

Congrats to Grads, Thanks to Teachers

As the school year winds to a close, KMTelecom would like to recognize the hard work of two special groups of people—the students who will soon graduate and the teachers who have educated them.

We congratulate this year's graduates and wish them luck as they begin the next chapter in their lives. We also express our thanks to teachers for all they have done this school year!

Business Office Closed

Monday,
July 5th, 2021
Independence Day

Monday,
September 6th, 2021
Labor Day



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Local call for KMTelecom customers in
Kasson, Mantorville, Rock Dell and
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm
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24/7 Internet Help Desk

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Barbeques are better with flaming-fast Wi-Fi.

When the weather is nice, you need more than strong Wi-Fi inside your home. You also need it outside on your backyard deck or patio. That way, family and friends can enjoy a side of streaming videos along with their steaks.

For Wi-Fi that's well done, get our Managed Wi-Fi. We'll install a high-performance router and range extender for fast and reliable signals inside and outside.* You'll also enjoy local support for a hassle-free Wi-Fi experience.

CALL 507-634-2511
to sign up now

*Should you require more access points to achieve the desired coverage, we can install them for a small additional monthly charge and install charge. Certain restrictions apply. Contact us for details.





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jon Ehmke, Marketing Coordinator

We're excited to announce Jon Ehmke's full-time employment with KMTelecom. Jon is the 5th generation of the Tollefson family to work at our company.

Jon graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth with an entrepreneurship and marketing degree. He worked as an Event Director for Kern and Kompany in Duluth and helped with events such as the accredited Duluth Airshow and Oktoberfestival. When the pandemic hit, events were no longer possible, and Jon returned home to his roots.

He has an older brother and sister as well as a little sister, who sadly passed away in 2012. Jon's family also includes his eight nieces and nephews, who keep him on his toes.

Jon is a bit of a health nut, so you'll often see him at the gym. He's also a certified personal trainer. Jon's hobbies include playing basketball, golfing, fishing, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Please join us in welcoming Jon to KMTelecom!

KMTV is Getting an Upgrade

We can't wait to share our new and improved TV platform's features with you including these:

- **RestartTV** controls live TV by restarting or recording a show that you might have turned on a little too late.
- **Weather App** displays a 5-day local weather forecast on your TV screen.
- **What's Hot** shows the most watched shows and popular DVR recordings in your area.
- **Customizable Guide** offers many customization options and enhanced search functionality.
- **Cloud DVR** digitally records and stores your favorite programs, to watch later.
- **MyTVs App** comes with Cloud DVR service. It lets you schedule recordings from a remote location or look up the program guide. You can also use the app as a remote control.

We'll be converting KMTV customers to this new platform within the next few months, so stay tuned!

FREE watchTVEverywhere Turns Your Mobile Device into a TV

watchTVEverywhere streams some of your favorite channels and programming—including live TV and full episodes of current TV shows—to your tablet, smartphone, or laptop. It works from anywhere with a Wi-Fi signal so you can stay entertained when you're on the go or in a room without a TV. Best of all, watchTVEverywhere is FREE when you subscribe to KMTV's Basic or Deluxe programming packages.

FAQ

Q: How is watchTVEverywhere different from Hulu or Netflix?

A: Unlike Hulu or Netflix, watchTVEverywhere is free and includes live TV and has full episodes of current TV shows.

Q: Which devices can I use with watchTVEverywhere?

A: Almost all programs are available on all devices (PC, laptop, iPad, iPhone, and Android phone).

How to Use watchTVEverywhere

If you already have a watchTVEverywhere account:

- Go to www.wtve.net.
- Click the Log In link.
- Enter your username and password.
- Select the TV network you want to watch to see a list of available programs.

If you do not have a watchTVEverywhere account and need to register:

- Go to www.wtve.net and select KMTelecom in the drop-down menu.
- Click the Register link.
- Complete the registration form.
- Check your email. You will receive a message with an activation link.
- Click on the link to complete the registration process



Take Streaming Services for a Spin with Free Trials



When streaming services like Netflix began, they all offered a free trial, hoping that once you watched their content you'd become a monthly subscriber. While this sales strategy is slowly becoming less common —Netflix has discontinued it—there are still streaming services that let you try them out without paying a cent.

Let's say you want to watch a TV series your friends have been raving about that's only available from one streaming service. Naturally, it's a service you don't have and don't want to sign up for on a long-term basis. If available, take advantage of a free trial to binge the series over a weekend. Or maybe your family is starting to get bored with the streaming services you've had for years, and wants to "test drive" a few others for the fun of it. Again, a free trial is the best route to take.

Keep in mind that to use these free trials, you'll probably need to enter credit card information. Some streaming services will automatically renew after the trial period is over, so set a reminder for yourself to cancel before this date if you don't plan to keep the service.

A recent check of popular streaming services yielded this list of free-trial offers, and we share it here to give you an idea of the possibilities. However, these offers are subject to change without notice, so visit the websites of services you're considering to get the most current details.

Amazon Kids+ – Free one-month trial of the Single Child plan

Amazon Prime Video – Included with Amazon Prime membership and a 30-day free trial is available

Fubo TV – Free 7-day trial

Hulu + Live TV – First month free

Peacock Premium or Peacock Premium Plus – Free 7-day trial

Philo – Free 7-day trial

Showtime – Free 30-day trial

SlingTV – Free 7-day trial

YouTube TV – Free 7-day trial

Why not enjoy free trials of several streaming services? There may be no such thing as a free lunch, but there is free entertainment!

To enhance your streaming experience even more, call 507-634-2511 and ask about getting an internet speed upgrade.

Social Media Day is June 30

The news and entertainment company Mashable launched Social Media Day on June 30, 2010, to recognize social media's impact on global communication and its ability to easily connect people. That was the same year Instagram launched.

KMTelecom is active on Facebook and Instagram, so please follow us there to get the latest on moneysaving offers, special events, job listings, and more.



\$25

Win a \$25 Credit on Your KMTelecom Bill

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill by June 30th, 2021 for a chance to win a **\$25 credit** to your account. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Congratulations to our March 2021 winner, Jay Nielsen, Mantorville

National Dairy Month Spotlights Food and Farmers

June is National Dairy Month. It began as National Milk Month in 1937 as a way to promote drinking milk when production was at a surplus. After the National Dairy Council stepped in to promote the cause, the name changed to the broader National Dairy Month. It not only celebrates the benefits of dairy products but also recognizes the hard work of dairy farmers.

Dairy products include milk, cheese, and yogurt, and they provide essential nutrients including calcium, protein, potassium, and vitamin A. Making them part of your diet may help you to better manage your weight, build muscle tissue, and reduce your risk for high blood pressure and osteoporosis.

Here are a couple of “udderly” amazing facts about dairy cows:

- Dairy cows drink more than 50 gallons of water a day.
- On average, cows produce 7 to 9 gallons of milk a day or around 128 glasses.

KMTelecom wants to thank all dairy farmers for their delicious and nutritious contributions to our country.



Dig Into the Details About Calling 811

811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Before you plan to dig, you should call 811 to request that buried utilities be marked with paint or flags. That way, you won't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

Do I really need to call?

Yes! Even projects you might consider small, like planting flowers or a shrub, require you to call 811. Many utilities are buried just a few inches below ground and can be easily damaged by a shovel. You also need to call before installing a mailbox, fence, or patio. Even if you had an area marked a few years ago, call 811 again if you're planning to do additional digging there, since erosion and root system growth can alter the depth or location of buried lines. Your utility companies may also have completed work on their lines since the last time you dug.

When do I call 811?

You should call 811 a few business days before you begin any digging project. The specific amount of advance notice that you're required to provide varies by state.

What information do I need to provide?

You'll need to tell the 811 center the address of where you plan to dig, including the county and nearest cross street, as well as the type of project you're planning and the area on the property where you're planning to dig. If you're only planning to dig in a small area and don't want your entire yard marked, you can outline the area in white paint or white flags available at home improvement stores.

What do I do after I call 811?

You need to wait a few days to allow all utilities to respond to your request. Once they've marked their buried lines, you may begin digging. Dig carefully around any utility marks, not on them. You may want to consider relocating projects that are close to buried utilities.

KMTelecom thanks you in advance for calling 811 and helping protect our valuable underground communications network.