



Stop by for Sweet Holiday Treats on December 4, 11 & 18

One of the real joys of the holiday season is the opportunity to say THANK YOU and wish you the very best for the New Year. Stop by our office on any of the first three Tuesdays in December for some holiday cheer! Thanks for choosing KMTelcom as your provider. We appreciate your business.

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Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

Tuesday, January 1st

New Year's Day

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- Save up to \$94.99
- DVR adds convenience
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YOU'LL "DEERLY" LOVE THE SAVINGS AND THE PRIZE DRAWINGS

From November 26th to December 21st, sign up and save big on KMTelcom services with your choice of these deals. When you do, you'll be automatically entered in our Reindeer Games prize drawings. You can also enter to win at our office.

Each Friday during this period—November 30th, December 7th, December 14th, and December 21st—we'll draw a winner. This person can take his/her pick of the cool tech prizes below until they're gone. (The first week's winner can choose from all four prizes, and subsequent winners will choose from what's remaining.)

- Amazon Echo
- Amazon Fire TV
- Wyze Cam Pan Home Camera
- Ring Video Doorbell

Hoof it to our office, call 507-634-2511 or go to www.kmtel.com to join the Reindeer Games fun!

No contracts required. Restrictions may apply. Contact us for details.



New Employee Spotlight: Nicole Lambright

Please help us welcome Nicole Lambright as a new Customer Service Representative at KMTelecom. Nicole (aka, Mrs. Claus) is a familiar face around town. She grew up in Kasson, graduating as a KoMet in 1990. Nicole attended Alexandria Technical College and majored in Commercial Art. After working for various printers and magazines for several years, she decided to go into business with her parents to become a co-owner of Jimmy's Pizza. Some of you may recognize Nicole as Mrs. Claus, played during the Christmas in Kasson community event over the past several years.

Nicole was married to Donovan Lambright in 2005, and they have two wonderful children: Rayna, 12 and Kaylee, 11. They also have a lazy dog, Dilly! When Nicole is not at work, she enjoys crafts, baking, gardening, painting, and hanging out with friends and family.

**We are so happy to welcome
Nicole to our team!**

Check Out These Handy New Uses for an Old Tablet

You love that shiny new tablet you just got. Now what do you do with your old one? If you think the only option is to take it to an electronics recycling event, think again. That old tablet can have a second life thanks to ideas such as these:

Cookbook. Place your old tablet on a stand in your kitchen. Then load it up with all your favorite recipes. Scan paper recipes and place in convenient file locations or create bookmarks for those that are online. This way, there won't be messy cooking hands on your new tablet!



Jukebox. In conjunction with a dock and speakers, you can use your old tablet to play all your favorite tunes, either stored on your device or through online streaming services such as Spotify ([spotify.com](https://www.spotify.com)). It's even better if you have a smart speaker system such as Sonos ([sonos.com](https://www.sonos.com)), which allows you to play different tracks in different rooms.

Baby monitor. With your old tablet in your baby's room acting as a microphone and an app like Dormi ([dormi.sleekbit.com](https://www.dormi.sleekbit.com)), you can monitor activity and noise.

Digital photo frame. Display your old tablet with a stand and set it up with Live-Frame (iOS) or Dayframe (Android) to create a slideshow of your favorite photos.

Your kid's new tablet. Your child doesn't necessarily need all the latest bells and whistles on a tablet, so an older model will do fine. Just be sure to remove your data and take other precautions to make your old tablet a kid-safe device.

Portable movie player. On a long car trip? Camping? In the doctor's waiting room? No worries, you (or your child) can still be easily entertained. Just load your old tablet with age-appropriate movies and you're good to go.

E-reader. Create a book library on your old tablet using Kindle, your local public library, or the many resources for free e-books online.

As the number of devices in your home goes up, so should your internet speed. Call 507-634-2511 to ask about getting a speed upgrade.





Bring Back Memories With Classic Christmas Movies and TV Specials

The holiday season tends to be a sentimental time with strong connections to the past. Maybe you always bake your grandmother's famous Christmas cookie recipe or hang ornaments on the tree made by your children or grandchildren years ago.

Another way to travel down memory lane is to watch the Christmas movies and TV specials that were especially meaningful to you during earlier chapters in your life. They can take you back in time faster than a one-horse open sleigh goes dashing through the snow! Be sure to set aside some time this season to gather the family, pop some popcorn, and enjoy your favorite Christmas classics at home.

On www.rottentomatoes.com, they share their top 10 Christmas movies ever. Are your favorites on this list?

- It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
- Holiday Inn (1942)
- Stalag 17 (1953)
- The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)
- Arthur Christmas (2011)
- Miracle on 34th Street (1947)
- The Shop Around the Corner (1940)
- The Apartment (1960)
- Die Hard (1988)
- A Christmas Story (1983)

When it comes to Christmas TV specials, the golden age was arguably during the 1960s, which produced the beloved animated classics below. Watch them and the floodgates of nostalgia are sure to open.

- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)
- A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966)
- The Little Drummer Boy (1968)
- Frosty the Snowman (1969)

You can catch many of these Christmas classics on TV, or you can stream them at your convenience. Keep in mind you'll need fast internet for the best streaming experience. Go to www.kmtel.com to see our selection of available internet speeds.

Bake Cookies Day is December 18

Look through your recipe box, stop by the grocery store, and gather your cookie cutters. Friday, December 18 is Bake Cookies Day — perfectly timed for the holidays.

Many people have kept busy so far this season with shopping trips, gift wrapping, decorating, and Christmas cards. So Bake Cookies Day is a great excuse to shift gears and focus on the fun of baking. It's also a wonderful opportunity to spend time with family and friends in the kitchen, share plates of cookies with neighbors, or mail some goodies to loved ones in other places.

If you're looking for some new Christmas cookie recipes, what better source is there than the North Pole? Browse through a delicious assortment at www.northpole.com/Kitchen/Cookbook/Cookies, including Christmas Thumbprint Cookies, "Santa's Whiskers" Cookies, and Holiday Raisin Walnut Bars.

Who knows? You may even be treated to a cookie the next time you visit the KMTelcom office.



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Win a \$25 Credit on Your KMTelcom Bill

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill by December 31, 2018 for a chance to win a **\$25 credit** to your account. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Congratulations to our September 2018 winner, Paul Grovdahl, Kasson, MN!



Safety Advantages of a Landline Phone

A landline phone offers important advantages in emergency situations such as these:

Someone tries to call you in the middle of the night with an urgent message. It could be your child at a sleepover who's scared and wants to come home, or a family member saying you need to come to the hospital immediately. If you only have a cell phone and it's been silenced, you might miss the call. The sound of a landline phone ringing, however, gets attention.

Your child needs to call 911 but can't find the cell phone or its battery is dead. A landline phone provides the safety advantage of staying in one place in the home and not needing batteries, so your child can always use it.

A health emergency prevents the caller from speaking. Let's say your aging parent is disoriented or in pain and isn't able to clearly communicate to the 911 operator. With a landline phone, the exact home address is instantly available to emergency personnel.

Bundling your phone with TV and High Speed Internet saves you money and gives you peace of mind. To sign up for landline service, call 507-634-2511.

5 Alternatives to Making New Year's Resolutions

New Year's resolutions typically focus on changing something about yourself with which you're not satisfied. Think you weigh too much? Resolve to lose 20 pounds. Think you're a lousy money manager? Resolve to save a certain number of dollars per month.

If these types of resolutions haven't worked for you in the past, consider more enjoyable alternatives:

1. Choose one word for the year.

This one word should sum up how you want to feel or what you want to experience in the coming year. By selecting just one, it gives you clarity and focus. Ideas include: Peaceful • Helpful • Simplify • Fun • Action

2. Pick your people.

Make a list of the top 10 people in your life who bring out the best in you, make you laugh, support your endeavors, and leave you in a good mood. Then commit to regularly spending time with them throughout the year.

3. Create a bucket list with a twist.

This isn't a list of everything you want to do before you "kick the bucket." It's a list of what you want to do in the coming year — such as activities you'd like to try, places you'd like to visit, books you'd like to read, and cuisines you'd like to taste.



4. Make a commitment to someone other than yourself.

The beginning of a new year can also be a great time to turn one's focus outward. Start volunteering for a nonprofit organization or program in your community. Connect with family members more often. Offer to help an elderly neighbor with yardwork.

5. Process the past year.

When you only concentrate on the year ahead, you can lose sight of where you've been. Spend some time reflecting on your past year. What were your favorite moments, proudest achievements, and most difficult challenges? What did you learn about yourself and others?

However you decide to approach the transition from one year to the next, remember to live each day to the fullest. Happy New Year to all from your friends at KMTelecom!