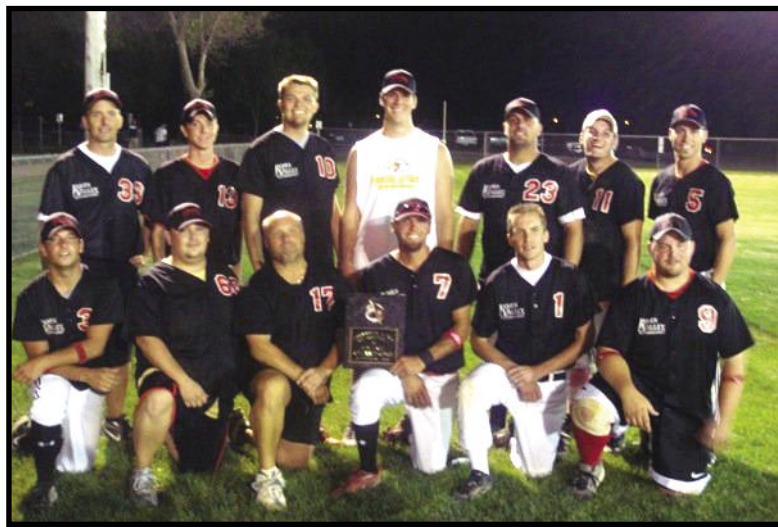


## PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATES

Bahr Daryl Cell Phone 395-7429  
 Bahr Janice Cell Phone 395-7007  
 Bahr LeRoy Cell Phone 395-7856  
 Bahr Lori Cell Phone 395-7287  
 Duxbury Kelly Frederick 329-2152  
 Gibbs Iver & Monica Claremont 294-5218  
 Halsey Heather Conde 382-5554  
 Kohnen Tamara Bristol 492-3482  
 Lesnar Christina Bristol 492-3171  
 Lusk Erin Doland 635-6145  
 Penning Brad & Janel Andover 298-5223  
 Pigors Lon Ferney 395-6972  
 Raftevold Casey & Amy Frederick 329-2210  
 Skonhovd Margaret Groton 397-8852  
 Stephens Carolyn 397-4002  
 Suhrer Thilo Frederick 329-2011  
 TIC Wyoming Inc Groton 397-2200  
 TL's Nest Hecla 994-2001

## JVT Softball Team Has Successful Season

The JVT "Valley Rats", a men's softball team sponsored by your cooperative, placed second at the state tournament in Huron this summer. The team then ended the season with a first place finish in the "C" league of the Aberdeen men's softball city tournament. *Congratulations!*



### 2008 Division C Champions

Back Row: Jamie Rossow, Travis Swisher, Justin Hanson, Casey Board, Tom Tietz, Brett Sombke, Derek Brick  
 Front Row: Michael Wieseler, Jeremy Wieseler, Mike Siegler, Jeremy Weber, Eric Moody, Cole Kampa



## GEEK SPEEK!

### Today's Topic: Online Auction Centers

Online auction centers such as *eBay* are quickly becoming a preferred method of buying and selling goods and services worldwide. Millions of collectibles, decor, appliances, computers, furnishings, equipment, vehicles and other items are listed, bought and sold daily on *eBay*.

If you have never tried using an online auction site to sell things, consider the many benefits of selling items on sites like *eBay*, here are just a few:

- 1. Gets Massive Traffic**  
The power of *eBay* is phenomenal. Approximately 31,000,000 auctions close on *eBay* each day.
- 2. Test The Water With Something Simple**  
If you don't have something to sell and haven't tried selling in *eBay* yet, then consider starting with something second hand in your home you do not need.
- 3. You Can List Your Services on eBay**  
You can sell just about anything on these online auction sites. Think about products that no one else sells.
- 4. Easy To Start Selling Immediately**  
Signing up is easy and you can start selling the same day for as little as \$5-\$10.
- 5. Much Cheaper Than Traditional Advertising**  
*eBay* is much cheaper than newspaper ads and the people viewing your products are ready to buy!

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

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

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## JVT Pays \$464,567 To Local School Districts

One of the benefits of doing business with JVT is the company provides support to your local school districts through a variety of sponsorships and donations and through the payment of gross receipts taxes.

Each year your cooperative pays gross receipts taxes on all the revenue that the company collects. These taxes are then distributed to the school districts in each of the counties where the revenue was generated.

In 2007, JVT paid a total of \$464,567 to thirteen area school districts in seven counties.

When making decisions about your telecommunications purchases, take into consideration whether the company is a local entity such as JVT who provides monetary support each year to the schools in its service area, or whether it is in fact a national or regional company who does not provide such tax payouts. *Shopping local pays!*

The total for each school district includes:

School District	Total
Aberdeen	\$207,966
Britton-Hecla	\$ 19,306
Conde	\$ 14,057
Doland	\$ 14,661
Elm Valley	\$ 15,283
Faulkton	\$ 790
Groton Area	\$144,054
Ipswich	\$ 168
Langford	\$ 7,691
Northwestern Area	\$ 25,564
Redfield	\$ 10,545
Warner	\$ 4,351
Webster	\$ 131

## October is Cooperative Month

Would you trust a business more if you owned it? Cooperative businesses like James Valley Telecommunications are owned by more than 154.7 million Americans. Member-owned cooperative businesses touch the lives of virtually all Americans every day and provide almost every product and service imaginable. And since cooperatives are owned by their members, you know you are getting a good deal and that more of the money you spend stays in your community.

JVT is proud to be a part of the communities it serves and demonstrates its commitment through donations, sponsorships, scholarships, gross receipts taxes, and the involvement of our employees in community service organizations, youth sports, volunteer groups, and more.

One of the best benefits of being a member of a cooperative is the payment of capital credits. For every dollar you spend with JVT, a percentage will be returned back to you! How it works is any income over JVT's expenses results in margins, which are returned over time to the members in the form of capital credits.

Later this month, you may be receiving a capital credit check from JVT which represents the portion that is being "retired", or returned to the members, for business you have done with JVT in previous years. *Thank you for your patronage!*



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# What's On This Month...

## IF YOU DON'T HAVE HD, YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT YOU'RE MISSING!

JVT's high definition line-up features 24 of your favorite channels including local networks, movie channels, and your favorite sports programming broadcast in a crisp, clear quality that you have to see to believe! And just in time for the football season, you can add HD for free for your first two months! High def channels include:

PBS ([pbs.org](http://pbs.org))  
CBS ([cbs.com](http://cbs.com))  
NBC ([nbc.com](http://nbc.com))  
FOX ([fox.com](http://fox.com))  
ABC ([abc.com](http://abc.com))  
TNT ([tnt.tv/hd](http://tnt.tv/hd))  
Universal ([universalhd.com](http://universalhd.com))  
ESPN ([hd.espn.com](http://hd.espn.com))  
ESPN 2 ([hd.espn.com](http://hd.espn.com))  
NFL Network ([nfl.com/nflnetwork](http://nfl.com/nflnetwork))  
Speed Channel ([speedtv.com](http://speedtv.com))  
Fox Sports Net North ([foxsports.com](http://foxsports.com))

Golf HD/Versus HD ([thegolfchannel.com](http://thegolfchannel.com), [versus.com](http://versus.com))  
A & E ([aetv.com](http://aetv.com))  
Discovery ([discovery.com](http://discovery.com))  
Discovery HD Theater ([dhd.discovery.com](http://dhd.discovery.com))  
History Channel ([history.com](http://history.com))  
TLC ([tlc.discovery.com](http://tlc.discovery.com))  
National Geographic ([nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com))  
Animal Planet ([animal.discovery.com](http://animal.discovery.com))  
Science Channel ([science.discovery.com](http://science.discovery.com))  
FX ([fxnetworks.com](http://fxnetworks.com))  
HD Net ([hd.net](http://hd.net))  
HD Net Movies ([hdnetmovies.com](http://hdnetmovies.com))

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

This month customer service representative LuAnn Steen tells us about her family's TV viewing habits:

"The Steen household is experiencing the "empty nest" syndrome these days so tv viewing has changed

dramatically. With both of our kids off to their freshman year at college my husband Jeff and I finally have control of every remote in the house!

Jeff loves to hunt and fish so he watches several shows on the **Outdoor Channel** (channel 112) and the **Sportsman Channel** (channel 130). He watches those by himself – not my favorite. He also likes to watch NASCAR races when they are on.

We both like *Two and a Half Men* on Monday nights on CBS (channel 4), reruns are on Monday – Friday on CBS as well. We also watch *CSI Miami* on CBS Monday nights. As for movies we watch together, if it's not a comedy, it's an action movie. *The Borne Supremacy*, *The Borne Ultimatum* and *The Shooter* (Showtime) are the most recent movies we've watched this month. The DVR is awesome because we don't always get to sit down and watch the movies when they are on and being able to record to watch later is a great option.

*America's Got Talent* on NBC (channel 5) is one of my favorites – that is definitely a show I watch by myself – not Jeff's type! I also watch quite a few movies on **Lifetime** (channel 49). Among the latest VOD rentals for me: *August Rush*, which is a great show for any age, and *PS I Love You*, having a box of Kleenex close by is recommended at certain parts of this show!"



## Brian Meyer Scholarship

A \$1,500 scholarship memorializing the life work of Pierre attorney Brian Meyer has been announced by the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA). The scholarship will be awarded for the spring 2009 semester and is available to applicants who have completed at least two semesters of course work at an accredited post-secondary school in South Dakota and reside in an SDTA member company service area. Applicants must complete an application by October 31, 2008. Visit [www.sdtaonline.com](http://www.sdtaonline.com) for more information or to apply.



## Cell Tips & Tricks

## TEXT MESSAGING The ABC's of Texting

It's obvious to anyone who has spent time in the company of a teenager that texting is their favorite way of communicating. The texting phenomenon is catching on in the adult world too. In fact, a Universal McCann's "Media in Mind"

2008 tracking study shows only 41% of US adults say they've never sent a text message. Among 18- to 34-year-olds, the proportion of those who have never sent a text message has fallen to 22%, a decline of 16% from last year.

Many parents who were struggling to connect with their teens have found that texting provides the type of communication style the kids themselves prefer. And sending a text message is actually quite simple. Just follow these steps:

1. Go to menu on your cell phone.
2. Find Messages and click ok or enter to confirm your selection.
3. Find New Text (might be abbreviated as txt) messages and click that.
4. Type in the cell phone number of the person or people you want to send the message to. Text messages can only be sent to cell phones or email addresses.
5. After typing in the cell phone number click ok/enter to confirm that the cell phone number you typed in is correct.
6. There are 3 letters on each key. You'll need to click the button to rotate through the letters. For example, if you want the c, click the number 2 button 3 times (A, B, C). Continue typing in your message. When the blinking cursor moves past the letter you have just typed, type the next one.
7. Press send. Your text message has been sent.

*(On some cell phones the message is created before the cell phone number is entered.)*

While texting may take some getting used to, keep practicing. You will find that by using symbols and numbers instead of letters (ie: replace "for" with "4") speeds up the process.

If you plan on texting a lot, consider adding a texting option to your monthly phone plan. Instead of paying per text message, you could save money by purchasing a texting plan with a certain number of text messages per month. JVT's rates for texting are \$0.10 for each text that is sent and/or received. You can also purchase a plan with 300 texts per month for \$6.95, or an unlimited texting plan for \$19.95/month.



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