

Please join us for our Holiday Cheer the first three Tuesdays in December. Refreshments will be served and you will have an opportunity to win prizes. Thank you for your loyal patronage. It is a pleasure connecting you to the world!



## Business Office Closed

Monday, December 24th closing at 3:00pm  
Tuesday, December 25th for Christmas Day  
Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's Day

## KMTelecom

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Kasson, MN 55944-1491  
634-2511

Local call for KMTelecom customers in  
Kasson, Mantorville, Rock Dell and  
Dodge Center

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm  
For help with service problems during  
non-business hours, please call 634-2505.

### 24/7 Internet Help Desk

Kasson, Mantorville Area 634-2575  
Rock Dell Area 634-2575 (FREE call)  
Dodge Center Area 633-2575

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Sales/Inquiries 866-677-8677  
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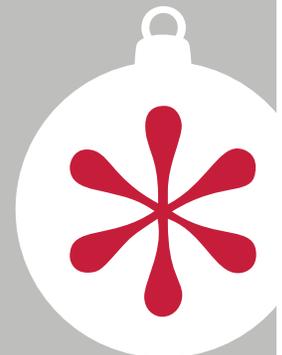
## Tech the Halls WITH MORE SPEED FOR YOUR DEVICES

### PREMIUM HIGH SPEED INTERNET

- 20 Mbps\* download and 20 Mbps\* upload
- FREE spam and email virus filtering\*\*
- FREE 24x7 Internet Help Desk
- FREE security health checkup during installation
- FREE use of a modem
- FREE 6 email accounts

As low as **\$59.99**/month\*

\*Service availability and Internet speeds will depend on location. Speeds up to 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload are available. All prices subject to change. Contact us for complete details.  
\*\*KMTelecom scans incoming emails to our server for viruses and spam. Antivirus protection for your computer is still required.



**Tech the Halls With a Home Wi-Fi Network**  
CALL KMTelecom AT 507-634-2511.

## College Scholarships

**Minnesota Telecom Alliance Foundation (MTA)** – As a member of the MTA, KMTelecom would like to share a scholarship opportunity with its subscribers.

To be eligible, applicants must be attending post secondary education at either a college, university, or technical college in the fall of 2014; be a Minnesota resident; and the applicant's family must subscribe to at least one service from KMTelecom. A telecom alliance panel reviews each application and selects the finalists based on applicants' grades, academic achievements, and extra-curricular activities.

Contact your high school counselor to receive an application. Applications must be submitted to KMTelecom's General Manager, Mary Ehmke, by March 1, 2013.

**KMTelecom** – Students in the Kasson-Mantorville and Triton schools are eligible to receive scholarships through KMTelecom. These scholarship recipients are decided by a selection committee at each school. Seniors are encouraged to apply through their respective schools. Details of the scholarship, an application, and deadline can be found on each school's website; Kasson-Mantorville: [komets.k12.mn.us](http://komets.k12.mn.us), Triton: [triton.k12.mn.us](http://triton.k12.mn.us)



## Broadband is "Can't Live Without" Technology

Think back to when cellphones were first introduced. Did you say you weren't going to get one since you didn't think you'd use it very often? How about digital cameras? Did you drag your feet before taking the leap to digital photography?

Fast forward to today. How often do you use your cellphone and digital camera? And could you imagine living without them? Technology often progresses from something we don't see much need for to something that's an integral part of our routine.

Broadband, or high speed Internet access, falls under this category. Broadband is becoming essential to participate in modern life. Many job applications, for instance, are not available on paper anymore. And health records and information are increasingly moving online. Those who don't have broadband access are at an increased risk of being left behind.

In addition, the speed difference between dial-up and a broadband connection is significant. That's because the Web is increasingly designed for broadband connections, to accommodate photos, video, and Flash animations. The result is that dial-up connections have actually gotten slower over time. Even if you were a contented dial-up user five years ago because you only checked email and read a few headlines, you're probably no longer satisfied with the slow performance of dial-up access with websites that are now optimized for broadband.

Almost two-thirds of people in the U.S. have broadband at home, according to a 5,005-person survey published by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in February 2010. If you're not yet one of them, KMTelecom urges you to consider signing up for broadband. It will give you access to the highest quality Internet services, many of which require the transfer of large amounts of data that may not be technically feasible with dial-up service. Broadband is your ticket to taking advantage of the full range of resources available online—and once you try it, you'll probably wonder how you ever got along without it.

For more information about our broadband services, call us at 507-634-2511.

## You May Be Wondering ...

We have had inquiries from Mantorville residents anxious about getting their homes upgraded to fiber. We want you to know that we are getting closer to being able to convert customers to the new fiber, in the Mantorville area. Our contractor has completed his construction to plow in the fiber, up to homes. The next step will be to enter homes to install the new equipment and connect customers to the fiber.

Final phases of testing customer equipment are currently underway. Part of our delay has been manufacturer discontinuation of equipment which forced us to find another supplier. The exciting news is that we are even more pleased with the new equipment we will be offering.

We will notify you by mail when we are ready to convert your home over to the fiber. We will be focusing on converting customers with telephone and at least one other service. During this conversion, you will not be required to change any of your services. However, you will have the choice to upgrade any of your services. Fiber will give you the choice to increase your high speed internet up to 100Mbps. Or, enhance your TV viewing with high definition television and whole-home DVR.



City of Mantorville map showing new fiber area.



Map of county road 15 area showing the new fiber area.



ABC Family can be found on channel 211. Look for the holiday entertainment schedule at [www.abcfamily.com](http://www.abcfamily.com).

## KMTelecom is Exiting the Cellular Business

KMTelecom has made a decision to discontinue offering KMCellular service. Existing KMCellular customers will be transferred to Hiawatha Broadband Communications, Inc. (HBC) located in Winona, MN, effective January 17, 2013. KMTelecom appreciates your business and loyalty. If you have questions or concerns, please contact our customer service department. Thank you.



**\$25**

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

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill for a chance to win a **\$25 credit** to your account. Return it by December 31, 2012, to be eligible. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations to our September 2012 winner, Linda Marti, of Kasson!

## Stay Connected During Winter Storms

In light of the increased use of wireless phones, cordless phones, and VoIP, KMTelecom wants to remind you that these types of telephone technology will not work if electricity goes out due to winter storms. One item to always have on hand is a corded landline phone that plugs into the phone jack in the wall. Since a corded phone does not require electricity, it can be your back-up method of communication during and after a storm—keeping you connected to emergency personnel, family, and friends.

### It's important to understand:

- Once batteries wear out, cordless phones and laptops require electricity and will not continue to work during a power outage.
- Wireless phone systems and towers are not required to provide backup power, so wireless phones may not operate during a power outage either.

For safety's sake, we urge you to keep at least one corded landline phone in your home, along with a flashlight and other emergency items.



## Counting Down the Top 10 Inventions

We can all be grateful that smart and innovative people, over the course of many years, developed these ten game-changing inventions:

### 10. The Plow

Though it's a simple cutting tool used to prepare soil for planting, the plow had a far-reaching impact on human life. It enabled people to grow more food than needed to survive, producing a surplus that could be traded for goods and services.

### 9. Wheel

Dating back to about 3100 B.C., the wheel set in motion not only faster and more efficient transportation but other inventions as well—ranging from water wheels to complex jet engines.

### 8. Printing Press

Books had previously been items only the extremely rich could afford. But mass production made possible by the printing press brought the price down and allowed more information to be recorded and distributed.

### 7. Refrigeration

The ability to keep food cold for prolonged periods drastically changed the food production industry and the eating habits of people around the world.

### 6. Communications

This invention category combines the telegraph, telephone, radio, and television. They represent milestones on a continuum of communications technology that effectively shrank the world.

Speaking of the Internet, could your connection use an upgrade? Call us at 507-634-2511 and ask about higher speeds.

### 5. Steam Engine

The Industrial Revolution was carried forward by the steam engine. Not only did steam engines power factories that made the rapid production of goods possible, they powered the trains and steamships that transported those goods.

### 4. Automobile

What the steam engine was to industry, the automobile was to people. Cars allowed us to go wherever we wanted, whenever we wanted, and dramatically changed our culture in the process.

### 3. Light Bulb

The light bulb was important not only as a light source, but because of the infrastructure it helped foster that provided electricity to homes and businesses.

### 2. Computer

Computers make complicated mathematical calculations at incredible speeds. They also let us store vast amounts of information and retrieve a piece of it almost instantly. Many things in today's world wouldn't function without computers.

### 1. Internet

The Internet forever changed the world. No other single invention has had such profound affects on business, communication, economy, entertainment, and politics.

