



## Before You Dig, Call 811

All sorts of utility lines, pipes, and cables could be buried on your property and easily damaged by even shallow digging. This can result in service interruptions to your entire neighborhood.

Before you dig, call 811 to have utility lines marked. The affected local utilities will send a locator to your property, free of charge. Then you'll know what's below and be able to dig safely.



## Business Office Closed

**Friday, July 3, 2020**

Independence Day

**Monday, September 7, 2020**

Labor 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

### Visit Us Online

[www.kmtel.com](http://www.kmtel.com)



# SHOOT FOR THE STARS, GRADUATES

## WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR STELLAR ACHIEVEMENTS

KMTelecom wishes the best to all of the graduates in the communities we serve — whether graduating from preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, or college. No matter where you are in your educational journey, moving forward is cause for celebration.

We also applaud the contributions of your parents, other family members, and teachers. You are shining brightly today because of their support of you in the past.

Good luck, graduates! We look forward to seeing what the world has in store for you.



## NEW Employee Spotlight: Spencer Senn

Spencer Senn is our newest Locator/Technician. He started with KMTelecom on February 17, 2020, bringing with him five years of experience as an electrical apprentice.

Spencer moved to the area from Brainerd, MN when he was in 8th grade. He attended Triton High School through his sophomore year and then transferred to Kasson-Mantorville High School where he graduated. Spencer comes from a big family with seven children. He has three brothers and three sisters.

When Spencer is not at work, he enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, and watching Minnesota sports. He also plays on a men's hockey league. Spencer has a 1-year-old yellow lab named Ivy. Please join us in welcoming Spencer Senn to our KMTelecom team!

## More Internet Users and Devices Require More Speed

If your household's internet usage has grown significantly but your internet plan has stayed the same, your connection may now be overloaded. This can make your internet seem slow.

### Here's what to do:

- Contact KMTelecom to discuss whether you need a speed upgrade to accommodate all of your users and devices. Plus, internet and speed upgrades can be done remotely—no need to come to your home.
- As a reminder, KMTelecom never has data caps!

Call 507-634-2511 for fast solutions!

# Feel Free to Check Out These Free Streaming Services

When you think of streaming services, the first names to come to mind might be Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hulu. While these services offer hundreds of titles—including recent releases and original movies and TV series—they require you to pay a monthly fee. If you're watching your pennies but still want to watch great entertainment, consider free streaming services.

Keep in mind, however, that there are downsides. Most of these free streaming services are supported by ads, provide only regular HD video (not 4K), and will lack the selection of titles offered by paid streaming services.

### Here are some popular options to consider:

**Crackle ([crackle.com](http://crackle.com))** hosts a library of mainstream titles, including popular older TV shows and movies. Crackle has also been developing some of its own content.

**IMDb TV ([imdb.com/tv](http://imdb.com/tv))** is Amazon's free, ad-supported streaming service powered by the IMDb movie and TV show database. It focuses on older movies and TV shows, plus IMDb programs such as celebrity interviews, documentaries, and coverage of film festivals and award shows.

**Pluto TV ([pluto.tv/on-demand](http://pluto.tv/on-demand))** offers an impressive collection of modern movies and earlier-era classics as well as popular TV series.

**Tubi TV ([tubitv.com](http://tubitv.com))** has more than 12,000 titles, including selections from the libraries of Lionsgate, MGM, and Paramount Pictures, as well as Starz Digital.

**Vudu ([vudu.com](http://vudu.com))** features a rotating collection of hundreds of popular old movies and TV shows. To access the free content, you need a Vudu account, but you don't have to provide payment information.

**XUMO ([xumo.com](http://xumo.com))** offers live and on-demand streaming entertainment with over 190 different channels. You'll find options across a wide array of entertainment, lifestyle, news, pop culture, and technology content providers.

**For the best streaming experience, you'll want high-speed internet. Call KMTelecom at 507-634-2511 to find the right internet plan for you.**



# Ever Wondered How Wi-Fi Works?

You probably use Wi-Fi every day to connect your devices to the internet. But how much do you actually know about this technology?

Wi-Fi networks transmit data over the air with the help of radio waves, similarly to traditional radio. Wi-Fi radio waves typically have a frequency of 2.4 gigahertz or 5 gigahertz. These frequency bands carry multiple Wi-Fi channels, with a multitude of networks using them.

Downloading a file from the internet over a Wi-Fi network requires your router to first receive the data via the broadband internet connection and then convert it to radio waves. These radio waves are then emitted by the router into the surrounding area and the device that initially requested a download receives the radio signal. It decodes the signal and fetches the data.

The introduction of the Wi-Fi standard revolutionized the way people accessed the internet by allowing devices within a particular area to connect to the internet (and each other) without being physically connected by a cable.

Because information is transferred using wireless transmitters and radio signals, physical proximity to the Wi-Fi router is necessary for a good connection. But once connected, people can move around freely with their devices without losing their connection to the internet.

While Wi-Fi offers convenience, it can also present security concerns. Wi-Fi routers are designed to allow all Wi-Fi-enabled devices that are “in range” to connect, which is not always desirable—especially if someone wants to use your Wi-Fi network to piggy-back on your internet service. For this reason, you should make sure your home Wi-Fi network is password-protected so that only authorized users can connect to it. Furthermore, when you access someone else’s Wi-Fi network, the owner of that network can potentially see all the information you’re sending and receiving, including user names and passwords.

**If you’d like us to set up and maintain your home’s Wi-Fi network, call 507-634-2511 and ask about our Managed Wi-Fi service.**



## Have Fun But Stay Safe This Summer

Summer 2020 will be challenging for all of us due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You may not be able to take the vacations you were planning or participate in other group activities.

KMTelecom encourages you to follow the precautions recommended by the CDC at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). As you spend more time at home and depend heavily on the internet for communication and entertainment, let us know if you need an internet upgrade.

**\$25**

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

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill by June 30, 2020 for a chance to win a **\$25 credit** to your account. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

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

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

**Congratulations to our March 2020 winner, Bruce Nord, Kasson!**



## Strike a Pose on National Selfie Day

Start perfecting your smile! National Selfie Day is coming up on June 21. For best results when taking selfies, follow these tips:

- **Hold the camera up and your chin down.** This is the first rule of selfies. For the best angles, hold the camera above you and tilt your chin slightly down. You may also want to try tilting your head at an angle.
- **Show off your sense of humor.** Have some fun when taking selfies by contorting your face into a strange position or using goofy props.
- **Follow the rule of thirds.** In general, try to have your eye line about one-third down from the top of the frame. To improve composition, keep your face to one side rather than putting it in the center.
- **Stay close.** Keep your shots tight to your face to avoid distracting backgrounds.
- **Choose the right light.** Pick an area with flattering lighting—either outside or inside near a window.

Don't forget to share the fun using the hashtag #NationalSelfieDay.

# Watch Great TV in the Great Outdoors

What's great about WatchTVEverywhere? It gives you a great deal of options for how, where, and what you watch.

For example, WatchTVEverywhere lets you watch some of your favorite programs while you're enjoying the great outdoors. As long as you have an internet connection, you can turn your laptop, tablet, or smartphone into a TV. Watch from a tent at the campground. Watch on the bleachers at the ballpark. Or watch on your patio in the backyard.

Here's another great feature: WatchTVEverywhere is FREE with your qualifying KMTelecom TV package. The specific networks available to you on your mobile devices will be based on your TV package subscription.



To access content through WatchTVEverywhere, you'll first need to register at [www.WTVE.com](http://www.WTVE.com). It's quick and easy; just have your KMTelecom TV account number handy. Not yet one of our TV customers? Call us today at 507-634-2511 to sign up for one of our great plans.

## Top 3 Advantages of Streaming Services

Compared to traditional TV plans like satellite or cable, streaming services offer many advantages including these:

1. **Cost Savings** – Using streaming services usually ends up costing less than paying for satellite or cable TV. Hulu Plus, Netflix, and Amazon each cost only about \$10 a month, and many offer a free trial month so you can test out the service to see if it meets your needs.
2. **Bigger Variety of Content** – Streaming services maintain huge libraries of TV shows and movies you can enjoy whenever you want. Binge-watch shows, pick any movie of your choice, or spend an entire weekend watching documentaries if you want.
3. **Less Mindless TV Viewing** – Instead of turning on the TV to watch whatever is on or engage in aimless channel surfing, users of streaming service tend to turn it on to intentionally watch a specific show or movie. This can lead to less time being a couch potato and more time being active.

An essential companion to streaming services is a fast and reliable internet connection. For the latest on our internet speeds and pricing, call 507-634-2511.