



Holiday Hours

Our office will be closed on Friday, July 4th for Independence Day

Website Compass Magazine is here

Spring Issue has arrived! Find it online or stop in and pick up a hard copy.

Call 811 Before You Dig!

One free, easy call gets your utility lines marked and helps protect you from injury and expense. Call before you dig!

Recycle Old Directories

Remember to recycle your old directories. There is a recycling bin located in our office for your convenience.

KMTelecom

18 Second Avenue NW
Kasson, MN 55944-1491
Kasson, Mantorville Area 634-2511
Rock Dell Area 634-2511 (FREE call)
Dodge Center Area 633-2511

Office Hours

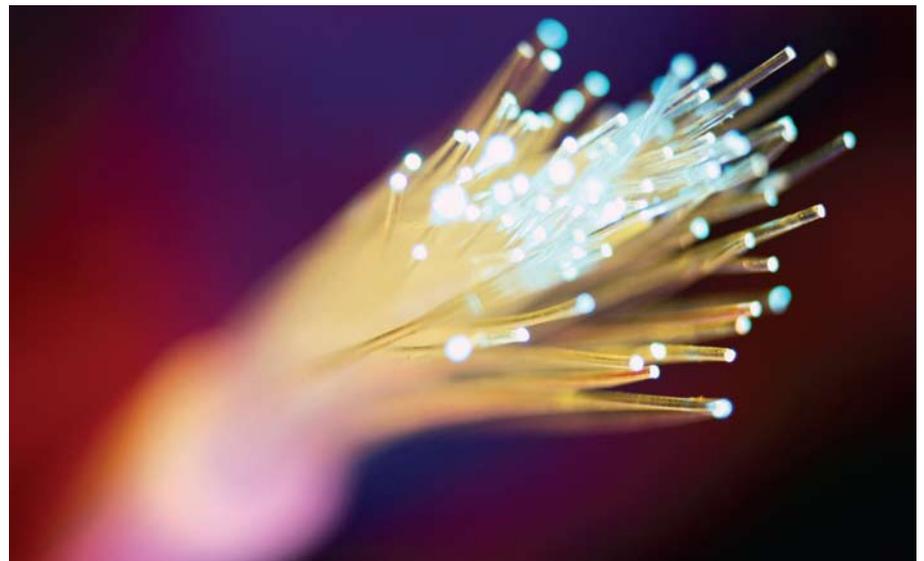
Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm
For help with service problems during non-business hours, please call 634-2505.

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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www.kmtel.com



FTTH is coming to Kasson

Something exciting is happening in Kasson. KMTelecom's construction crews are preparing to bring Fiber to the Home (FTTH) to residents and businesses throughout the town. This fiber optic technology is the most advanced available and will replace yesterday's copper telephone wire. You can look forward to enjoying higher bandwidth capacity for faster Internet connections, expanded television options, crystal clear picture and sound, as well as convenient video viewing options. This FTTH build-out process will happen throughout Kasson over a two-year period. You will be notified when expanded services are available in your home or business.

Why Fiber Optics?

The current telecommunications network in Kasson is in need of upgrades in order to meet the expanding needs for bandwidth in homes and businesses. Rather than upgrading the current network, KMTelecom made the decision to rebuild the network using fiber optics.

FTTH technology will allow telecommunications services to be transported over fiber optic cables – the best technology available. Fiber has virtually unlimited capacity with very high quality and reliability.



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Important Notice for KMTV Customers

KMTelecom has offered KMTV Digital Television for 5 years. We're proud to say we have not passed along a price increase in that time. Unfortunately, our costs from programmers have increased substantially. Therefore, effective June 1, 2008 an increase will be passed on to our customers.

Details of the increase are as follows:

	WAS	NOW
Networks	\$14.99	\$15.99
Basic Plan	\$31.99	\$34.99
Expanded Plan	\$41.99	\$44.99
Deluxe Plan	\$46.99	\$49.99
Movie Package	\$45.00	\$47.99
HBO	\$12.99	\$14.99

Bundles are still a great way to save!

	WAS	NOW
Phone, TV & Internet	\$91.95	\$94.99
Phone & TV	\$51.95	\$54.99

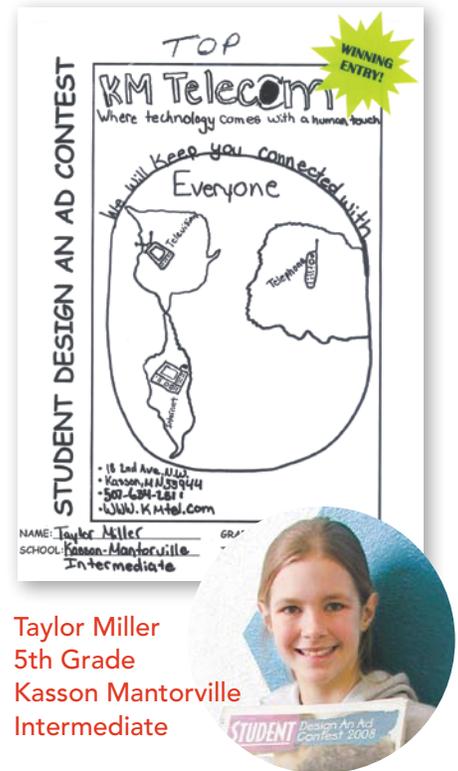
Some of the channels that have been added to the lineup since the initial launch of KMTV in 2003 include:

- Disney East
- Disney West
- Toon Disney
- SOAPnet
- Great American Country (GAC)
- Showtime (added 7 new channels)
- KSMQ (PBS) Austin
- Annenberg
- Versus
- Oxygen
- WFTC – replaced UPN
- The CW – UPN & WB merged

Congratulations Taylor Miller!

Post Bulletin offers the "Design An Ad" project to area students in grades 4 through 8. Area businesses sponsor the project, and classrooms are matched up with a business. Mrs. Volden's 5th grade class in the Kasson-Mantorville Intermediate School was given the task of designing an ad for KMTelecom. Students are taught the important design elements of advertising before they create their ads. It's a wonderful experience and a great way for students to learn about businesses in their community.

KMTelecom received approximately 30 ads, and employees selected one winner. The winning entrant was Taylor Miller. Congratulations, Taylor!



Taylor Miller
5th Grade
Kasson Mantorville
Intermediate

2008 Directory Photo Contest Winner - John Hazuka

We received 48 entries for the 2008 Directory Photo Contest. The theme this year was local landmarks representing Kasson, Mantorville, Rock Dell, and/or Dodge Center. We received many excellent photos. Determining a winner was not an easy task.

The winner received \$50 cash, and John Hazuka was selected as the winner. Great job, John!



John Hazuka, resident of Kasson, submitted the collage of photos. Starting from top left: A late winter snowfall enhances the Goat Island Bridge in Mantorville; one of many local farm properties in the Kasson area; celebrating 150 years of the Dodge County Fair in Kasson; wind farm turbines south of Dodge Center show added solutions for future energy needs; renovated Kasson water tower stands as a symbol of our rich history; spring blossoms greet visitors to the Dodge County Historical Society Museum in Mantorville.

Let Us Improve Your Home Improvement Projects

Planning to do some updating around the house this spring? Don't forget to include your phone, TV, and Internet services. Like new furniture or appliances, switching to the latest communications services can greatly enhance the functionality of your home by helping you do more with each day.

For example, a new moneysaving long distance plan encourages you to pick up the phone more often and stay in touch with out-of-town friends. KMTelecom's digital television service elevates your family room to a whole new level of entertainment quality and variety. KMTelecom's Internet service speeds you through on-line activities more quickly and makes your computer area more efficient. A wireless network in your home gives you the freedom to use your laptop in any room.

At KMTelecom, we offer a growing number of ways for your whole family to stay better connected, entertained, and informed. Our state-of-the-art services can make the perfect finishing touch to a newly remodeled room (or even make



the same old room seem fresh again). Visit us at www.kmtel.com for more information about what's currently available:

- Local Phone Service
- Long Distance Calling Plans
- Convenient Calling Features
- Digital Television with Digital Video Recording*
- High Speed Internet Service

Finally, here's one more home improvement tip: To save money when you update your communications services, be sure to ask about our bundled services. Just give us a call at 634-2511 for the details.

*Available in Kasson.

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New KMTelecom Website Format

In an effort to make our company website more user-friendly and visually attractive, we have completely reorganized and redesigned our site. You will notice lots of new features and pages aimed at providing you with the most information in the shortest amount of time possible. Be sure to check out the new site and send us your feedback!



Get Up to Speed on Internet Connections

It's always good to reevaluate whether your current Internet connection still meets your needs. Since speed is a key factor, we'll begin by defining some measurement terminology:

Download Speed - rate at which data travels from the Internet to your computer

Upload Speed - rate at which data travels from your computer to the Internet

Kbps - kilobits per second (or thousands of bits per second)

Mbps - megabits per second (or millions of bits per second)

You'll run across these terms frequently when you read about various types of Internet connections. For example, a basic dial-up connection may offer a connection speed of 56 Kbps while high speed Internet access (such as DSL) may offer a download speed of up to 1 Mbps and an upload speed of 768 Kbps.

Dial-up connection requires the use of a modem and a phone line to dial into an Internet Service Provider's (ISP) node in order to get access to the Internet. The data transmission rate is usually just 56 Kbps or less. Because of this, you'll have a hard time downloading large files such as video clips and software. Additionally, your phone line is occupied whenever you're online.

High speed Internet access provides the convenience of an "always on" connection – there are no phone numbers to dial and no waiting to get online. It's also as much as 20 times faster than dial-up. So with high speed Internet access, you can quickly and easily open photo attachments or watch streaming video. You can also make and receive phone calls while you're online.

For more details, visit www.kmtel.com.

Having Trouble Using the Telephone?

Minnesota Relay provides free and full telephone accessibility to anyone who is hard of hearing, deaf or speech impaired. To make a relay call, dial 711 or 800-627-3529.

For more information on the variety of services offered through Minnesota Relay, call 651-602-9005 or 800-657-3775 (voice/TTY), or visit www.commerce.state.mn.us.

Telephone Equipment Distribution Program

The Telephone Equipment Distribution (TED) Program provides free assistive phone equipment such as amplified phones, TTYs (text-telephones), TTYs with telebraille or large



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visual displays, speaker phones, hands-free dialing equipment, and signaling devices to income-eligible persons who have difficulty using the phone due to hearing, speech, vision, or physical disabilities.

For more information, call 800-657-3663 or TTY: 888-206-6555. Or visit ted.program@state.mn.us and www.tedprogram.org.

Both Minnesota Relay and the Telephone Equipment Distribution Program are administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce Telecommunications Assess Minnesota (TAM), and are funded by a telephone surcharge.

KMTelecom

Where technology comes with a human touch

Lifeline/Link-Up Program

You may qualify for discounted telephone service if your income level falls below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or if you are currently receiving benefits under one or more of the following programs: Medicaid, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, National School Free Lunch Program, or the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. For more information

about the FCC Lifeline/Link-Up Program, call our office at 507-634-2511.

Age, disability and eligibility will be verified.



Bill Paying Made Easy

Make your KMTelecom payments automatically with Check Free Service...

How It Works...

Simply authorize regularly scheduled payments to be made from your checking, savings, or credit card account. Your payments will be made automatically on the specified day and proof of payment will appear on your statement.

The Benefits...

- It saves time – you'll have fewer checks to write and no postage to pay.
- It's convenient – payments will be made on time, even when you're out of town.
- No lost or misplaced statements.
- Easy to sign up and easy to cancel.
- No late charges.

To sign up, visit our website at www.kmtel.com and click on "pay bill" in the top right corner of the page. Or complete and return the form below:

Sign Up Now for Check Free Service

Name: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Checking Account - attach a cancelled check.

Bank: _____

Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____

Savings Account - attach a deposit slip.

Bank: _____

Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____

VISA, MasterCard or Discover
(circle appropriate card type)

Name on Card: _____

Account #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

CVV2#: _____

The authority you give to charge your account will remain in effect until you notify us in writing to terminate the authorization.

RETURN TO: KMTelecom • 18 2nd Ave. N.W. • Kasson, MN 55944