

SKT Connection

WINTER 2015

We Wish You a Tree-mendous Holiday Season

Happy Holidays from SKT! We hope you enjoy every stage of the season, from the hours you spend decorating, shopping, and baking to the days you devote to family and community festivities.



Will there be cool new devices wrapped and waiting under the tree this year? Remember, SKT can provide the updated communications services you need to fully enjoy them. Call 888.758.8976 or stop by our office for details.


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Creative Ideas for Holiday Parties

Wanting to try something different with your holiday entertaining? Check out these ideas:

White elephant gift exchanges are the no-cost (and funny) way to exchange holiday gifts. Guests bring unwanted or lame gifts they've received in the past.

Caroling parties are making a comeback. Hosting one means your guests will go out and sing carols at some point in the night, either around your neighborhood or at places like hospitals and nursing homes.

Christmas movie nights are an easy way to throw a party. All you need are a couple of feel-good or funny Christmas movies and some popcorn.

Holiday costume parties combine what's fun about Halloween and bring it into this season. Guests can dress up as Santa, elves, snowmen, presents—the possibilities are endless!

Wrapping parties turn this tedious holiday chore into a something more fun by mixing friends, music, and refreshments in with the paper, bows, and ribbon.

SKT can help with movie nights at any time of year. Call 888.758.8976 and ask about premium movie packages.

Monitor and Control Your Home Remotely With New SKT MyHome

Smart home technology enables you to manage your home even when you're not at home, and now's a smart time to start using it. Thanks to new SKT MyHome, it's easy and affordable to enjoy the benefits of this exciting technology.

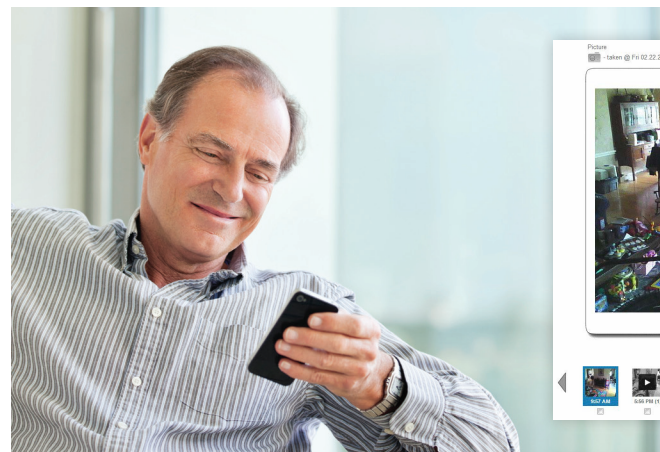
With SKT MyHome, you can remotely manage your home's security and environment. For example, you can:

- Set your living room lights to come on when you open your front door or at a specific time.
- Receive a text notification when your home is set to "Away" and your front door opens.
- Set your camera to snap pictures or video when there is motion when your home is set to "Away."
- Check in on your kids or pets while at work with integrated streaming video.
- Adjust the thermostat without even having to get out of bed.

To get started with SKT MyHome, choose either the Watch Package (which has one Hub and one Camera) or the Control Package (which has one Hub, one Thermostat, and one Lamp Module). The Hub is the brain of your system, and is responsible for taking the information relayed to it from your devices and getting that information to you.

Other devices can be purchased individually to customize your Watch Package or Control Package. They include indoor/outdoor cameras, motion sensors, water sensor, thermostat, lamp modules, appliance module, door and window contacts, and door locks. Stop by the SKT office to see some of these devices on display and discuss your needs with our staff. All devices can be self-installed, or an SKT tech can install them for you. SKT MyHome combines home automation with peace of mind—allowing you to control most aspects of your home directly from your smartphone or laptop for as little as \$14.95 per month.

To learn more about SKT MyHome, call 888.758.8976 or visit www.SKTMainstreet.com.





First Place Photo by Sarah Fischer



Third Place Photo by Shelley J. von Merveldt



Second Place Photo by Jane Fry

Another Great Photo Contest With More Winners

The deadline was Monday, October 5, 2015, and sure enough, by that date SKT had received 22 great photos for our 2016 Southeast Kansas Area Telephone Directory Cover Photo Contest. These photos featured a wide variety of subjects including a cow and her calf, spectacular sunrises and sunsets, twin boys headed to the lake to fish, horses, the historic Beaumont water tower, and a patriotic front porch.

The photos were carefully numbered and sent to all SKT employees to vote on their favorites—with first choice receiving three points, second choice receiving two points, and third choice receiving one point. Once the points were tallied, the 2016 cover was revealed along with the second and third-place winners.

We are happy to announce that this year's winner of \$100 and the honor of her photo on the cover of the 2016 directory for southeast Kansas was Sarah Fischer of Burden, Kansas—a teacher at Central High School. Sarah took the picture of round bales of hay patriotically painted with the words, "GOD BLESS AMERICA," while setting up the day before Burden Dayz. Sarah says, "Participants in the 5K obstacle course had to climb over them."

Winning \$50 and second place was Jane Fry of Elk Falls. Of her photo, Jane says, "This peaceful winter scene in Elk Falls begged for a photograph of a day and a time long ago. If only we could hear the stories they had to tell!" Shelley J. von Merveldt, of the von Merveldt Ranch in Chautauqua County, won \$25 and third place for her photo of ashy sunflowers in the neighbor's cow pasture.

Thanks to all the SKT customers who entered the photo contest, sharing the beauty of Kansas as seen from their camera lenses. Since we consider every photo to be a winner, we often display them on SKT's Facebook page, our website at www.SKTMainstreet.com, and in other publications.

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. Call us today to visit with us about your Internet speed needs—SKT Customer Care at 888.758.8976.



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SKT's Bowl Challenge You Could Win!

It's college football bowl season and SKT invites you to have some fun with this free contest: The Pick-It Bowl Challenge! Simply pick the winners of the college bowl games and then see how your picks measure up against other football fans. How it works is simple. You pick who you think will win the NCAA college football bowl games, and every time one of your picks wins, you earn points. Earn more points than others playing and you could win cold, hard cash from SKT! The best part is it's all free to enter and fun to play. Open to all 18 years old and over, only SKT customers are eligible for prizes.*

Visit www.sktbowlchallenge.com to sign up and play—the first football game is December 20. Which teams do you think will go all the way? Pick it right and you could win!



1st Place: \$150 **4th Place: \$50**
2nd Place: \$100 **5th Place: \$25**
3rd Place: \$75

**See website for contest rules.*



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Here's How We Gave Back in 2015

Giving back to the communities we serve is an important part of who we are at SKT, and has been since we were founded in 1940. Now that 2016 is fast approaching, we'd like to share some highlights of our community service activities this past year:

- Supported activities at the nine school districts SKT serves, including band and music activities, booster club efforts, after prom and promotion parties, yearbook ads, and the Elk Valley Music Department T-shirt fundraiser
- Helped fund and participated in parades at events such as the Atlanta, Cedar Vale, and Severy Labor Day celebrations, community-wide festivals including the Elk Falls Outhouse Tour, Belle Plaine's Tulip Time, Crazy Days in Moline, and Burden Dayz, Easter egg hunts, Howard 4th of July fireworks, Christmas events, and toy runs
- Contributed to the Grenola Elevator Museum benefit and historical societies
- Assisted chambers of commerce, community foundations including the Kansas Sampler Foundation, and tourism efforts such as the Cowley County Barn Quilt Trail, Symphony in the Flint Hills, and the upcoming Chisholm Trail 150th Celebration in 2017
- Donated items to the Clearwater Public Library and others for summer reading programs
- Helped ministerial alliances via food drives and fundraisers
- Supported civic club events such as the Viola Lions Club Sausage Supper and Dexter Bar-B-Que, rodeos, 4-H clubs, county fairs, and livestock auctions
- Supported senior/community center activities including email training for seniors and the Cowboy Classic Pasture Golf Tournament which provides funds for a new community building for Beaumont

You can count on SKT to continue to do our part to enhance the lives of our friends and neighbors. We'd like to also take this opportunity to say thanks to all of you for rolling up your sleeves and volunteering along side us.



To find community service opportunities, visit www.SKTMainstreet.com.