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**NEW MEMBERS DIRECTORY**

**New Members**

Fliehs Janice (Cell phone)		294-7244
Frohling, Jesse	Columbia	396-7949
Hylton D	Hecla	994-2222
Johnson Anita	Groton	397-2628
Evans Layle & Dolores	Mellette	887-3320
Prairie Brand Seeds	Conde	380-5736
Prairie Duct Cleaning	Frederick	329-2533
Reiss Bonnie	Stratford	228-7248
Roettele Carole	Groton	397-2001
Weber Jeremy & Samantha		
Samantha's Massage		380-6587

**ANNUAL MEETING THIS MONTH**

Thursday, May 26  
Groton High School  
Gym & Arena

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
Registration & Dinner

6:30 pm  
Business Meeting

*Bring the whole family,  
free childcare provided.*



Roger Zastrow



Bill Ewalt



Bill Troske

**Three Directors to be Re-Elected**

Current directors Roger Zastrow (District 1) Bill Ewalt (District 4) and Bill Troske (District 7) are the only members in their respective districts to turn in petitions so they will be re-elected at the annual meeting May 26, for three year terms. Watch for your official annual meeting notice, which will be mailed out 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. Registration starts at 5, and the business meeting will begin at 6:30. We hope to see you there!

**Busing to Annual Meeting**

**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 or send an email to [marketing@nvc.net](mailto:marketing@nvc.net). Members who reside in Groton can call community transit at 397-8661 for a free ride.

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

## Experience the Motorola Xoom Tablet

If you've been thinking of adding a tablet to your lineup of high-tech devices, you have found it in the Motorola Xoom. Read the newest best seller, watch your favorite show, connect with friends and family online, check your email and listen to your playlist or streaming radio. Stop by our office today to check out the Motorola Xoom!

- 10 inch display
- Android Platform
- Touch Screen
- 5 mbps camera
- 2 mbps webcam
- HD video



Also, check out the Alexander Mitchell Library website at [aberdeen.sd.us](http://aberdeen.sd.us) to check out books on your e-reader including the Motorola Xoom.

## Corporate Cup



Employees participated in Corporate Cup in April. The team took first place in swimming and James Groft tied for first place in the CEO challenge. The Aberdeen YMCA, Mayor's Fitness Council and Avera St. Luke's organized the event to promote corporate health and fitness.



## Scholarship Winners

**JVT is pleased to announce the winners of the five \$1000 Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarships!**

Any graduating senior whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative could apply for the scholarships. The winners, chosen by an independent judge, were selected based in part on an essay on the theme "How will you use technology to further your post high school education?" Each winner's essay will be printed in future issues of the Network.

- Breanna Helland** - Frederick Area High School, Randy & Lisa Bretsch
- Thomas Sternhagen** - Groton Area High School, Craig & Jodi Sternhagen
- Kara Fischbach** - Northwestern High School, Mark & Terri Fischbach
- Amanda Finley** - Northwestern High School, James & Jolinda Finley
- Samuel Young** - Clark High School, Jeff & Ruth Young

## Universal Service Fund

In the past decade, billions of dollars have been spent building out facilities that support faster and bigger internet capabilities. As a result of this investment, we have all been able to enjoy ever speedier internet connections and greater bandwidth for downloads that include video, photos, high-capacity data transmissions, even super high resolution services that support advanced health care applications. Whether these applications are being delivered via mobile devices or wired directly into your home or business, one fact is true – at some point they all rely on a wired broadband infrastructure.

JVT has invested significantly in our networks over the past five years. This infrastructure supports wireless services, new educational resources, and the small businesses that we all see every day. These same small businesses are working hard now to grow by incorporating new technologies into their businesses.

This network deployment has been supported by a federal program called the Universal Service Fund. This Fund is administered by the federal government, but it is not paid for with taxpayer funds. It's not often that we hear about a government-administered program that's actually worked. But the Universal Service program has worked well. In a well-intentioned effort to modernize the program, the Federal Communications Commission is evaluating the rules that govern deployment of these broadband systems by companies like ours. The Universal Service fund has long ensured that customers who live in small towns and rural areas receive the same quality of communications service at rates that are similar to those charged to customers in more densely populated and thus, cheaper to serve, cities. It would be tragic if, in a rush to review and revise, the federal government harmed one of the programs whose utility is so obvious.

So, how can you help? First, recognize that the intricate array of communications services we've come to expect - mobile, texting, video, data, apps – all of these ride on a system of wired networks that we are busy upgrading as fast and cost-effectively as possible. Second, please let your Senators and Congressman know that you support the Universal Service system and the rights of customers in small towns like ours to continue to receive the same level of telecommunications services at the same price as our neighbors in urban communities. It's vital to our future and our community that the federal government gets this one right.

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