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## The Internet of Things (IoT) Includes Many Smart Objects

There's a lot of talk these days about the Internet of Things (IoT). But just what is it? The IoT is a collection of objects represented and connected virtually through the Internet. This means that ordinary things will be identified with electronic tags that will allow them to send information to other devices, enabling people to interact with the objects in helpful ways.



For example, a smart refrigerator might send information to your smartphone about what's inside, so you can do a grocery run after work without having to go home first to check what's running low. A fitness bracelet might measure your body fat and suggest tailored fitness plans. Or a toothbrush might evaluate your brushing technique and alert you to spots you've missed.

There is no limit to the possibilities offered by the IoT. A leading networking company, Cisco, estimates that the number of devices connected to the Internet will grow to 50 billion by 2020 from about 13 billion in 2014. Those billions and billions of connected devices—more than seven things for every person on Earth—will generate massive amounts of data that can reshape the way the world lives and works.

We can look forward to a wide range of benefits from the IoT, including:

- **No more passwords!** Devices will have fingerprint and retinal scanners to identify users.
- **Healthier world.** Sensors will provide information about air quality, sewers, and other locations to determine the impact of our activities on the environment.
- **Better emergency response.** Cars will send details about crashes so emergency responders can plan ahead.
- **Improved health.** Pill bottles will be equipped to flash lights or send messages when a patient forgets to take a dose.
- **Increased safety.** Buildings will have monitors that measure the severity of earthquakes, so occupants will know when to evacuate.

KMTelcom has invested in a fiber network to make sure our customers have access to the high speed Internet required to take advantage of tomorrow's technologies. To learn more, visit [www.kmtel.com](http://www.kmtel.com).



## Congratulations Lois Kispert

Lois is the lucky winner of the Roku, giveaway at the Dodge County Expo on Saturday, March 28th. Enjoy the streaming fun!

## 8 Ways to Protect Personal Information

1. Carry only necessary identification. Do not carry your Social Security card with you.
2. Take steps to reduce the amount of mail you receive that displays personal information.
3. Be cautious when providing your Social Security number. It's okay to ask whether it is needed for the application or transaction.
4. Check your credit report annually using [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).
5. Never provide personal information over the phone or Internet unless you have initiated the contact and have confirmed the business or person's identity.
6. Avoid leaving any personal information in your car.
7. Shred unnecessary documents, especially those containing your personal information.
8. Take your outgoing mail to the post office or postal box rather than using street-side mailboxes.

Cut down on mail containing personal information by paying bills online. Go to "Bill Pay" at [www.kmtel.com](http://www.kmtel.com) to set up your KMTecom bill pay account.



## In an Emergency, Would the 911 Dispatcher Know Your Exact Location?

Unfortunately, many people have discovered the answer to the question above is "No." If you use a cellphone to make the call to 911 — and you can't say the address due to a medical condition or other reason — dispatchers may not be able to pinpoint your exact location quickly.

Why? In most communities, 911 systems are not equipped to provide dispatchers with specific location information from the phone record if you call from a cellphone. The best they can do is to try and get a general indication of your location based on the cell tower site closest to where you are. This data exchange can take minutes; sometimes, it doesn't return a location at all.

This situation often comes as a surprise to people since mobile apps like Facebook and Uber can tell where you are located with impressive accuracy. The fact is, not all cellphone calls transmit location data. Your chance of a 911 operator getting a fix on your location from a cellphone can be as low as 10 percent.<sup>1</sup>

By contrast, if you call 911 from a landline phone, the phone record is tied to a specific physical location, and the dispatcher will be able to locate you quickly and send the appropriate help. The 911 system was designed for landline phones, and it transmits your call and your location instantly over a hard-wired connection.

The FCC estimates that about 70 percent of 911 calls are now placed from cellphones, and that number is growing. While cellphone convenience is a great thing when you're out and about, your safety and security are two important reasons to also keep a landline phone at home. Having one enhances the likelihood of emergency personnel locating your home when every second counts.

**KMTecom offers bundled discounts when you have a landline phone. Stay safe when you're at home and set up landline service today by calling 634-2511.**

<sup>1</sup>USA TODAY. "911's Deadly Flaw: Lack of Location Data," February 22, 2015. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/02/22/cellphone-911-lack-location-data/23570499/>

# Beware of Security Risks Using Free Public Wi-Fi

Free public Wi-Fi is convenient but it's also inherently insecure, so think twice before you shop online at your favorite coffee shop. A hacker may be waiting to intercept such information as your credit card numbers.

## Internet security experts recommend:

- **Treat all Wi-Fi links with suspicion.** Don't assume the Wi-Fi link is legitimate. It could be a bogus link set up by a hacker.
- **Try to verify it's a legitimate wireless connection.** Some bogus links will have a connection name that's deliberately similar to the coffee shop or other venue offering free Wi-Fi. Ask an employee for the Wi-Fi access point's name and IP address.
- **Adjust your default setting.** Set it to prompt you to manually select a Wi-Fi network rather than choosing for you.
- **Avoid sensitive transactions.** When using public Wi-Fi, don't conduct financial/banking transactions or shop.
- **Protect your devices.** Regularly update your operating system, firewalls, Web browser, and antivirus and antispyware software.
- **Use Wi-Fi that is password protected.** It is more secure than an open network.



# Congrats to Grads and Their Moms and Dads

KMTelecom congratulates all area graduates and wishes them well in their life journeys. We know these students have been busy all year with lots of activities — from homework and part-time jobs to sports, clubs, and community volunteering. Getting it all done isn't easy and we applaud their hard work.

We also want to recognize the parents of these graduates. Your support and guidance throughout childhood have enabled these young adults to get where they are today. Congrats on a job well done!



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## \$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 2015, to be eligible. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

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

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

Congratulations to our March 2015 winner, Vern Prouty of Rock Dell!

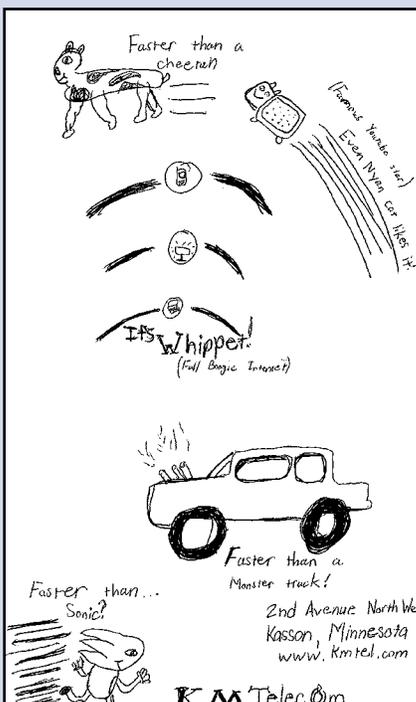
## Congratulations Jacob Peterson!

The *Rochester Post Bulletin* participates in the national Newspapers in Education program, which provides newspapers to schools across the nation to promote learning in a variety of ways, including current events, history, economics, and more.



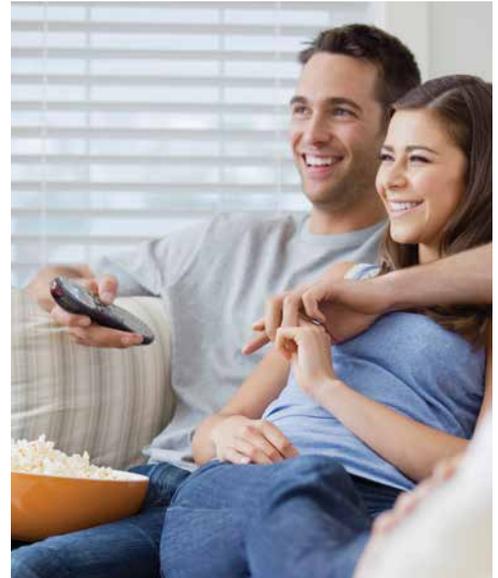
Another fun feature of the program is the "Design An Ad" project. Sponsoring area businesses are matched with classrooms, whose students work to design an ad for them.

This year, Mr. Mann's 5th grade class at Kasson-Mantorville Middle School was given the task of designing an ad for KMTelecom. Student Jacob Peterson was the winner of a \$25 gift certificate. He recognized Whippet Full Boogie Internet in his ad, with attention to detail in what KMTelecom stands for. Great job Jacob and congratulations!



## DVR Service Puts You in Control

Don't be a slave to the TV schedule; Digital Video Recorder service from KMTelecom lets you watch what you want, when you want. DVR service lets you quickly and easily record any show that airs on KMTV. When you're ready to watch, your programs will be waiting. Record one episode or an entire season — it's up to you.



### DVR service also lets you:

- Rewind and replay the action during live telecasts such as sporting events.
- Watch one show while recording another. Watch the big game live while recording the season finale of a TV drama to watch later.
- Pause live TV to answer the phone or pay for the pizza you ordered.
- Fast-forward through recorded programming that doesn't interest you.

Make TV viewing more fun and more convenient by adding DVR service to your KMTV subscription for a nominal monthly rate. Get more info and try it free for the first month by calling 634-2511.

## Managing Mail and Calls

Tired of unwanted phone calls and junk mail? Take action by registering with the sites below.

### Do Not Call

More than 172 million phone numbers have been placed on the National Do Not Call Registry. If you've changed or added phone numbers since your original registration, or would like to register, visit this site. You can enter up to three phone numbers (landline or wireless) in the online form. [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

### Do Not Write

Get less junk mail with DMAchoice™, an online tool that divides direct mail into four categories: Credit Offers, Catalogs, Magazine Offers, and Other Mail Offers. Request to stop receiving mail from individual companies within each category—or from an entire category. [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)

### Do Not Send Credit Offers

OptOutPrescreen.com is a centralized service that processes consumer requests to opt-out of credit card offers. The service is a joint venture of credit reporting companies Equifax, Experian, Innovis, and TransUnion; you can request to remove your name from lists of all four companies. [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com)