



Happy Grandparents Day to Grand Folks

Grandparents Day was first declared a national holiday in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, it's been celebrated yearly on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It's a grand time for gatherings to honor the vital role played by grandparents in the lives of their families. KMTelecom wishes all the best to the grandparents in our community. Enjoy your day!

Business Office Closed

Monday, September 4th
Labor Day

Friday, September 29th
closing at 3:00pm
Employee Appreciation

Thursday, November 23rd
Thanksgiving Day

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Kasson, Mantorville, Rock Dell and
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NOW TRENDING

Stay on top of what's trending with one of our top internet speeds. You'll have the coolest house on the block, for example, with our unbelievably fast 200 Mbps plan for multiple users, multiple devices, and multiple applications. Plus, this plan comes with FREE Managed Wi-Fi.*

Slow internet is so yesterday. KMTelecom has the speed you need for today (and tomorrow).

Sign up today and get:

- FREE first month of any Internet plan
- FREE installation

Hurry, this offer ends September 30, 2017!

**CALL 634-2511 FOR MEGACOOOL
MEGABITS PER SECOND**



**Service availability and internet speed will depend on location. Managed Wi-Fi is available with other plans for \$6.99/month. Contact us for details.*

Fiber Construction Update

Construction of the rural Mantorville fiber buildout is underway. Plows are in the ground bringing fiber to 200 homes north of Mantorville. With this buildout, our rural Mantorville customers will be able to receive the same advanced services that customers in Kasson and Mantorville have. These services include:

- Whippet Full Boogie Internet with speeds up to 1 Gig
- Television programming offering HD channels, DVR service, and free access to watchTVeverywhere.com

Bundle these services with telephone and take advantage of the discounts available.

The next steps of this buildout will involve bringing the fiber up to your home. We'll need your help to identify any underground obstacles that are not marked by Gopher State One-Call. Watch your front door for information for marking your property. Once we've brought fiber up to your home and tested it, you'll be notified so we can convert your current services over to fiber at no charge to you. If you decide you'd like to change or upgrade your services, there are great Whippet options available. Go to www.kmtel.com/bundles and select the Mantorville location to learn more about these options.



Jane Leonard, from the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development, visits KMTelcom to see the fiber construction progress. Pictured from left to right; Jane Leonard, Mary Ehmke, Todd Laganieri and Bruce Ludwig.



Construction crews burying fiber.



6 Things You Don't Have to Do With a Landline

Having a corded landline phone at home provides you with many benefits including consistently clearer voice quality than a cell phone. But did you ever stop to consider all of the little annoying things you don't have to do with your landline phone? Here are our favorites:

1. You don't have to think about signal strength.
2. You don't have to remember to charge the battery.
3. You don't have to run around the house looking for it when it rings.
4. You don't have to be careful not to drop it and break the screen.
5. You don't have to worry about losing your phone.
6. You don't have to take time to do software upgrades.

Sometimes, keeping things simple is simply better. For details on our super-affordable landline service, call 634-2511.

Beginner's Guide to Streaming Movies and TV Shows

If you haven't yet jumped on the streaming bandwagon, this article is for you! It covers the basics to help you get started enjoying this entertainment technology.

What is streaming?

Streaming is content sent in compressed form in a continuous stream over the internet and played as it arrives. The user does not have to wait to download a file to play it.



What devices are needed?

You can watch streaming movies and TV shows on your smartphone, tablet, laptop, desktop computer, HDTV, or "smart TV." For example, you could connect your laptop to your HDTV with an HDMI cable and stream on your laptop and watch on the TV screen. If you have a "smart TV," it has built-in apps (and app stores) and networking to get on the internet. You can use them to download most of the streaming apps you'd want.

What streaming apps are available?

You have many options here, too. Here are a few of the most popular ones:

- **Netflix** – You can watch past seasons of TV shows and recent movies at a low monthly cost. Netflix also offers original shows such as Orange is the New Black and House of Cards.
- **Amazon** – This streaming service is available to Amazon Prime members. Like Netflix, it offers many TV shows and movies to choose from as well as its own original content.
- **Hulu Plus** – You can get next-day access to shows from ABC, NBC, Fox, and CW, along with some cable channels. Hulu Plus also offers some movies and original TV shows.
- **Dish's Sling TV** – Sling TV offers about 20 channels in its basic package including ESPN, ABC Family, AMC, and Food Network but no broadcast channels like CBS or NBC. Add-on packages for sports, movies, kids, lifestyles, and world news are also available.
- **HBO Now** – New episodes are available through apps about the same time they are shown on TV. Current and past seasons of most HBO shows are available on demand, as well as hundreds of movies.

What are the internet requirements?

For a good streaming experience, you'll probably want internet download speeds of 20 Mbps or more.

Call 634-2511 or visit www.kmtel.com for details on the internet speeds we have available.

Get Free Homework Help and More

Discovery Education (www.discovery-education.com) is an incredible free resource for students of all ages and their parents. Check out the Homework Help pages for assistance in all sorts of school subjects. Stuck on a math problem? Go to Step-by-step WebMATH to get answers. You'll also find Games & Interactives on this site to add a little more fun to learning. High school students can even test their driving skills with the Heads Up! Interactive Challenge.



\$25

**Win a \$25
Credit on Your
KMTelcom Bill**

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill by September 30th, 2017 for a chance to win a **\$25 credit** to your account. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

**Congratulations to our June 2017
winner, Jackie Liudahl, Dodge
Center!**

Have a Laugh With Throwback Thursday

Throwback Thursday is a weekly social media posting theme that invites users to post content, usually photos, from their past. It's easy to participate and the "blasts from the past" are a fun conversation starter. Just scan a photo from that dusty photo album on your shelf and post it using one of these hashtags: #TBT, #ThrowbackThursday, or #Throwback.

Look for funny or momentous moments to share. Maybe it's a shot from your high school prom, your wedding portrait complete with 1980s big hair, or your 7th birthday party—anything that will get a reaction.

Just remember to play by the Throwback Thursday rules. Don't post pictures of other people without their consent. Keep your posts to Thursday only. Post one or two photos – not an entire shoebox full. And share photos from the distant past rather than last year.

So here's our #TBT! I hope you're reading this on a Thursday.



Picture taken in 1995 during digital switch training. Noted below is the year each employee started with KMTelecom.

Front Row: Bruce Ludwig - 1975,
Todd Laganiere - 1994, Jeff Suhr - 1993

Back Row: Jon Tollefson - 1954-2002,
Mary Ehmke - 1987, Beth Tollefson - 1991

Graduating Seniors Benefit from Annual Scholarship Programs

KMTelecom has been a supporter of continuing education for many years through our contribution to the scholarship funds at the Kasson-Mantorville and Triton Schools. We proudly give back to the communities we serve and are pleased to announce the 2017 scholarship recipients. This year, \$3,500 in awards will be split between the following graduates. Congratulations and best wishes as you pursue your college education!



Marissa Alvarado (K-M) – Marissa is the daughter of Steve and Cindy Alvarado. Marissa plans to attend St. Catherine University with a major in physical therapy.



Greta Rhodes (Triton) – Greta plans to attend the University of St. Thomas to major in actuarial science with a minor in economics. Greta is the daughter of Chuck and Monica Rhodes.



Jackilyn Thayer (Triton) – Jackilyn plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls to study agriculture. She is the daughter of Rick and Ann Thayer.

DVR Service Puts You in Control

You don't have to be a slave to the TV schedule anymore. DVR (Digital Video Recorder) service from KMTelecom lets you watch what you want, when you want. With DVR service, you can keep up with all of your activities and still not miss your favorite shows. It makes it quick and easy to automatically record any show that airs on KMTV. Then whenever it's a good time to watch, these programs will be waiting for you to enjoy. Record one episode or an entire season—it's up to you.

Make TV viewing much more fun and more convenient. Add DVR service to your KMTV subscription FREE for the first month with FREE installation. For complete details, call KMTelecom at 634-2511.

