



## KMCellular is Coming Soon!

Watch for details in your mailbox.

## Some Great Resources at [www.kmtel.com](http://www.kmtel.com):

**Pay Bill** - View your billing statement, check your long distance usage, make a payment, and much more. With a copy of your billing statement in hand, you can easily set up your account.

**WebMail** - Check your [kmtel.com](http://kmtel.com) email account wherever you travel. If you have access to the Internet, you have access to your email.

**Online Telephone Directory** - Go online to find the phone number you're looking for.

**Website Compass Magazine** - The world's #1 Internet magazine published quarterly on the [kmtel.com](http://kmtel.com) website. Get great tips and ideas.

**KMTV Channel 1 Schedule** - Watch local events on KMTV's channel 1. The link can be found under "useful links" on our website. Click "KMTV Channel 1" for the schedule of events.

## Business Office Closed

Monday, September 7th for Labor Day

## KMTelecom

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Kasson, MN 55944-1491  
Kasson, Mantorville Area 634-2511  
Rock Dell Area 634-2511 (FREE call)  
Dodge Center Area 633-2511

### 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)

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Where technology comes with a human touch



## New FTTH Network in Kasson

Fiber to the Home (FTTH) construction continues in Kasson. Testing is underway in the northwest side of Kasson with approximately 50 customers using this new network. The new FTTH network will allow us to bring you all your communications services over a fiber optic cable that goes directly into your home or business—the best technology available. Fiber has virtually unlimited capacity to bring telephone, Internet, digital television and other services to our subscribers. KMTelecom is making this large investment in our infrastructure so that no matter what applications the future brings, you will be able to receive the speed and quality that you need.

FTTH will have a positive impact on economic development by bringing virtually unlimited bandwidth to Kasson.

Fiber is easier to maintain and delivers 100 times more bandwidth than coaxial, wireless, or copper networks. Does Kasson need that much bandwidth? The answer is yes! Innovation will not stop and thus the need for bandwidth will only increase with time.

### Fiber Networks are Good for Communities

FTTH networks help to define successful communities just as good water, power, transportation, public safety, schools and other essential services have done for decades. FTTH will position Kasson for economic growth and KMTelecom is excited to bring this state-of-the-art technology to the Kasson community. Kasson will be one of the first communities in the state that will be able to offer fiber to every home.

### One of the most common questions we receive is:

**Q:** Will my monthly price for service increase once the FTTH network is complete?

**A:** No! KMTelecom is investing in this upgrade without implementing a price increase. There will be no charge to transfer service to the FTTH network, and the rates for the services you currently receive will not increase. The fiber network will bring about the opportunity for enhanced services such as faster Internet speeds. If you choose to upgrade your service, there may be additional monthly fees associated with that decision. For more information, please contact the KMTelecom office.

## Prepare Children for Emergencies

Preparation is an important way to help keep your family safe in the event of severe weather or other emergencies. Here's what safety experts recommend:

- From an early age, teach your children how and when to call 911. Make sure they know their phone number, address, and name.
- Pick a different type of emergency (fire, medical, storm) to discuss with your children every month at meal-time. Explain to them what they should do if these events take place.
- Plan an evacuation strategy from your home that includes a meeting place for the family to gather. Conduct fire/evacuation drills every six months so they remember what to do.
- Make a plan for family pets, but stress the need for children to take care of themselves before the animals.
- Make it a family project to use the test button on each smoke alarm once a month. Twice a year, have the children help you replace the batteries.
- When children start school, teach them basic first aid skills. Later, send them to a First Aid/CPR course.



## Study These Tips to Help Your Child in School

The start of a new school year is a great time to reevaluate the homework routine in your family. Many teachers suggest the following tips to make life easier for everyone when it comes to study time:

### Designate specific areas for studying.

This could be a desk in your child's room or the kitchen or dining room table. Make sure the necessary supplies are handy such as paper, pencils, a calculator, and dictionary.

### Eliminate distractions.

Make a house rule that when it's study time, it's "no TV" time.

### Encourage the use of a planner.

From an early age, teach your child to write down assignments and their due dates so there's no confusion about when certain assignments must be turned in to the teacher.

### Consider your child's age when setting the length of study sessions.

While high school students can focus for over an hour on a single task, first-graders are unlikely to last more than 15 minutes. Allow your child to take breaks, perhaps as a reward for finishing a section of the work.

### Emphasize that studying is more than just doing assignments.

One of the most misunderstood aspects of schoolwork is the difference between studying and doing homework assign-



ments. Encourage your child to also do things like take notes while reading, learn to skim materials, and make flashcards to review for tests.

### Help your child prepare for tests.

Explain that burning the midnight oil the night before a test is not productive. It's better to get a good night's sleep. Also remind your child that when taking a test, he/she should carefully read the directions before answering questions and skip over questions for which they don't know the answers. They can always return to these questions if there's time.

### Provide appropriate homework assistance.

Should you help your child with homework? Yes, if it's clearly productive to do so such as calling out spelling words or checking a math problem. No, if you're doing something that your child can handle without your help and learn more by doing so.

### Update your Internet service if needed.

High speed Internet from KMTelecom will allow your children to complete online research more quickly and efficiently. For details, call 634-2511.



**Back to School Special**—Free High Speed Internet Installation when you call before September 30, 2009, to schedule your install!



Studies show that for **every \$100 spent** at a locally owned business, **\$45 goes back** into the community and our tax base.

## Why Buy Local?

Every time you choose where to purchase goods or services, you have a powerful opportunity to make a difference in this community. When you choose local businesses and locally produced goods and services, you're reinvesting money right here and helping to create a stronger local economy. Here are some of the top reasons to buy local:

### Greater Economic Vitality

The money you spend in locally owned stores has two to three times the economic impact of dollars spent at national retailers. Studies show that for every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$45 goes back into the community and our tax base. By comparison, for every \$100 spent at a chain store, only \$14 comes back.

### Environmental Benefits

Big-box stores and other national retailers usually require large undeveloped land to accommodate their needs. Buying local means shopping closer to home, resulting in reduced driving and dependence on oil.

### More and Better Jobs

For every two jobs a national retailer brings to a community, three higher-wage jobs are lost due to local businesses closing.

Small local businesses are the largest employer nationally and in our community, and they provide the most jobs to our residents.

### Improved Product Selection

A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based on the needs of their local customers rather than a national sales plan, results in a much broader range of product choices.

### Increased Support for Community Groups

Local nonprofit organizations receive an average of 250 percent more support from smaller, locally owned business owners than they do from national companies.

### Efficient Use of Taxes

Local businesses typically require a much smaller infrastructure investment as compared to nationally owned stores that enter a community. This makes for a more efficient use of public services.

While we realize it may not always be possible to buy what you need from a local business, please remember to think local first.

## Customer Testimonial

*"Thanks to everybody at KMTelecom. You have all been very helpful and sincere in fixing my problems during the last month. It has been very rewarding to me to be treated with respect. Thanks to your ingenuity and classy help, I think we've solved the problems. Please share my thanks with your entire staff. It is really this kind of service that I relish about hometown businesses."*

**\$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 September 30th, 2009, to be eligible. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

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

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

Congratulations to our June 2009 winner, Jeremy McGillivray!

## Scholarship Winners Announced!

KMTelecom is pleased to announce the 2009 scholarship recipients. KMTelecom has been a supporter of continuing education for many years through its contribution to the Dollars for Scholars scholarship fund. This year, **\$8,000** in awards will be split between the following 2009 graduates. **Congratulations graduates!**



**Ashley Brown** - Ashley is the daughter of Patrick and Sheryl Brown. In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and major in Political Science.



**Samuel Buchl** - Samuel is the son of John and Linda Buchl. In the fall, he plans to attend the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, majoring in Business and Philosophy.



**Anna Roth** - Anna is the daughter of Dan and JoAnn Roth. In the fall, she plans to attend Dartmouth College and pursue a degree in Neuroscience.



**Luke Schwartz** - Luke is the son of Mark and Anne Schwartz. He plans to attend Hamilton College and major in Government.



**Kelsey Wigham** - Kelsey is the daughter of Curt and Sherri Wigham. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse, and major in Physical Therapy.



## Talk Without Watching the Clock

Tired of being a slave to complicated and annoying phone plan rules? With the **Talk Anytime—Unlimited Long Distance** plan from KMTelecom, you can talk all you want from your home phone without the hassles of time restrictions. No more wondering how many “anytime” minutes you have left. No more waiting until late at night to make long distance calls. And there’s no charge for incoming minutes! For **\$31.95 per month**, you’ll get unlimited long distance to anywhere in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

This money-saving plan gives you the convenience of unlimited long distance calling for one low monthly rate. Sign up for the Talk Anytime Unlimited Long Distance plan now and start talking without watching the clock.

Other long distance plans are also available. Pay as little as \$1.95 per month and pay as you talk. Check out our long distance plans at [www.kmtel.com](http://www.kmtel.com) for further details.