



Dodge County Expo

Triton High School in Dodge Center
Saturday, March 29th, 8:00am – 2:00pm
Visit us at our booth!

Business Office Closed

Monday, May 26, 2014
for Memorial Day

NEW Telephone Directories Coming in April

Old directories can be recycled with other paper recyclables or there is a recycling bin located in our office for your convenience. Please contact our office if you need additional copies.



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Kasson, Mantorville, Rock Dell and
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Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm
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If you have TV programming through KMTelecom and own a smartphone, an iPad or tablet, or laptop with Internet connectivity, you can watch live TV and previously recorded episodes everywhere. Best of all, it's free! Register once at **watchTVeverywhere.com** using your KMTelecom account number, and access some of your favorite channels and programming.

WatchTVeverywhere.com includes live TV, as well as previously aired episodes of some of your favorite channels. This service is provided FREE for all KMTV customers, although you may incur overage charges from your cellular carrier if you exceed your data plan.

To register, go to **watchTVeverywhere.com** and select KMTelecom from the drop down menu of TV providers. Click on "Register." Enter your account number from a KMTelecom bill and the last name on the account. Next, you will be asked to:

- Provide an email address. This will be your username.
- Provide a password.
- Select a password reset question.
- Supply the answer to the password reset question.
- Click on Register.
- Now, check the email address you just provided. You will find an email message with your **watchTVeverywhere** activation link. Click on the link to complete the registration process.
- That's it! Now, you can start enjoying **watchTVeverywhere**.

To **watchTVeverywhere**:

- Visit www.watchTVeverywhere.com
- Click on Log In.
- Enter your username and password.
- Select the TV Network you want to watch. Click on the network and you will see a list of the available programs.

TV Networks will continue to be added as they become available.



Spring Equinox May Affect TV

If your TV picture momentarily turns snowy or blurry on March 20, 2014, the date of the spring equinox, it's probably from a sun outage. This is a natural phenomenon which occurs twice a year (in the spring and fall), when the sun appears to pass directly behind the satellite, as seen from the receive antenna.



During these brief "eclipse" periods — when the receiving antenna on Earth, the satellite, and the sun are in direct alignment — the sun's focused "noise" energy overwhelms the video signal from the satellite. Reception becomes degraded and eventually impossible for a brief period of time, usually less than 15 minutes. All communications providers using satellites experience this effect.

There is nothing that can be done from a technical standpoint to prevent the sun outage effects. Fortunately, however, sun outages are a short-term problem and end when the equinox is over.



A Look Back at How and When the Telephone Got Its Start

The month of March was significant to Alexander Graham Bell. Bell was born on March 3, 1847, in Edinburgh, Scotland. After many years of inventing—starting at age 11 when he invented a machine that could clean wheat—Bell received his first patent on the telephone on March 7, 1876. A few days later, on March 10, Bell's experiments with his assistant Thomas Watson finally proved successful at transmitting actual speech. Sitting in one room, Bell accidentally spilled acid on himself and spoke into the telephone to Watson in another room, saying the now famous words: "Mr. Watson, come here. I need you."

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Bell had been working on the idea of transmitting speech since he was 18. He was educated largely through numerous experiments in sound and the furthering of his father's work on Visible Speech for the deaf. (His mother was hearing impaired.) In 1874, while working on a multiple telegraph, Bell developed the basic ideas for the telephone. He later said that if he had understood electricity at all, he would have been too discouraged to invent the telephone. Everyone else "knew" it was impossible to send voice signals over a wire.

In 1877, Bell and his investors Gardiner Hubbard and Thomas Sanders formed the Bell Telephone Company to operate local telephone exchange operations. In 1882, American Bell acquired a controlling interest in the Western Electric Company, which became its manufacturing unit. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company was incorporated on March 3, 1885 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Bell, chartered to build and operate the original long distance telephone network.

In all, Bell held 18 patents in his name alone and 12 that he shared with collaborators. He died on August 2, 1922, in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Lessons for Everyone From Big-Name Data Breaches

News headlines about data breaches — including those experienced in 2013 by Target, Adobe, and LivingSocial — made everyone sit up and take notice. Hackers were able to steal credit card information, PINs, names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses from millions of individuals.

What are the lessons to be learned from these events? Security experts suggest the following:

- On a regular basis, go online to check your credit card statements for unfamiliar purchases as well as your bank account for fraudulent transactions. Report any problems immediately to your bank.
- Check for suspicious activity by reviewing your free credit report at www.AnnualCreditReport.com.
- Plan for the worst and take preventative steps. Create strong passwords that would be hard for hackers to guess should they steal your account numbers. Also, do not use the same password for every account.

You can get more information about identity theft on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website at www.consumer.gov/idtheft. You may also want to consider the computer security services offered by KMTelcom. Check out your options at www.kmtel.com/internet/secureit/



Congratulations to the Holiday Drawing Winners

Great connections were made in December 2013 with holiday cheer being served. It was fun to see many of our customers stop in. We held a drawing throughout the month of December and each winner received a \$75 credit towards their KMTelcom bill. Winners were drawn the first three weeks of December.

Those winning customers were

- William G. Harrison of Mantorville
- Joyce Souter of Dodge Center
- Lois Law of Kasson

It "paid off" to stop in and visit. Congratulations!



A Growing Celebration for National Ag Day

National Ag Day is March 25, 2014 — a time when members of the agricultural industry and related organizations gather to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by U.S. agriculture. As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber, and renewable resources produced in this country.

KMTelcom salutes the members of the agricultural industry who live in our service area. Thanks for all you do for all of us!



\$25

Win a \$25 Credit on Your KMTelcom 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 March 31st, 2014, to be eligible. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Congratulations to our December 2013 winner, Vickki Johnson from Dodge Center!



View and Pay Your Bill Online

Wouldn't you rather spend less time paying bills and more time doing things you really want to do? Well, you can when you take advantage of the convenient Online Bill Pay option offered by KMTelcom.

With online bill pay, the process of paying your KMTelcom bill each month is made faster and simpler. No more checks to write. No more searching for a stamp. No more heading for the mailbox. You can pay your KMTelcom bill online when it's convenient for you.

Plus, online bill pay will save you money on paper checks and postage, and you'll enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing your payments will be made on time.

Sign up for KMTelcom Online Bill Pay and

- view your bill
- look at payment history
- see your long distance call details
- make a one-time payment
- make automatic payments, monthly
- change the account your payments are made from
- receive your bill electronically

Online Bill Pay from KMTelcom is free and it's easy to sign up and get started. Go to www.kmtel.com and click on "Pay Bill."

Enjoy TV on Your Schedule With Whole-Home DVR

With Whole-Home Digital Video Recording (WHDVR) Service from KMTelcom, you're in control. You can pause live TV programs and start them again when you're ready. Rewind and replay programs so you don't miss a beat. Record up to 300 hours of standard definition or 120 hours of HD recordings of your favorite programs and movies to create a personal entertainment library to view at your convenience. And fast-forward through the boring stuff when watching recorded programs and save time.

Don't let anything come between you and your recorded TV programs — not even the walls in your home! Watch recorded programs on any connected TV in your home. Save a recorded show in one room and then watch it in another — ideal for when you start getting sleepy and want to finish watching a movie in the bedroom.

Sign Up Now to Get Started!

To order WHDVR Service, call KMTelcom at 634-2511. We will let you try it for the first month FREE along with FREE installation for up to 3 TVs. It's a great time to give it a try! Stop by or call us today.

Keep these WHDVR directions handy.

Below are the basics of using WHDVR Service.

- **One-Touch Recording** - Press RECORD (button with small red dot) any time while watching TV or navigating through the guide for easy, no-hassle recording from anywhere.
- **Schedule a Recording** - From the MENU, select SEARCH. Enter text of the show you are looking for, using the OK and arrow buttons. When you find the show navigate to it and click OK, select Record Program.
- **View Recording** - From the MENU, select DVR. Select Recordings and arrow over to the recorded shows. Search through the titles from the list of recorded programs using the ▲ and ▼ buttons. Press OK to select the program.

Still have questions? Visit our website at www.kmtel.com for online user guides, and additional DVR information.

