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Call **811** before you dig.

All kinds of utility lines could be buried underground on your property. So, before you dig into outdoor projects that involve digging—from installing a new mailbox to planting trees and shrubs—call 811 first. That way, the utility lines in the project area can be located and marked, preventing accidental damage. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

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Tuesday, July 4th, 2023

Independence Day

Monday, September 4th, 2023

Labor Day

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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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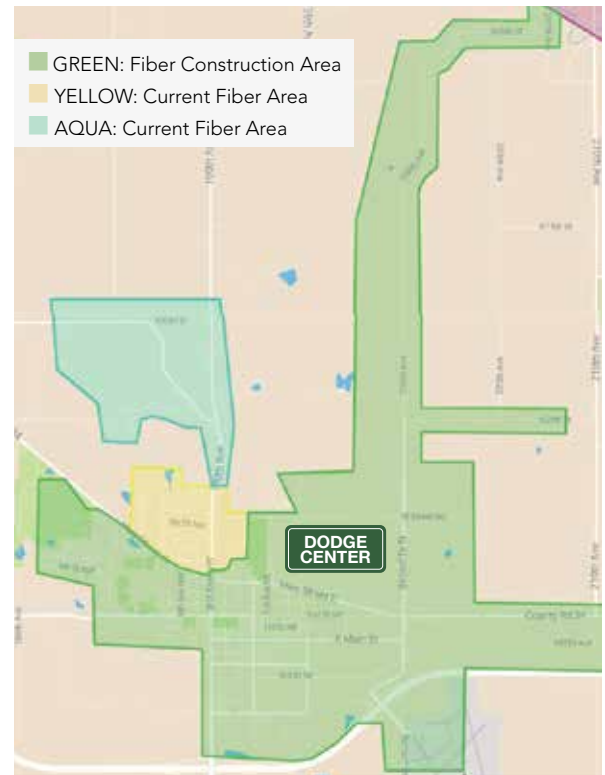
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Fiber Construction Update for Dodge Center

KMTelecom, in partnership with the State of Minnesota and the City of Dodge Center, is working to overbuild the City of Dodge Center with a fiber network that will be one of the most advanced telecommunications networks in the country. Construction crews from A&A Electric and Underground are preparing to bring Fiber to the Home (FTTH) to this community.

The map provides a visual of the construction area, shown in green. The other two areas (aqua and yellow) currently have fiber, and the residents in those areas have access to the benefits of fiber internet.

All residential homes in the City of Dodge Center will convert to fiber, thanks to the city receiving the 2021 Minnesota Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV). KMTelecom, with our own funding, will also be bringing fiber to the businesses who pre-commit to a fiber conversion.



KMTelecom's goal is to handle this project with the utmost respect to you and your property. Construction crews will notify you before they start construction on your property. Construction will begin this summer 2023.

When the outdoor construction is complete, we'll schedule an appointment to enter your home in order to complete the FTTH conversion. To make this possible, please go to www.kmtelecomfiber.com, enter your service address, and fill out the interest form and contact information.

Don't Let Tech Troubles Rain on Your Parade

We've all been there. You're having a "sunny" day—everything is going smoothly as you watch a movie or work from home—when suddenly there are technical difficulties that dampen your spirits. Perhaps you can't get the TV remote to work right, or your internet connection goes down.

KMTelecom's website at www.kmtel.com offers a variety of tech support resources that can help you get back to where you want to be quickly and easily. They include:

- An FAQ section with answers to common troubleshooting questions
- Remote control guides and channel lineups
- Internet speed test

If these resources don't have what you need, we offer troubleshooting assistance by phone for our TV, internet, and phone services. You can also contact us to schedule a service call to your home if a technician is required to resolve the issue.

You can reach our 24/7 tech support line at 507-634-2511.



Learn While You Stream with Documentaries

Documentaries can offer a trip back into the past or enable us to better understand the world around us today. They can help us make sense of complicated topics or introduce us to people with lives different from our own.

While they once suffered from the misperception of being "stuffy" textbooks in motion, documentaries and docuseries are growing in popularity and reaching a much wider audience. This is largely due to the higher production quality and greater topic variety of the content now available through streaming services.



You can watch "ripped from the headlines" political or science documentaries, true crime docuseries, backstage looks at pop stars, and many more. The documentary pipeline has become crowded, and the time required to go from breaking news to in-depth documentary has shrunk from years to months. Viewer demand for original, nonfiction content is being met, and streaming services appreciate the cost-effectiveness of producing documentaries compared to scripted content.

The major on-demand streaming services — such as Hulu, Netflix, and Prime Video — include documentaries alongside TV series and movies in their vast libraries. In addition, there are smaller streaming services that focus exclusively or largely on documentaries to meet the diverse needs of documentary fans.

If you're the curious type and want to keep learning something new, check out these streaming services that excel in various documentary categories:

- **Kanopy** – Best for Educational and Family Content
- **Netflix** – Best for Blockbuster Documentaries
- **CuriosityStream** – Best for HD and 4K Documentaries
- **Hulu** – Best for Celebrity Biopics and Entertainment Insiders
- **Amazon Prime Video** – Best for Political Documentaries
- **History Vault** – Best for Military Documentaries
- **MagellanTV** – Best for Discovering New Documentaries
- **PBS Documentaries** – Best for Ken Burns Fans
- **GuideDoc** – Best for Prestige Documentaries
- **Mubi** – Best for Film History Buffs

For the best experience while streaming documentaries or any other content, make sure your internet connection has sufficient speeds. For details on our internet plans, visit www.kmtel.com or give us a call 507-634-2511.

Today's Wi-Fi Routers Offer Parental Controls

Parental controls are valuable tools, since they empower you to manage your children's internet usage at home. You can prevent exposure to potentially dangerous or inappropriate content and set limits on when each child can be online and for how many hours.

While the specific parental control features and capabilities will vary somewhat from router to router, you'll likely be able to do the following:

Filter Website Content

Filtering enables you to restrict or blacklist certain types of websites that aren't suitable for children. Some systems have an on/off switch that blocks adult content, while others have age-based controls (for child, pre-teen, teen, or adult) or allow you to block certain types of content based on topics and keywords.

Group Devices

Many routers allow parents to group devices by users. For example, you could schedule Wi-Fi shutoff for a younger child's smartphone and tablet on weeknights at 7:30 p.m., turn off your teen's desktop and gaming console at 9:30 p.m., and keep your own connection active at all times.



Limit Screen Time

Using your router's scheduling feature, you can curb the amount of screen time available for your children by restricting usage and creating internet breaks for activities such as homework, chores, and dinnertime. You can also schedule a time to shut off internet access on school nights and a different time for weekends.

Pause Wi-Fi

Another commonly available option is to pause Wi-Fi for a child, outside of the normal schedule, should distractions need to be kept to a minimum for any reason. You may be able to sync your router with a virtual assistant such as Siri and just say, "Siri, pause Tommy's Wi-Fi."

Review Reports

Want to know the sites your children visit and how long they spend on each? Today's routers typically give parents access to these types of detailed reports.

KMTelecom offers Managed Wi-Fi, which can help protect your children from negative online experiences and keep them on task. Managed Wi-Fi includes a premium router and the CommandIQ app offering parental controls and network security. Call 507-634-2511 to learn more.



Congrats to Grads and Their Moms and Dads

KMTelecom congratulates all the graduates in this area and wishes them well as they continue their life journeys. We know these students have been busy all year with lots of activities—from homework and part-time jobs to sports, clubs, and community volunteering. Getting it all done isn't easy and we applaud their hard work.

We also want to recognize the parents of these graduates. Your support and guidance throughout childhood have enabled these young adults to get where they are today. Congrats on a job well done!

\$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, 2023 for a chance to win a **\$25 credit** to your account. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Congratulations to our March 2023 winner, Tony Gierok, Dodge Center.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Offers Hope

Too many people experience suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need. However, help is readily available.

By calling or texting 988, a person can connect directly with a mental health professional via the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline). The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a national network of more than 200 crisis centers, staffed 24/7 to provide confidential assistance. These centers are supported by local and state sources as well as the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 to connect directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline which serves our nation's Veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and those who support them. For texts, Veterans should continue to text the Veterans Crisis Lifeline short code: 838255.



Read This Before You Answer Another Facebook Quiz Question



You know those personality quizzes you see on Facebook—the ones that promise to reveal which Marvel character you most resemble or guess your age? They may not be as harmless as they appear at first glance.

The more information you share about yourself by responding to Facebook quizzes, the more risk you have of the information being misused. That's because these quizzes typically ask the same types of questions that are used as security questions for online accounts, such as "What was the model of your first car?" or "Where did you go to high school?"

Scammers could do serious damage with the answers you provide to Facebook quizzes. The Federal Trade Commission warns that scammers phish for answers to security question data through these quizzes and could potentially acquire private information from you to hack your bank accounts or steal your identity. Scammers might also hack social media accounts and send malware links to your friends under the guise of sharing a quiz, lead you to a website with dangerous downloads, or have malicious links included in the questions.

The Better Business Bureau offers these tips to avoid being scammed by quizzes on Facebook or other social media:

- **Be skeptical.** Before answering a quiz, figure out who created it. Is it a brand you trust? Just because something appears to be fun and innocent, doesn't mean there isn't an inherent risk.
- **Remove personal details from your profile.** Don't share information like a phone number or home address on social media accounts.
- **Don't give answers to common security questions.** Be cautious if the questions in a quiz ask for things like your mother's maiden name, the street you grew up on, previously owned vehicles, or favorite foods.
- **Monitor friend requests.** Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know. Also be wary of a second friend request from someone you are already connected with; the second profile may be an impostor trying to access your data and your Friends list.

The next time you're bored and tempted to answer the questions in a "fun" Facebook quiz, don't do it. It's not fun becoming the victim of a scam.