



Connection

MARCH 2016

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 19

- Hot Flash Fundraiser
Dinner 6 p.m. & Variety Show 7 p.m.
Grenola Community Building

Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10

- Belle Plaine Tulip Time

Saturday, April 23

- Spring Flower/Bake Sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Community Building, Atlanta
- Atlanta/Burden
City-Wide Garage Sales
- Pancake & Sausage Feed
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Masonic Lodge #273, Clearwater

Saturday, April 30

- Bass Tournament, Dexter

Please visit our website at www.STKMainstreet.com for more details about these events.

Contact

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Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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SKT MyHome Lets You Manage and Monitor from Anywhere

SKT is offering an exciting new product called MyHome, which combines home automation with peace of mind. Unlike a security system, MyHome does not utilize “arming” or “disarming” when you’re leaving or arriving home, but instead relies on a synergy of Rules, Modes (Home, Away, Vacation, Night), and Contacts to see and control your home. The possibilities are virtually endless.

Get started with a Watch Package (1 Hub, 1 Mini Door/Window Contact, and 1 Indoor/Outdoor Camera) or a Control Package (1 Hub, 1 Mini Door/Window Contact, 1 Light Module, and 1 Thermostat). Depending on your needs, you can add more contacts, cameras, modules, motion sensors/detectors, appliance modules, light switch dimmers, carbon monoxide detectors, water sensors, and door locks.

With MyHome, you’ll get real-time notifications of what’s happening at your home and/or be able to control many aspects of your home directly from your smartphone or computer. There’s just a small monthly fee, and no term contract is required. You own and maintain the equipment after purchase.

Stephen Smothers, who recently had a Watch Package installed at his home west of Clearwater, likes it so much he immediately added another camera! He says, “Adding cameras is like adding new



windows, except you can look out these windows from anywhere in the world. I like that.”

What are some ways SKT MyHome is being utilized by customers?

- Farmers can see exactly what the weather is like at home when they’re out of town, and be able to monitor a shed or livestock.
- Homeowners can remotely unlock doors or provide specific codes for housekeepers, plumbers, or exterminators instead of hiding keys.
- Vacationers can turn their home’s lights on and off automatically or control them remotely—including dimming—while on a trip.

In addition, customers with a MyHome water sensor will be alerted to early detection of costly leaks and floods caused by sump pumps, water heaters, air conditioners, heavy rains, and more. Although called MyHome, there are many business applications for this technology as well.

Call an SKT Customer Care Representative today at 888.758.8976 to find out more what MyHome can do for you.

Get Faster Unlimited Internet & Make the Whole House Happy

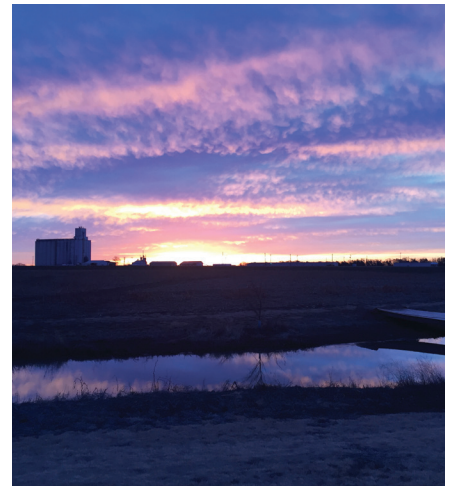


With a growing list of devices at home, you probably need more Internet speed than you did a few years ago. To find out your options for an Internet plan upgrade, call an SKT Customer Care Representative today at 888.758.8976.

Register to Win a New Router

Today's routers feature more advanced technology and can enhance your online experience. Wouldn't it be great to win a new one? You can!

SKT is having a drawing for a new ASUS Router with free installation. To enter for your chance to win, go to www.SKTMainstreet.com, click on the upper right corner where it says, "Click here to e-mail SKT," and send us your name. The drawing will be held and winner notified on Friday, April 1, 2016.



SKT Announces Clearwater/Viola Photo Contest Results

Dorothy Erwin of Viola won first place and \$100 in SKT's 2016 Clearwater/Viola Telephone Directory Cover Contest. Sondra Chambers and Gary Richards, both of Clearwater, tied for second place, receiving \$50 each, and Bill Hammers, also of Clearwater, won 3rd place and \$25.

Erwin says of her winning photo, "This is a Velvet Queen Sunflower that my husband planted in 2015 in our garden. I happened to take the picture when the bee was there."

Chambers shared, "I was at my Dad's visiting and enjoying the view from his picture window. We looked out and a small deer was peeking back at us. It was a definite Kodak moment!"

Richards recounted, "One morning in August of 2014, there was a heavy fog or haze during the sunrise. We'd just gotten the park bench that had "WELCOME" across the back and I thought this would make a nice picture." It sure did!

Hammers' photo, taken north of Clearwater, was entitled, "Sunrise on a Blue Morning."

You can view all 23 wonderful photo entries now at www.SKTMainstreet.com. In early May, the new telephone directories will be delivered. Thanks to every customer who participated in our photo contest this year.

We're On Your Side— SKT Cable TV Update

Negotiations, New Networks, and More HD!

At SKT, our goal is to offer customers great television programming, while also keeping fees as low as possible. A significant portion of the fees you pay for cable TV are passed on to Network and Broadcast station owners (Networks, or Programmers). Each TV provider, including SKT, is charged a fee per channel, per month, per customer for the right to provide that station or Network to its customers. When contracts come to an end, we negotiate new agreements, and most of the time, you never hear about them. But sometimes, a Programmer will demand a significant increase in its Network fees. In those cases, we believe it's our responsibility to take a stand and help protect you from excessive increases in your monthly bill.

We want to thank our customers for their continued support during negotiations, including the recent negotiations with AMC Networks. We are very pleased we were able to retain AMC's programming, including the very popular, "The Walking Dead."

To learn more about industry-wide network negotiations, let us direct you to a great resource that's available on www.SKTMainstreet.com, called TVonMySide.com. There, you'll find up-to-date and in-depth information on the current TV landscape, with answers to

questions such as ... What costs actually make up my monthly cable TV bill? Why do network disputes and blackouts even occur? Why does my lineup include channels I never watch? How is the steeply-rising price of TV sports affecting fees? This site also covers free TV, pay TV, and Internet-based services such as Roku and Netflix, helping you make informed decisions on your family's entertainment.

We also want to share some great news! This month, SKT will be adding two additional AMC networks, Sundance and BBC America, and one additional NBCU network, E! Entertainment. Plus, over the next few months, SKT will be launching a number of new HD channels, so make sure we have your current email address so you won't miss the electronic survey! Yes, we want to know which channels YOU want in HD. An electronic survey will be arriving soon, so SKT Cable TV customers should be watching for it. If you don't have Internet services, please feel free to call SKT Customer Care at 888.758.8976 to share your preferences.

SKT is your local Cable TV provider and we're on your side—a hometown business, invested in our communities, our employees, and our valued customers.



Check Your Watch— It's Almost Tulip Time!

It's almost Tulip Time, the annual celebration of spring in beautiful Belle Plaine, Kansas. This year's 31st Annual Tulip Time Festival, "We Bloom Because of You," will be April 9 and 10.

Tulip Time activities for every age include a carnival, car show with nearly 100 vintage vehicles, festival food, parade, pony rides, street dance, talent show and live on-stage entertainment, athletic competitions, helicopter rides, Kids Fest and much more. New this year is a scavenger hunt, glow run, BBQ cook-off, bingo, fireworks, and a golf tournament. Buttons are just \$3.

You'll want to visit the enchanting, historic Bartlett Arboretum to see over 30,000 tulips in bloom, which is the festival's colorful backdrop. The \$5.00 suggested donation at the gate also includes the "Art in the Arb" outdoor exhibits and live music.

Or, shop 'til you drop at the Vendor's Fair featuring artisan designs, crafts, antiques, repurposed vintage pieces, shabby chic, direct sales, plants, food products, textiles, primitives, and commercial goods. Local businesses, antique stores, restaurants, and a museum offer even more to see and do in Belle Plaine while you're there.

For complete information, visit www.belleplainechamber.com, www.bartlettarboretum.com, or "Like" the Facebook page, Tulip Time BPKS.





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Cash Prizes — Play SKT's March Mania

March Mania is here! SKT invites you to this year's FREE online basketball contest. Simply fill out your bracket for the upcoming men's college basketball tournament games, and see how you compare with others in the area.

It's easy to enter, free to play, and SKT customers have a chance to win great cash prizes! Get started today and be one step closer to winning!

Register at www.SKTMarchMania.com

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