:

1. Software known as robots can scan any web site on the Internet for the (@) symbol anywhere in the text. The robot automatically pulls your email address if it is listed on any site. After the robot's finished pulling email addresses, spammers have a huge list of addresses to create a mailing list from. Robots can also be used to generate millions of possible email addresses based on web site domain names.

2. Scanning Usenet postings is another way your email address is collected and compiled into a mailing list.

3. Spammers buy lists from spammers. If someone's used one of the ways above to collect email addresses, they now have an extensive list of email addresses and are more than happy to share that list with paying spammers. The list with your email address on it can be sold, sold and re-sold, flooding your inbox with hundreds or even thousands of unsolicited emails.

#### What does NVC do to prevent Spam?

All @nvc.net email addresses are filtered using Postini Email Security, more commonly known as the Message Center. The Message Center helps keep your email free from spam, viruses, phishing, and other threats. All messages are filtered before they hit your inbox.

You can log on to your Message Center at any time to safely view the emails that have been filtered and not delivered to your inbox. Visit [www.nvc.net](http://www.nvc.net) and click on the Message Center button. Enter your email address and email password to log on. You can then view your filtered email, customize filter settings, and even block or approve specific senders.

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

## WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS!

**Barrie Thomas & Ann Turton** 897-6555  
**Czmowski Mary** Bristol 492-3522  
**Daly Andy** Groton 397-4526  
**Ehresmann Chris** Groton 397-8104  
**Elfrink Cody** Barnard 329-2020  
**Fliehs Gary & Kris** Claremont 294-5870  
**Hanson Derek** Claremont 294-5368  
**Pacheco Pedro** Andover 298-5280  
**Tewksbury Randy & Violet** Groton 397-6948  
**Thirsty's** Groton 397-2525  
**Waddel Roger** Bristol 492-3336

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 Share a Smile Day
- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 9 1959, Barbie's Birthday
- 10 Disconnect Day
- 11 Johnny Appleseed Day
- 16 Palm Sunday
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 1965, First Walk in Space
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 23 Easter
- 31 Bills Sent Out



### New Arrival! Gage Carl

**Weight:** 7 lbs. 11 oz.  
**Length:** 21 1/2 in.  
**Born:** 2/8/08  
**Parents:** Crystal & Doug Sippel  
*Crystal is the dispatcher for JVT.*

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**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 24 and April 8, 2008**



## 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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# DIAL TONES NEWSLETTER

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keeping you in touch

## OFFICIAL NOTICE - THREE DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED

Three directors will be elected at the 2008 annual meeting, which is scheduled for May 22 at the high school in Groton. Roger Zastrow (District 1: Houghton-Columbia-Frederick), Bill Ewalt (District 4: Rural Groton-Andover), and William Troske (District 7: Turton-Doland) 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 24 and no later than April 8.*

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.

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**Roger Zastrow**



**Bill Ewalt**



**William Troske**

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Annual Meeting Date Set:  
**Thursday, May 22, 2008**  
**Groton High School**



# What's On This Month...

## MARCH MADNESS VIEWING GUIDE

The NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship is a single elimination tournament held each spring featuring 65 college basketball teams in the United States. Known as March Madness or the Big Dance, the tournament takes place over 3 weeks at sites across the United States, and the national semifinals (the Final Four) have become one of the nation's most prominent sporting events.

At 11 national titles, UCLA currently holds the record for the most NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championships. University of Kentucky is second, with 7 national titles.

In 1982, CBS obtained broadcast television rights to the tournament.

In 1991, CBS assumed responsibility for covering all games of the NCAA tournament, with the exception of the single Tuesday night "play-in" game. The play-in game (between teams ranked 64 & 65) is televised by ESPN.

Currently, CBS broadcasts the remaining 63 games of the NCAA tournament proper. Most areas see only eight of 32 first round games, seven second round games, and four regional semifinal games (out of the possible 56 games during these rounds). Coverage preempts regular programming on the network, except during a 2.5-hour window from about 5 ET until 7:30 when the local affiliates can show programming.

Visit  
[www.ncaamarchmadness2008.com](http://www.ncaamarchmadness2008.com)  
for more information.



**When will teams be chosen to play in the 2008 NCAA Tournament?** On Sunday, March 16, 2008, the 65-team tournament bracket for the 2008 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship will be announced on CBS.

The entire country sees the regional finals, the national semifinals, and the national championship. At the end of CBS' coverage a highlight reel featuring memorable moments from the tournament is shown, set to the song *One Shining Moment*.

**FINAL FOUR:** On April 5th, the final four teams remaining in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament will contend for a shot at the National Championship game. The Final Four tournament will be held at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

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### Add Cable TV Today! Service Available in 11 Towns

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

Andover	Hecla
Claremont	Houghton
Columbia	Mellette
Conde	Stratford
Ferney	Turton
Groton	

You can select from two TV packages. The Family View package includes 58 channels with local networks and popular networks such as The Weather Channel, ESPN, CNN, Discovery, History Channel, NFL Network, and American Movie Classics. The Expanded View package includes 40 additional channels and 40 channels of digital music. If you live in one of the above towns and would like to add cable TV, call JVT's office at 611 today!



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

What are JVT/NVC employees watching on the tube?

This month receptionist Pam Hanson discusses her favorite shows: "Ok, I admit it - I'm an **HGTV** (channel 110), **DIY** (channel 109), and **Fine Living** (channel 129) junky. But when I'm not watching those channels, my eleven year old son & I love to tune in to **Jon & Kate Plus Eight** (TLC), **Journeyman** (NBC), and are anxiously awaiting the return of **Chuck** (NBC). If you haven't seen it, we strongly



**Pam Hanson**

recommend that you auto tune to it.

Speaking of the auto tune function, every once in awhile when I'm watching **Decorating Cents** (HGTV), **Neat** (Discovery Home), or **Time Makeover** (Fine Living), the banner announcing an auto tune to the cartoons **Batman**, **The Suite Life of Zack and Cody**, or **Corey in the House** (Disney Channel) will flash on the screen and my son takes over the remote."

## PHONE DIRECTORY CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

JVT is in the process of getting ready to publish the June 2008 phone directory. Please take a moment now to check your listing in the 2007 directory. If you would like any additions or changes to your existing listing in the white pages, please call 611 by March 15, 2008 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 (email addresses, non-JVT 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 Grtn .....397-5555  
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, 2008**

## PHONE DIRECTORY PHOTO CONTEST Winner Receives \$50 Credit!

JVT is having a photo contest for the 2008 phone directory cover, with entries due by 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.

## FEATURED CELL PHONES

### Motorola V323i



Camera with zoom  
Speakerphone  
Voice activated dialing  
RETAIL: \$179<sup>95</sup>

**INTRODUCTORY OFFER  
FREE WITH TWO YEAR CONTRACT!**

### Motorola W385



Bluetooth capable  
Camera  
Voice activated dialing  
RETAIL: \$179<sup>95</sup>

**INTRODUCTORY OFFER  
FREE WITH TWO YEAR CONTRACT!**

### Motorola Krzr



Integrated music player  
Bluetooth capable  
1.3 megapixel camera  
RETAIL: \$299<sup>95</sup>

**INTRODUCTORY OFFER  
\$149<sup>95</sup> WITH TWO YEAR CONTRACT!**

Many other phones are available.  
Visit [www.jvtwireless.net](http://www.jvtwireless.net) for more information!

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