



We Hope the Coming School Days Add Up to Great Experiences

KMTelecom is a big supporter of our community's schools and the important work happening inside their classrooms—from solving problems to inspiring creativity. As another new school year begins, we wish good luck to all the students, parents, and teachers in our service area.

Do you have an internet or Wi-Fi problem to solve? Contact KMTelecom for the solution.

Business Office Closed

Monday, September 3rd
Labor Day

Thursday, November 22nd
Thanksgiving Day

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24/7 Internet Help Desk

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AS YOUR KIDS **GROW UP**,
BE SURE YOUR SPEEDS **GO UP**

It's the start of another school year, which means taking stock of your kids' growth. Do they need bigger clothes? Bigger backpacks? Bigger internet speeds? Internet usage expands from grade to grade. Help equip them for success with the speed they need.

CALL 507-634-2511
FOR A FREE
SPEED UPGRADE*



Don't have our internet yet? Sign up by September 30th, 2018 and receive your first month FREE plus FREE installation.

*Service availability and internet speed will depend on location. Must sign up by September 30th, 2018 to get one month of our next-faster internet plan at your current plan's price. Some restrictions apply. Contact us for details.

Have a Ball Anywhere With the Free WatchESPN App

Calling all sports fans (and sports fanatics): There's an easy way to catch all the action no matter where you happen to be during your busy week.

WatchESPN has you covered with live streaming access to ESPN networks, live events, and shows. You can catch 24/7 live programming from your favorite ESPN networks on your favorite devices—computer, smartphone, tablet, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple TV, Google Chromecast, Amazon Fire TV, or Roku.

The WatchESPN app is free to download for KMTV subscribers from the App Store, Google Play Store, Roku Channel Store, Windows Store, Amazon App Store, Xbox One, Xbox 360, or WatchESPN.com. Simply select KMTelcom when prompted and enter your TV subscription username and password.

If you don't have our TV service yet, call 507-634-2511 today to get in the game. We offer a strong lineup of channels supported by our local team for customer service. Subscribing is a winning move, and we guarantee you'll have a ball!



Beginner's Guide to Streaming Movies and TV Shows

If you haven't yet jumped on the streaming bandwagon, this article is for you! It covers the basics to help you get started enjoying this entertainment technology.

What is streaming?

Streaming is content sent in compressed form in a continuous stream over the internet and played as it arrives. The user does not have to wait to download a file to play it.



What devices are needed?

You can watch streaming movies and TV shows on your smartphone, tablet, laptop, desktop computer, HDTV, or "smart TV." For example, you could connect your laptop to your HDTV with an HDMI cable and stream on your laptop and watch on the TV screen. If you have a "smart TV," it has built-in apps (and app stores) and networking to get on the internet. You can use them to download most of the streaming apps you'd want.

What streaming apps are available?

You have many options here, too. Here are a few of the most popular ones:

- **Netflix** – You can watch past seasons of TV shows and recent movies at a low monthly cost. Netflix also offers original shows such as *Orange is the New Black* and *House of Cards*.
- **Amazon** – This streaming service is available to Amazon Prime members. Like Netflix, it offers many TV shows and movies to choose from as well as its own original content.
- **Hulu Plus** – You can get next-day access to shows from ABC, NBC, Fox, and CW, along with some cable channels. Hulu Plus also offers some movies and original TV shows.
- **Dish's Sling TV** – Sling TV offers about 20 channels in its basic package including ESPN, ABC Family, AMC, and Food Network but no broadcast channels like CBS or NBC. Add-on packages for sports, movies, kids, lifestyles, and world news are also available.
- **HBO Now** – New episodes are available through apps about the same time they are shown on TV. Current and past seasons of most HBO shows are available on demand, as well as hundreds of movies.

What are the internet requirements?

For a good streaming experience, you'll probably want internet download speeds of 20 Mbps or more.

Call 507-634-2511 or visit www.kmtel.com for details on the internet speeds we have available.

TED Talks Offer Lifetimes of Wisdom in a Few Minutes

Learning doesn't need to stop just because the school year did. If you have young children or grandchildren in your life, study these suggestions from Reading Rockets—a national multimedia literacy initiative—to keep the learning process moving forward over summer break.

Have you met TED yet? TED (www.ted.com) is a free and convenient way for anyone of any age to keep learning through engaging content from inspired thinkers, usually delivered in the form of talks lasting 18 minutes or less.

In 1984, the Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) conference began to build its global community, welcoming people from every discipline and culture who seek a deeper understanding of the world. TED believes in the power of ideas to change attitudes and lives for the better.

You can explore a wide range of subject matter at www.TED.com/talks. Search by topic or video duration, and sort by categories including Newest, Most Viewed, Jaw-Dropping, Funny, Inspiring, and Ingenious. Here's a sampling of some of the most-viewed TED talks:

- Your body language shapes who you are
- How great leaders inspire action
- How to speak so that people want to listen
- This is what happens when you rely to spam email
- The power of introverts
- What makes a good life? Lessons from the longest study on happiness
- How to spot a liar
- Grit: The power of passion and perseverance
- Questions no one knows the answers to

The website also includes TED Books, an Ideas Blog, and the option to sign up for daily or weekly emails containing featured talks.

Are you experiencing buffering when you watch TED Talks or other videos? That's a sign you probably need a faster internet connection. Call us at 507-634-2511 to learn about our current internet speeds and prices.



September Celebrates Grandparents and Good Neighbors

Grandparents Day was first declared a national holiday in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, it's been celebrated yearly on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It's a grand time for gatherings to honor the vital role played by grandparents in the lives of their families.

National Good Neighbor Day is celebrated on September 28. Its goal is to raise awareness of the important role good neighbors' play in building strong, thriving communities. In honor of the day, do something nice in your neighborhood — surprise a family with home-baked cookies or offer to help an elderly resident with yardwork.

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Win a \$25 Credit on Your KMTelecom Bill

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill by September 30, 2018 for a chance to win a **\$25 credit** to your account. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Congratulations to our June 2018 winner, Roger Mestad, Stewartville, MN!

Annual Scholarship Program Benefits Graduating Seniors

KMTelecom has been a supporter of continuing education for many years through our contributions to the scholarship funds at the Kasson-Mantorville and Triton Schools. President Mary Ehmke says, “We are excited that the KMTelecom Endowment fund has been able to support the communities that have supported KMTelecom since 1901!”

This year, \$10,000 in awards will be split between the following graduates. Congratulations and best wishes as you pursue your college education!



Why Landline and Cellular Service Make a Great Pair

When you have landline service and cellular service, you get to enjoy the best of both worlds when it comes to phone advantages. Here are good reasons to keep landline service as part of your communications mix:

- A landline phone stays put. If you frequently misplace your cell phone, having it as your only method of phone communication can be a hassle. With a landline phone at home, you always know where it's located and can get to it quickly.
- You can more easily separate work and personal calls. If you work from home, it can be helpful to give only your landline number to work-related callers. That way, you can maintain a better work-life balance and not feel like you're "on call" on your cell phone wherever you go.
- You have a backup when your cell phone is lost, stolen, or damaged. Let's say you have to ship your cell phone off for repairs, and it will be a week or more before you get it back. When you also have landline service, you still have a way to make and receive calls.

Visit www.kmtel.com to check out all the phone options offered by KMTelecom.



Eli Herbst, K-M – Eli plans to attend the University of Wisconsin in River Falls to focus on an agricultural studies degree. He is the son of Cindy and Brian Herbst.



Andrew Jennissen, K-M – Andrew plans to attend Concordia College to major in data analytics. He is the son of Yolanda and Matthew Jennissen.



Kindra Kubat, Triton – Kindra is the daughter of Melissa and Jason Kubat. She plans to attend Rochester Community and Technical College with a major in nursing.



Markayla Kujath, K-M – Markayla is the daughter of Nicole and Mark Kujath. She plans to attend Edgewood College to major in nursing.



Taya Lindquist, K-M – Taya is the daughter of Michele and Larry Lindquist. She plans to attend the University of Minnesota to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering with a long-term goal of attending medical school.



Benjamin Trihey, K-M – Benjamin plans to attend the University of Wisconsin Platteville and major in mechanical engineering. He is the son of Jakki and Tom Trihey.



Colleen West, Triton – Colleen plans to attend Mankato State University and major in nursing. She is the daughter of Patricia and Richard West.



Preston Wilson, K-M – Preston plans to attend North Dakota State University to study biosystems engineering. He is the son of Sara Staffon and Paul Wilson.