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Stop by for Holiday Cheer!

At KMTelecom, we wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and we look forward to serving you in 2016! **Please stop by our office any of the first four Tuesdays in December to enjoy some holiday refreshments.** It's our way of saying thank you for supporting KMTelecom.

Business Office Closed

Thursday, December 24th

Closing at noon for Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

Friday, January 1st

New Year's Day

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CURL UP &

You now have lots of options for where and how you watch movies. For example, on some blustery day, have the kids build a fort with blankets. Then combine our high-speed Internet with a tablet for a cinematic adventure using a streaming service like Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Instant Video, or Vudu.

If curling up on the family room couch is more their style, equip your TV with a device such as the Roku 3 to watch movies and more via your Internet connection. With a fast download speed, you won't have to wait while the movie loads, or buffers, and can enjoy higher-definition video.



**Get TV and Internet FREE
for 1 month with a bundle.
Sign up now to receive
a \$100 Visa Gift Card!***

Call 634-2511 for details.

*Some restrictions may apply. Service availability and Internet speeds will depend on location. All prices subject to change. Offer good through December 31, 2015. 12-month commitment is required and bundling service with landline to receive Visa gift card. Customers signing up for one new service (high speed Internet or TV) will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. Two new services will receive a \$100 Visa gift card.



Why are Stockings Part of the Holiday Tradition?

Hanging stockings by the fireplace has been a beloved part of the holidays for centuries. But why? How did the tradition get started?

There's no definitive answer to that question, but the most popular legend involves St. Nicholas of Myra, believed to be the inspiration for Santa Claus. In this legend, St. Nicholas heard about a father of three girls who was struggling financially. Although his daughters were beautiful, the father feared their impoverished status would make it impossible to afford the dowries needed for them to marry.

St. Nicholas wanted to help but knew the proud man would refuse charity. So he slid down the chimney of their house and filled the girls' recently washed stockings, which were drying by the fire, with gold coins. After news of the coins spread, children began hanging their stockings by the fireplace, hoping they would also receive gifts from St. Nicholas. It's now a tradition enjoyed by children around the world.

Use Skype on Your TV for Family Chats

Sure, you can use your laptop for Skype sessions with Grandma. But there are big reasons to use the biggest screen in your home — your Internet-enabled smart TV — for video chats instead.

Skype on your TV really is the next-best thing to being there. You and your family can relax on the sofa and talk to a life-size image of Grandma, and she'll be able to see and hear each of you. Unlike with a laptop, family members won't have to crowd around a small screen to join the conversation.

In addition to an Internet-enabled smart TV, you'll need the following:

- A broadband Internet connection
- A Skype account
- An all-in-one TV camera which includes the Skype app

You can get complete details at www.skype.com/en/download-skype/skype-for-tv.



A faster Internet speed can enhance the quality and performance of Skype calls. Visit www.kmtel.com to check out our Internet plans.

Employee Spotlight: Ann Steinberg

Please help us welcome Ann Steinberg as our new Receptionist. Ann joined our team on October 7th, 2015 after 11 years as receptionist at KM Regional Veterinary Hospital. She is almost a native of Kasson, moving here when she was 11 years old.



Ann and her husband Bill owned and operated Waterworks X-Press Carwash in Rochester up until 2007, when they decided to sell it. Ann and Bill have been married for almost 24 years. They have two sons, Billy, 22, who is in the MN National Guard and attends Mankato State; and Charlie, 17, who is a senior at KMHS and is also in the MN National Guard. In addition, the family also includes a 160-lb. Saint Bernard named Maggie May and 4 cats: Miss Kitty, Sabu, Mr. Bigs and Calie. Ann says, "This is the hazard of working at a vet clinic."

When Ann isn't at work, she enjoys following her boys around as they participate in dirt track modified racing and watching her younger son play hockey. If she has any spare time, she enjoys reading.

Please join us in welcoming Ann to KMTelecom!

Less-Famous Landline Benefits

We often talk about the reliability of landlines (they still work when the power goes out) and the added peace of mind (911 operators can see your exact location during an emergency call). But there are many other landline benefits, some of which are less famous and a bit more quirky. Below are some of our favorites:

You can hear everyone much better. When you actually want to *talk* to people, rather than text them, it's the phone to use. With a landline, your connection won't suddenly drop off mid-sentence.

Old-school phones look really cool. They add a retro touch to your home décor.

You can slam down the receiver when angry. Pressing "end call" doesn't produce the same feeling of satisfaction.

You may get more sleep. Having a smartphone by your bed is an invitation to check your texts, email, and social media, which is a surefire way not to fall asleep.

You can't accidentally butt-dial anyone. Enough said.

There's a phone number for the whole household. It can be useful to have a phone that serves the house generally and not a specific member of the family, particularly if there's business to be done regarding the house itself.

Get Comfy and Enjoy the Top 10 Christmas Movies

Gathering on the sofa for movie nights is a year-round routine for many families. It can be especially fun, however, during the holidays. Perhaps you watch your favorite Christmas movie annually, or maybe you like to check out ones you've never seen before.

The popular movie-rating site, www.rottentomatoes.com, shared its list of the top 10 Christmas movies. How many of them have you watched?

1. *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946)
2. *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947)
3. *Holiday Inn* (1942)
4. *The Shop Around the Corner* (1940)
5. *Stalag 17* (1953)
6. *The Apartment* (1960)
7. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993)
8. *Die Hard* (1988)
9. *Arthur Christmas* (2011)
10. *A Christmas Story* (1983)

If you stream movies through a service such as Netflix, you'll need fast Internet speeds for the best experience. Call us at 634-2511 to upgrade!



Time to Celebrate the Sounds of the Season

From Christmas carolers singing on the doorstep to friends and family talking on the phone, the holidays offer many ways to spread joyful messages. The staff and management of KMTelecom would like to join the chorus and wish you the very best this holiday season.

We'd also like to thank you for choosing KMTelecom as your communications provider. By supporting a local company, you help our local community—a goal we believe should strike a chord with all of us.

As you look ahead to 2016, remember to turn to us for communications services that work in harmony to keep you connected with the world.



\$25

**Win a \$25
Credit on Your
KMTelecom Bill**

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill by December 31st, 2015 for a chance to win a **\$25 credit** to your account. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

**Congratulations to our September
2015 winner, Shawn & Darcy
Petersen, Hayfield, MN!**



Your Choice Of Channels Keeps Growing

A wide variety of channels are currently available to Basic and Deluxe KMTV customers through watchTVEverywhere. Plus, the list keeps getting longer. So it's easy to find something to entertain you, whether you're at home or away, inside or outside.

ABC	H2
ABC Family	Hallmark Channel
A&E	HGTV
Bravo	History Channel
Big Ten Network	Lifetime
C-SPAN	LMN
Cartoon Network	MSNBC
CMT	MTV
CNBC	Music Choice
CNN	NBC
Comedy Central	NBC Sports Network
Cooking Channel	Nat Geo
Disney	Nickelodeon
Disney Jr.	Nick Jr.
Disney XD	Oxygen
DIY	QVC
E!	Spike
ESPN	Syfy
ESPN2	TBS Superstation
ESPNEWS	TCM
ESPNU	TNT
Food Network	Travel Channel
Fox Sports	truTV
FX	USA Network
FYI	VH1
Golf Channel	

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 Basic or Deluxe KMTV programming.

Frequently Asked Questions

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.watchtveverywhere.com.
- 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.watchtveverywhere.com and select KMTelcom 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.

