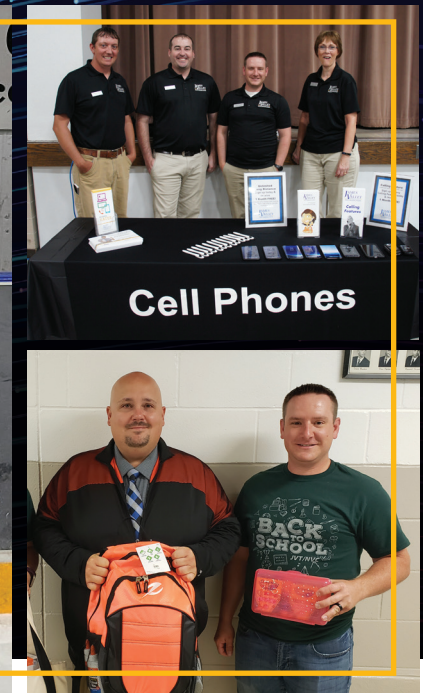


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Employee Spotlight

Tyler Herman, Systems Administrator, has worked for JVT/NVC since 2009, coming to us after getting his Management Information Systems Degree from NSU and working at TelServ Communications and Student Loan Finance Corporation.

Tyler is an Aberdeen native and Central High School graduate. He's been playing hockey since he was three years old, and is now a hockey official and coaches the sport. Tyler also serves on the Hub Area

Habitat for Humanity board.

He and his wife Kayla live in Aberdeen with their daughters Kylie and Hadley. In his free-time, Tyler enjoys playing hockey at men's league, golfing and mountain biking.

Tyler's favorite part of the job is solving complex problems and helping customers. For that, we say thank you for your years of service Tyler!



Grand Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to Mark & Terri Fischbach, who won a Samsung Galaxy Watch 5 in our Grand Giveaway!

Wondering how to register? No problem, because there's no purchase or registration, just winners! Each month we randomly select one of our "grand" residential customers to win. Our next winner could be you!

Parental Control Apps

According to Security.org, kids are most likely to face cyberbullying on YouTube, followed by Snapchat and TikTok. Beyond cyberbullying, in the past year, one in five children has been contacted or solicited by a digital predator. According to the FBI, there are approximately five hundred thousand online predators active each day. Furthermore, about half of the victims of online sexual exploitation fall between the ages of 12 to 15 years old.

The below apps can help automatically filter out hateful messages, sexual advances and phishing campaigns.

Google Family Link



Google Family Link is an excellent free introductory app for those new to parental protection software. It's considered one of the best parental control apps for Android. Parents can set screen limits, see where their child is, and require parental approval for any app.

Bark Parental Control

Bark monitors your child's text messages,



email, YouTube, and 30+ apps and social media platforms for issues like cyberbullying, suicidal ideation, adult content, sexual predators, profanity, threats of violence, and more. Parents receive alerts only when something potentially problematic occurs online. It's not a free app, and there are a few different plan options.

Canopy



Canopy uses advanced computing technology, including artificial intelligence and machine learning, to recognize and filter out inappropriate content on the web and many popular apps. Various plan options are available based on number of devices and amount of monitoring desired.

StayFree - Screen Time

StayFree makes it easy to connect an unlimited number of devices together and combine their usage statistics. This app lets parents and kids track how much time is spent on any app and create alarms that warn you when you've spent more time than you intended on a particular app. StayFree also has website blocker and data usage monitoring apps.

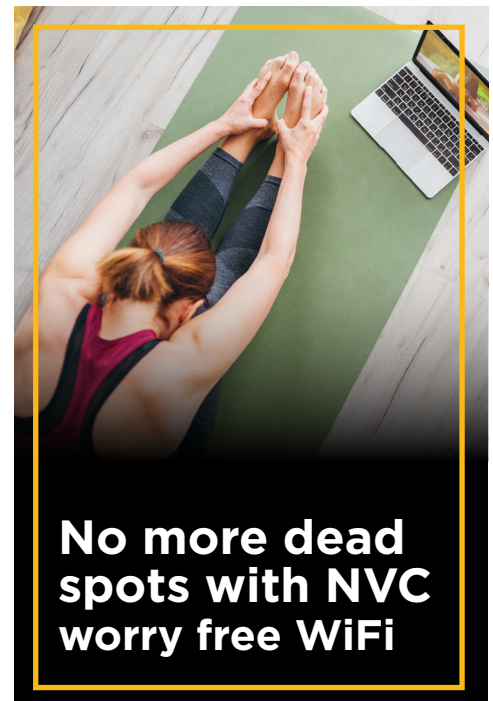


State High School Events Coverage

State Gymnastics: Aberdeen, Friday - Saturday, February 10 - 11
- Special Events ch 151

State Wrestling: Sioux Falls, Thursday - Saturday, February 23 - 25
- all matches available at trackwrestling.com with the Championship matches televised live on SDPB ch 3.

Check our Facebook page for updates.



No more dead spots with NVC worry free WiFi

Aberdeen Area Humane Society Sponsored Pet

Rocky was our January Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet. Rocky is a 10-month-old Terrier mix with a ton of energy. We're happy to report he has been adopted, so we will be donating \$250 to the AAHS! Our December pets, Toby and Heidi are still available.

You can find out more about available pets at anewleashonlife.net or call the AAHS at 605-226-1200 to schedule a time to visit. Watch our Facebook page for our monthly sponsored pet.



Mobile Alerts

Sign up for Hub City Radio Mobile Alerts sponsored by NVC and receive text updates to your cell phone. Get school closings, severe weather alerts,



daily weather forecasts, sports scores, cancellations, all sent to your phone without going to find them yourself.

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Customer Loyalty Discount

We're so thankful for our long-time customers and want to thank you for your years of continued business. If you've been a customer for 5 years or

more, you may be eligible for our customer loyalty discount of 10% off all your monthly recurring services!

Contact us to hear more about our loyalty discount.

Discount for residential customers only, restrictions apply.

Update Your Email

Please feel free to contact us to update your email and ensure we have the email address you use the most.

We use email addresses to send important messages on our hours, products, possible equipment upgrades, etc.

We will not sell or share your email address to any other company.

Keeping Your Home WiFi Network Secure

Your home network's security is only as good as the configuration of your router. Leave it open or vulnerable, and you might end up with freeloaders that hog your bandwidth, at best. At worst, a snoop might take the opportunity to examine your internal traffic, hoping to learn sensitive information about you that can be exploited.

Use these tips below to ensure your network's security.

Change your passwords

Not only change your password to something stronger, but use a password manager. This will ensure it's more random and stores it so you don't forget it.

Update your router

WiFi technology has improved a lot recently, so if your router is a few years old, it won't work nearly as well as a new one. Newer WiFi technology uses

stronger wireless signals and allows multiple users to connect at the same time.

Check for outdated client devices

While your WiFi router is an important part of the WiFi network, the wireless devices that you use to connect to the Internet also impact the quality of your WiFi experience. As with the router, older devices are going to have outdated technology, resulting in slower connection speeds.

Set up a guest network for smart home devices

A guest network is a feature on some routers where you can set up a separate SSID and password for access to your home network, and people on that network won't be able to see devices (and their traffic) on your primary network.



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