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**Calling For Cash**

James Valley Telecommunications will be sponsoring Calling for Cash contests at area football games this fall. Any fan attending the game can sign up their cell phone number for the chance to win \$50! One number will be drawn and called. If the owner answers, they win \$50 cash. There is no cost to enter the contest and JVT will be providing a donation to each school who hosts a contest. The schedule of remaining contests to be held this fall is included below. See you at the game!

Game

Leola/Frederick vs Langford Area @ Frederick  
Northwestern vs Ipswich/Edmunds @ Mellette  
CHS vs Brookings @ Aberdeen

Date

Friday, October 7th  
Friday, October 14th  
Thursday, October 20th

Pictured below are winners Don Ochsner (Warner), Julie Rozell (Redfield) and TJ Harder (Groton). Congrats to the winners!



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Football season is here and you don't have to miss a thing! NFL RedZone, produced by NFL Network, whips around every NFL game on Sunday afternoons delivering the touchdowns and most exciting moments as they happen.

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## Scholarship Essay Winner

Thomas Sternhagen, Groton Area High School

(Son of Jodi & Craig Sternhagen, attending South Dakota State University)

### How will you use technology to further your post high school education?

Thomas Sternhagen

Today's world is rapidly changing and technology is becoming more and more important. In Groton Area High School, for example, technology has changed education every year. When I started high school, we did not have laptops and we had to go to the library just to use a computer. Now all sophomores, juniors and seniors have laptops that they use all year long. During my senior year of high school, I decided to take a college online class as an elective. I am now in the second semester of online college composition and have not only learned about composition and literature but also about learning in the online format. I know how to use the online learning program, watch video lectures the teacher prepares, submit papers and take part in online discussions. Additionally, I now know that I can be successful in the virtual classroom, that I enjoy learning in this format and that I want to take more classes in this manner. Using computers is not the only way that technology is improving schools. Many schools now have promethean boards, a form of technologically advanced white boards that allow the whole class to see a teacher write on his computer screen, share applications and interact with students.

In college I will continue to use technology. Many colleges are working on improving technology by becoming wireless with internet connections available anywhere so students with laptops can stay connected. While attending a post-secondary institution, many students wish to keep in touch with their family members, some of whom may be a great distance away. Cell phones and internet programs have allowed them to keep in touch with their families. Internet programs such as Facebook and MySpace have become very popular among teenagers and allow students to hold multiple conversations, share pictures, and catch up with all of their friends. Another great thing to use when trying to visit with someone who is far away is Skype; this allows the persons to have a face to face conversation online.

When I attend SDSU, I plan on going into agriculture which involves the use of many different kinds of technology. Farming, for instance, now uses significantly more technology than earlier farmers used or even dreamed of using. The huge tractors, sprayers, combines and many other pieces of farm equipment with new technological links to satellites have made high tech farming applications possible. This technology allows farmers to accurately calculate where they need to plant and harvest their crops and helps them produce much better quality and more crop than previous farmers ever thought possible.

During high school, I have used many different kinds of technology and am looking forward to using more in the future. I believe that technology will continue to create more complex applications and continue to surpass our expectations as it has been done in previous generations. I'm looking forward to seeing what comes next in technology and using it as I continue past high school.

## 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. Over the past 11 years, 42.60% of member patronage was allocated back to members.

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!

## Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarship

The Brian Meyer Memorial Scholarship was established to memorialize the work of Pierre attorney Brian Meyer. For nearly three decades, Brian Meyer served as legal counsel to a number of telecommunications cooperatives, electric cooperatives, and other telecommunications entities in South Dakota. Brian's vision, foresight and hard work helped make South Dakota a national leader in the telecommunications industry prior to his passing in 2003. The South Dakota Telecommunications Association and its member companies helped establish this scholarship to honor Meyer's memory and foster a legacy of service to South Dakota's small towns and rural areas.

The \$1,000 scholarship 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, including James Valley Telecommunications. The scholarship can be used at any post-secondary educational institution in South Dakota including public and private universities, technical schools, trade schools or community colleges.

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