

## Welcome New Members

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 Brishky Tom & Betty Chelsea 887-3403  
 Caspers Nick Hecla 994-2006  
 Christlieb Arthur & Betty Andover 298-5291  
 City Office Columbia 396-2655  
 Dakota Sun Bristol 492-3600  
 Dempsey Peter Groton 397-2455  
 Eppard Jeremy Mansfield 887-3778  
 Hanson Rick Warner 887-3600  
 Harry Eric & Jodie Groton 397-2801  
 Huwe Clinton Butler 492-3386  
 Johnson Matt & Tanya Groton 397-4430  
 Jorgensen Mabel Mrs Bristol 492-3355  
 Knecht Patrick & Carol Groton 397-6436  
 Lamb Jeff & Missy Frederick 329-2620  
 Lopez Emilio Groton 397-2486  
 McNutt Glenda & Jamie Doland 635-6187  
 Pray Kevin Ferney 395-6543  
 Pulfrey Ray Farm Houghton 294-5337  
 Rix Nora Groton 397-8744  
 Rye Evelyn Bristol 492-3331  
 Smallwood Fenton & Lynda Hecla 994-2148  
 Thares Sara Columbia 396-2499  
 The Hideout Bar Hecla 994-2451  
 Thomas Ronald & Linda Claremont 294-5873  
 Thome Melanie Doland 635-6365  
 Tople Daniel Hecla 994-2209  
 Wegleitner Allison Claremont 294-5365  
 Wienk Brent & Lisa Groton 397-2800  
 Wieseler Tammy Groton 397-2772  
 Wills Keith Groton 397-4522  
 Wollman Cheri Frederick 329-2573

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Conde - Bristol	District 6	Mark Wattier
Turton - Doland	District 7	William Troske

## IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

2-8 Child Safety Week  
 3 Labor Day - JVT Office Closed  
 9 Grandparents Day  
 10 Disconnect Day  
 11 Patriot Day  
 16 Mexican Independence Day  
 16 Mayflower Day  
 21 International Day of Peace  
 23 First Day of Autumn  
 28 Bills Sent Out

## KICK FOR CASH - Win \$100!

JVT will be at five football games this fall offering you the chance to kick a 20-yard field goal and win \$100! All schools who sponsor one of the contests will receive a \$100 donation from the cooperative. The schedule is as follows:

DATE	GAME
8/31/07	Groton vs Webster in <b>Groton</b>
9/7/07	Doland/Conde vs Faulkton in <b>Doland</b>
9/14/07	Northwestern vs Leola/Frederick in <b>Mellette</b>
9/21/07	Frederick vs Doland/Conde in <b>Frederick</b>
10/5/07	Doland/Conde vs Ipswich in <b>Conde</b>



# DIAL TONES NEWSLETTER

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## NVC Celebrates 10th Anniversary

This year NVC is proud to be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year of offering telecommunications services!

NVC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of JVT, formed by the cooperative's board of directors to provide additional profitability to its members. Due to the decline in population and access lines throughout JVT's service area, federal changes dictating how funds are paid to communications companies, and the need for advanced services such as Internet access, the board knew changes were needed for JVT to remain a viable and profitable company.

The 1996 Telecommunications Act paved the way for the cooperative to compete for telecommunications services in Aberdeen and other surrounding areas traditionally served by Qwest. In 1997, Northern Valley Communications was established. At that time NVC provided dial-up Internet access to northeast South Dakota.

A marketing survey was conducted in Aberdeen in late May of 1998 that indicated Aberdeen residents

had a strong interest in state-of-the-art services offered at a competitive price.

In 1998, the company began construction of a new telecommunications network for Aberdeen. The first phase of construction included connection of a fiber optic SONET transport ring from Groton to NVC's node located near 3M in the Aberdeen Industrial Park. A SONET ring offers protection to customers – if a fiber is cut, traffic reroutes in the other direction with no outages.

Over the last nine years, NVC has continued to expand its network in Aberdeen and today approximately 80% of the town has been constructed. NVC is expanding its network to Redfield and began connecting business customers there earlier this year.

Largely because of the growth of NVC, your cooperative now employs over 60 people who are committed to providing excellent local customer service. NVC was awarded the ABBY Award for Customer Service from the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce in 2002 and was nominated for the award again in 2004 and 2007.

Unlike other start-up telecommunications companies, NVC has been profitable almost from its beginning. General Manager James Groft attributes that success to the vision of JVT's board of directors, the support of JVT's members, and to the Aberdeen community. "Thanks to the support of our customers here in Aberdeen, NVC has grown to become the area's preferred provider of telecommunications services."



JVT had a booth at the Brown County Fair in August. Many members stopped by to take a spin on the wheel.



**Cruise the Internet at blazing speeds...  
Add High-Speed Internet, receive a \$50 CREDIT**

**Plus...**

**keep your kids safe online with SecureIT Plus:  
only \$4.95 per month, with your first 2 months FREE!**

Offer expires 10/31/07.  
Call 611 to sign up today!

New high-speed Internet customers only.

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**GEEK SPEEK!**



Today's Topic: Online Chat Now Available

JIMMIE SAYS...

JVT members can now "speak" to an Internet technician or customer service representative online thanks to the new chat service available through NVC's website - [www.nvc.net](http://www.nvc.net).

Simply click on the "Live Support" button found on the left side of the page and fill out the help desk form. An employee will be with you shortly to assist you with any questions you may have.

More people everyday are doing business online due to ease of use and efficiency, not to mention busy lifestyles. This interactive technology takes JVT's customer service to the next level by ensuring that online customers will get immediate attention.

JVT's online support is available Monday through Friday, 8am-6pm. Check it out today!

**CELL SERVICE UPDATE**

JVT staff have been busy planning for cell phone service to be rolled out later this year and have received a lot of inquiries from members interested in the service. Some of the plans available include:

PRICE	LOCAL AREA	TRAVEL
\$24.95	10 Hours	1 Hour
\$39.95	Unlimited	5 Hours
\$49.95	Unlimited	6 Hours

\$9.95 - additional handsets with \$49.95 plan

Special "grand slam" packages will be available which include all your telecommunications services (cell phone, land-line phone, high-speed Internet, and cable TV) for one low price with additional savings up to 15%. Stay tuned to the Dial Tones for further information and updates.

**EMPLOYEE NEWS**

**Summer Help**



Five students were hired this summer to help JVT staff with several projects.

Shown above are Jessica Hoscheid, Jenny Steen, and Hanna Larsen. The three students from Groton High School assisted with marketing, special events, inputting files into electronic form, and other general office duties.

The outside plant department received help from Ross Taylor and Kyle Schumacher. Ross is attending NSU and pursuing a degree in Business and Kyle is attending Watertown Technical Institute for Telecommunications. Both are from Conde and assisted with plowing, installations, and locates.



**Scholarship Essays**

Five high school seniors have been selected to receive the \$500 Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarships from JVT. Students were asked to submit an essay on the topic "What are the benefits of cell phone usage in rural South Dakota?". The final two of the essays are included below.



*Student: Heidi Oakland  
Parents: Ralph & Louise, Bristol*

Even though I have only had a cell phone for two years, I don't know what I would do without it. For people, like me, living in the rural state of South Dakota, cell phones provide many benefits. Some of these benefits include safety, convenience, and affordability.

I feel that the most important benefit of cell phones is to provide a connection to reach someone in case of an emergency or for other safety reasons. In my own personal experience, my cell phone was the source of calling home and asking my parents to come pick me up after going into the ditch on my way home from school due to the icy road conditions.

In rural South Dakota, emergencies can arise on several occasions such as during a blizzard, storm or even a vehicular malfunction. I think that it is especially necessary for farmers to have a cell phone while in the field or while performing their other job duties. Instead of having to walk several miles when a tractor or other piece of equipment fails, farmers can use cell phones to reach their family members or neighbors to ask for

*Langford High School  
College: SDSU Field: Pharmacy*

assistance. They could also call if a farming accident or injury occurs rather than having to wait for someone to drive by, which could be several hours later.

Because there is sometimes a long stretch before reaching the nearest town in rural South Dakota, cell phones are also convenient. More towers are being placed in areas of low reception making cell phones even more reliable and efficient for cell phone users.

Affordability is another advantage to having a cell phone. Instead of calling several family and friends long distance, a cell phone can provide free minutes and coverage depending on your personal plan. Cell phones can provide people with a way to stay in touch more often as well as to cut the cost of those calls. Other perks to having a cell phone include caller ID, voice mail, text messaging, free long distance, free nights and weekends, and nationwide coverage.

In conclusion, digital communication is here to stay as a result of our fast-paced and technologically advanced society. Cell phones offer benefits to provide for the business, safety, and personal needs of all people. Therefore, before long, cell phones may become a necessary tool in every person's life.



*Student: Brenna Taylor  
Parents: Jerry & Mary Ann, Conde*

South Dakota is a state made up of farms and small town communities. Many of these farms and towns are miles apart in remote areas. Living in this state, and especially in a small town, it is extremely important to have a cell phone. These days, almost everyone in a family has

their own cell phone. Although some people may find this unnecessary, in reality they are a necessity when living in rural areas. There are many benefits of having a cell phone in South Dakota. Some of the important reasons to always carry a cell phone include the occurrence of car trouble, bad weather, an accident, or other health emergency.

The most obvious reason for having a cell phone is for communication. Like many parents, my parents prefer for me to have a cell phone for safety reasons. Whenever I walk out the door to go somewhere, one of the last things they ask is if I have my cell phone with me. Having a cell phone while on the road is almost vital. Many people don't know what to do if their car breaks down on the road. This can leave people stranded

*Conde High School  
College: NSU Field: Elementary Education*

for hours and they are forced to walk miles to a place or people that can assist them. With a cell phone, help is easy and convenient to get and makes the situation much easier.

People living in South Dakota know that the weather is unpredictable. At one point it can be a sunny day and a little while later there may be a blizzard outside. When roads aren't in good conditions, accidents happen. Many times it is heard of people being stuck in their car for many hours and even days. If a serious car accident takes place, especially in rural areas where a car rarely passes by, a cell phone can bring help to the situation quickly. Without means of communication, there is a good chance that nobody would find out until it was too late. When an accident happens or a car gets stranded in snow, a cell phone can save lives.

People have grown so accustomed to being able to call someone up wherever they are. Whether in a densely populated area or in the middle of nowhere, a cell phone is always a good thing to have on hand. They are so convenient and helpful. Being from a small town, I appreciate having a cell phone when I go somewhere, especially by myself. In any occasion, it's a comfort to know that I will have my cell phone with me in case of need.



any more difficult. She is terribly, terribly wrong. Nearly killed in a horrifying car accident, Jamie is saved by a cutting-edge operation -- performed by her boyfriend, Will -- that leaves her with extraordinary new strength, among other artificially enhanced gifts. Now, however, Jamie must figure out how best to use her new abilities while embracing her new bionic identity.

*Journeyman.* Premieres Wednesday, September 26 at 8:00 pm. Kevin McKidd stars as Dan Vassar, a happily married San Francisco reporter with a son. It seems like he has everything going for him. Dan ends up traveling into the past. He changes people's lives, sometimes for the better, but sometimes not. During his travels he meets up with Livia Beale, he was engaged to her when she died in a plane crash. Knowing the future he has a chance to save her but how will that change his own future?

**CBS - *Cane.*** Premieres Tuesday, September 25 at 9:00 pm. Emmy winner Jimmy Smits returns to series television as the newly proclaimed heir to the Duque family's sugar cane and rum empire. Starring a stunning ensemble cast, it's a steamy and seductive drama about bitter rivals and their dangerous battles for love, lust and wealth.

**CW - *Gossip Girl.*** Premieres Wednesday, September 26 at 9:00 pm. The privileged prep school teens on Manhattan's Upper East Side first learn that Serena van der Woodsen (Blake Lively, "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants") is back in town the way they learn all the important news in their lives -- from the blog of the all-knowing albeit ultra-secretive Gossip Girl. No one knows Gossip Girl's identity, but everyone in this exclusive and complicated vicious circle relies on her website and text messages for the latest scoop. Even Serena's closest friend, Blair Waldorf, is surprised to find that Serena has suddenly ended her self-imposed exile to boarding school and returned to Manhattan.

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# What's on?

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## **Check Out These New Series Starting This Fall!**

**ABC - *Samantha Who,*** starring Christina Applegate. Premieres Monday, October 15 at 8:30 pm. It's a common fantasy: rewind your life, erase all the mistakes and cringe-worthy moments and start over with a clean slate. But for Samantha Newly, the fantasy is far too real. After a hit-and-run car accident puts her into an eight-day coma, she wakes up with retrograde amnesia -- meaning that she can function in the world but she can't remember a single fact about her own life. That's when our heroine begins the long, comic process of starting over and digging for clues about her former not-so-nice self.

**Private Practice** starring Kate Walsh. Premieres Wednesday, September 26 at 8:00 pm. Grey's Anatomy executive producer Shonda Rhimes combines the heart and soul of television's top-rated drama with exciting new faces in a sun-drenched new city to create a show with a whole new vibe. This intimate portrait of the choices and changes we make in our search for happy lives, centers around neonatal surgeon Dr. Addison Forbes Montgomery of Grey's Anatomy. After a failed attempt at reconciliation and two disastrous affairs, a move to Southern California to join her friends' health cooperative could be just the right prescription to jumpstart Addison's own life.

**NBC - *Bionic Woman.*** Premieres Wednesday, September 26 at 8:00 pm. Struggling to make ends meet as a bartender while serving as a surrogate mom to her teenage sister, Jaime Sommers figures that her life couldn't get

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# It's Time For Fall Premieres!

Wondering when your favorite show will be starting again this fall? Look no further. Here is a list of the season premieres for some of the most popular shows:

## Monday, Sept. 17

7:00 p.m. "Prison Break" FOX

## Wednesday, Sept. 19

8:00 p.m. "Bones" FOX

## Wednesday, Sept. 19

7:00 p.m. "America's Next Top Model" CW

## Thursday, Sept. 20

7:00 p.m. "Survivor: China" CBS

## Sunday, Sept. 23

7:00 p.m. "The Simpsons" FOX

7:30 p.m. "King of the Hill" FOX

8:00 p.m. "Cold Case" CBS

8:00 p.m. "Family Guy" FOX

9:00 p.m. "Shark" CBS

## Monday, Sept. 24

7:00 p.m. "Dancing with the Stars" ABC

7:00 p.m. "How I Met Your Mother" CBS

8:00 p.m. "Two and a Half Men" CBS

8:00 p.m. "Heroes" NBC

8:30 p.m. "The Bachelor" ABC

9:00 p.m. "CSI: Miami" CBS

## Tuesday, Sept. 25

8:00 p.m. "The Unit" CBS

8:00 p.m. "House" FOX

8:00 p.m. "Private Practice" ABC

## Thursday, Sept. 27

7:00 p.m. "Ugly Betty" ABC

7:00 p.m. "Smallville" CW

7:00 p.m. "My Name Is Earl" NBC

8:00 p.m. "Grey's Anatomy" ABC

8:00 p.m. "The Office" NBC

9:00 p.m. "Without a Trace" CBS

## Friday, Sept. 28

7:00 p.m. "Ghost Whisperer" CBS

8:00 p.m. "Las Vegas" NBC

9:00 p.m. "Numb3rs" CBS

## Sunday, Sept. 30

6:00 p.m. "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" ABC

8:00 p.m. "Desperate Housewives" ABC

9:00 p.m. "Brothers & Sisters" ABC

## Thursday, Oct. 4

7:30 p.m. "30 Rock" NBC

## Friday, Oct. 5

8:00 p.m. "Friday Night Lights" NBC

## Friday, Oct. 12

9:00 p.m. "Men in Trees" ABC

## Thursday, Oct. 25

8:30 p.m. "Scrubs" NBC

