



Changes to the NEW 2009 Directory

If you're looking for directory listings in Rock Dell, please note, the Kasson-Mantorville and Rock Dell sections have been combined in the new directory. Look in the green section for all of these listings.

Check out the yellow pages for artwork by students in Mr. Wyttenbach's 5th grade class in the Kasson-Mantorville Intermediate School. Pictures are scattered throughout the yellow pages with the winning entry on the cover. See page 2 for details.



Remember to recycle your old telephone directories. They can be recycled with all other recyclable paper.

Call 811 Before You Dig

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

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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Summer Fun for Kids

It can be challenging to come up with fresh new ideas to keep children occupied during the summer. Thankfully, the Internet is a great resource for finding fun activities. If you're looking for ways to deal with the "I'm bored!" mantra this summer, check out these websites:

KidsTurnCentral.com

This site offers ideas for fun crafts, tips on how to go green, holiday-related activities (including international holidays), and more.

CreativeKidsAtHome.com

Here, you'll find everything from birthday party plans to science projects that will keep kids learning all summer.

FamilyFun.com

Filled with ideas for quality family time, summer vacations, kid-friendly recipes, and much more, this site is a great tool for any parent.

MommySavers.com

With a focus on moneysaving tips for busy moms, this informational site also offers ideas for inexpensive activities that kids will enjoy.

When the weather is bad and kids need to stay indoors, they can enjoy online games at sites such as:

ClubPenguin.com

Currently one of the most popular children's websites, Club Penguin lets kids use their own penguin "avatar" to wander around a snowy virtual world while playing games and interacting with friends.

Webkinz.com

Allows children to enter a special code that appears on Webkinz stuffed animals, which



can be found in toy stores. Once they enter the online Webkinz world, they can design a home for their pet, feed it, and play games on the website.

Yahooligans.com

This site lets kids play games, send e-cards, learn about new movies, and catch up on some of their favorite young singers.

Concerned about keeping kids safe online? Consider using a special Web browser designed just for them. You can download it at KidZui.com. The KidZui browser puts the Internet in kids' hands, with one catch—it only allows them to visit sites with content that has been reviewed and pre-approved by hundreds of parents and teachers.

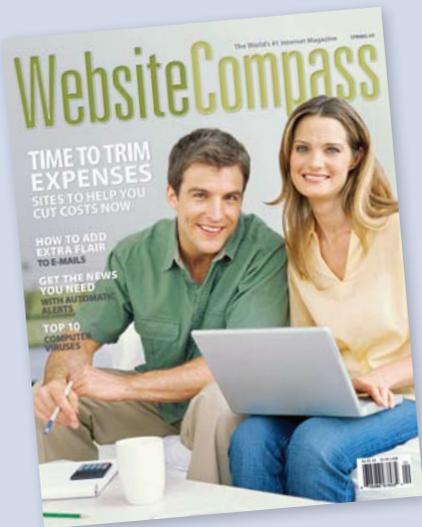
Of course, high speed Internet makes it easier to enjoy all these sites. With an always-on connection, you won't have to worry about missing phone calls while the kids play online—plus, you'll be able to access helpful information more quickly than ever. If you haven't upgraded from dial-up yet, give KMTelecom a call at 634-2511 and ask about our affordable high-speed Internet packages.

Get Internet Directions from Website Compass

It can be tough to keep up with changing Internet technologies and learn to use the vast number of online resources most effectively. That's why KMTelcom offers you convenient access to the online version of *Website Compass* magazine.

Whether you're an Internet "newbie" or an experienced veteran, you're sure to find information you can use about Internet tips, trends, troubleshooting, and terms. Website Compass is an invaluable resource for virtually anything you do online, both at home and in the workplace. Learn about some of today's most popular websites and online activities, see answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" about Internet-related topics, and get step-by-step tutorials on dozens of common tasks involving browsers and e-mail programs.

To access the magazine, just visit our website at www.kmtel.com and click the "Website Compass" link. Printed copies of *Website Compass* magazine are also available free at our office.



Congratulations Mackenzie Shay

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

KMTelcom received 28 ads and was given the task of selecting one winner. Employees voted and Mackenzie Shay's advertisement was selected. Congratulations Mackenzie! All of the entries can be found in the yellow page section of the new 2009 telephone directory.



Mackenzie Shay - 5th Grade
Kasson-Mantorville Intermediate
Mr. Wyttensch's Class

High Speed Internet Where YOU Live

You don't have to settle for slow dial-up just because you live in a rural area. KMTelcom can bring WildBlue high speed Internet to homes within a 60-mile radius of Kasson, Minnesota via remarkable satellite technology. If you are outside of the Kasson, Mantorville, Rock Dell and Dodge Center areas and have a computer, we'll bring you high speed Internet. Downloading music, movies and software that might take you hours with dial-up can be completed in just minutes with WildBlue! And since WildBlue is always on, you don't have to dial in or wait for a connection.

Call KMTelcom now to sign up at 866-677-8677, Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. For details, visit www.kmwb.net.



ACT Fast to Instantly Save \$280

For a limited time, we're offering \$100 off the WildBlue equipment, plus free professional installation (a \$180 value) at your home within 3-5 days. Saturday appointments are available for your convenience.



The Minnesota Telecom Alliance: 100 Years of Innovation & Leadership

As a member of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance (MTA), KMTelecom helped celebrate a century of cooperation among Minnesota's telecommunications companies at the 100th Annual MTA Convention in Minneapolis. This trade association leads the greater telecommunications industry by communicating with state and federal decision makers and advocating shared goals on behalf of its members and Minnesota consumers.

One hundred years ago, the telephone industry was dominated by fierce competition among independently owned companies and the giant Bell system, which controlled the long-distance toll lines. The MTA was initially formed to advocate for the regulation of the telephone industry in an effort to help develop service standards, as well as to interconnect the hundreds of small exchanges that were popping up across the state. The MTA has played an invaluable role in Minnesota's growth in telecommunications.

Membership in the MTA gives KMTelecom a powerful ally in rooms where key decisions are made concerning industry regulations. Without the unified voice of the MTA, KMTelecom and over 80 other Minnesota companies that offer telephone, television, and high-speed Internet access to communities across the state would likely not be able

to offer the level of service now available to nearly every Minnesotan.

The unity and common goals of the MTA helped usher Minnesota's telecommunications industry through such important milestones as the first regulatory actions under the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, the passing of the Communications Act of 1934 that saw universal service become a reality, and the passing of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which finally inspired the growth of local competition through deregulation. Today, the MTA continues to advocate for less industry regulation to foster the unending development of new technologies and new services that will benefit MTA members and customers alike.

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KMTelecom has been a proud member of the MTA for over 100 years. Membership has allowed us to offer the products and services our customers have come to expect, and it is thanks to the consistent advocacy by the MTA that companies like us have thrived over the past 100 years. We look forward to the next 100 years of industry leadership and superior service.



KMTelecom Sponsors Spelling Bee

Spelling Bee Winner, Laura Galbus, competed in the regional spelling bee sponsored by KMTelecom in Rochester, Tuesday, March 9th. Laura was one of the top eight spellers and advanced to the Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. in May, 2009. Great job Laura!

\$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 June 30th, 2009, to be eligible. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Congratulations to our March 2009 winner, SueAnn Ness!

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Having Trouble Using Your Telephone?

Minnesota Relay provides free and full telephone accessibility to anyone who is hard of hearing, deaf or speech disabled. 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

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, e-mail ted.program@state.mn.us or visit 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.



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2009 Digital Television Conversion Conversion Date: June 12, 2009

Over the past year, the topic of the upcoming digital television conversion has been in the news. Congress mandated the conversion to all-digital television broadcasting, also known as the digital television transition (DTV transition). All-digital broadcasting will free up frequencies for public safety communications (such as police, fire and emergency rescue).

The date of the conversion is scheduled for June 12, 2009. If you're currently receiving TV service from KMTelecom, you do not need to do anything. You are already receiving a converted signal that will work after the DTV transition. For more details on the digital TV transition, visit www.dtv.gov or call 888-388-2009.

Need Help Paying Your Phone Bill?

The ability to stay in touch with others can be vital to both safety and emotional well-being. That's what makes telephone assistance for low-income households so important.

You may qualify for discounted telephone service through the Lifeline/Link-Up Program 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 follow programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, National School Free Lunch Program, or the Low-Income Home Energy Assis-

tance 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.

