

# SKT

# Connection

FALL 2015

## Piedmont Events

**Food and Garage Sale**  
Saturday, September 12  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Piedmont United Methodist Church

**Fall Festival**  
Saturday, October 10  
5:00 p.m.  
Meal and Auction  
Piedmont Recreation Center Gym




## Contact

SKT  
112 S. Lee, Clearwater, KS 67026  
620.584.2255 or toll-free 888.758.8976  
Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For help with service problems during non-business hours, please call 888.758.8976.

24/7 Internet Help Desk  
800.968.1855

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## UPGRADE YOUR INTERNET TODAY AND JUST IMAGINE THE RESULTS TOMORROW



### New Internet customer?

Get 3 months FREE\*

### Current Internet customer?

Upgrade your Internet and get the added speed FREE for 3 months.\*

## CALL 888.758.8976

Mention promo code IMAGINEAD when you call.

*\*Service availability and Internet speeds will depend on location. Contact us for details. Offer good through September 30, 2015.*



Edwin, Gordon, Dorothy and Stephen Mikesell, early 1950s

## SKT Celebrates 75 Successful Years

This is a special year at SKT, as we celebrate our 75th anniversary! Though there have been many changes in the last 75 years, one thing that has remained constant is our company's commitment to provide up-to-date communications solutions to our customers.

Just like the company founders, Edwin and Dorothy Mikesell, who wanted to provide quality telephone service, we continue to strive to stay ahead of the technology curve so our customers can enjoy the very best in broadband and entertainment services. Edwin and Dorothy instilled this dedication in their sons, and now third-generation owners, Kendall Mikesell and Elaine Mikesell Webb, continue the tradition of helping to keep families connected. Today, SKT provides many options—not only Telephone service—but also Internet, Cable TV, Wireless Phone, and Security services.

While the methods may have changed over the years, the goal is still the same for SKT: providing cutting-edge products and services to meet our customers' needs, along with friendly, local customer care—families serving families. We thank you for your business and look forward to more progress and new products in the years to come.



# Is Your Internet Plan Sized to Support Multiple Users and Multiple Devices?

Does your family do a lot of gaming and streaming movies through Netflix? Are there multiple devices in your household including laptops, tablets, and smartphones? Have you noticed your Internet speeds seem to be going down as your usage goes up? If you answered “Yes” to these questions, you’ll want to consider getting more bandwidth (and corresponding Internet speeds) to meet your growing needs.

Many SKT customers are saturating their bandwidth because multiple devices in their homes are connected wirelessly to the Internet. This makes it seem as though their Internet service is running slow when it's actually being maxed out.

Households with several family members accessing the Internet simultaneously will be happiest with one of our higher-level plans that provide greater bandwidth and faster speeds.

What exactly is bandwidth? The term refers to how much data you can send through a network or modem connection. Bandwidth is usually measured in bits per second, such as 10 Mbps (10 million bits per second). You can think of bandwidth as a highway with cars traveling on it; the highway is the network connection and the cars are the data. The wider the highway, the more cars can travel on it at one time and the faster they get to their destinations. The same principle applies to data — the more bandwidth, the more information that can be transferred within a given amount of time.

As you use more Web-connected devices, and use them for more data-intensive applications, it's important to make sure your bandwidth increases as well. For help determining which Internet plan is right for your household, call us today at 888.758.8976.

**Learn more and get a visual at [www.SKTMainstreet.com](http://www.SKTMainstreet.com) by watching the “SKT Internet Freeway” video!**





# To Reduce Bullying, Kids are Urged to be "Upstanders"

STOMP Out Bullying™ is the leading national bullying and cyberbullying prevention organization for kids in the U.S. One of its goals is to teach effective solutions on how bystanders can best respond when they witness bullying.

Bystanders often don't know what to do, or they're afraid of retaliation, so they do and say nothing. STOMP Out Bullying wants to emphasize that when bystanders do nothing, they send a message to the bully that their behavior is acceptable.

**Instead of just being a bystander, kids are encouraged to stand up and be an "upstander." This includes doing the following:**

- Don't laugh.
- Don't encourage the bully.
- Reach out in friendship to the victim.
- If you notice someone being isolated from others, invite them to join you.
- Tell an adult.

There is strength in numbers. After all, every school and every community has many more caring kids than bullies.



Visit [www.stompoutbullying.org](http://www.stompoutbullying.org) to learn more.



## Think, Shop, and Buy Local!

### Think:

- Your local businesses give back more to the community.
- More of your dollars stay in the community.
- More jobs stay in the community.

### Shop:

- You can find most of what you need locally.
- You develop relationships locally.
- You can find affordable prices in our community.

### Buy:

- For every \$1 spent at local businesses, 45¢ is reinvested locally. Non-local purchases keep, at most, 15¢ in your local community.
- Local businesses value, respect, and appreciate your patronage.
- More tax dollars go to schools and roads in your community.

**Join the local movement!** Take the pledge to show your support: "I pledge to THINK first of my local economy, SHOP first at my local businesses, and BUY first from local companies who give back so much, in so many ways, to my community."

## 10 Reasons to Keep a Landline Phone

You may have considered eliminating your landline phone and replacing it with a cellphone or Internet-based system such as a digital phone or VoIP. Think twice before you make that move, since a landline phone is the most reliable device on the market today and offers these valuable advantages:

1. Provides security in an emergency with reliable 911 communication.
2. Gives you superior sound quality and clarity.
3. Works even during an electrical outage.
4. Eliminates need to charge batteries.
5. Provides unlimited local calling.
6. Never drops your calls.
7. Can't be hacked.
8. Saves you money when you bundle services.
9. Provides you with a directory listing.
10. Keeps your communications dollars here to boost our local economy.



**For an excellent value, ask about our landline phone plans that combine unlimited local calling and feature packages with long distance service.**

## Area Award Winners

### Wanda Jackson • 2015 Kansas Business Appreciation Merit Award

Wanda Jackson, co-owner of the Grouse Valley Grill, recently received the 2015 Kansas Business Appreciation Merit Award at a Cowley County Business Appreciation Month Luncheon. Jackson, along with Randy Waldeck, operates this Dexter restaurant, which last spring began partnering with the Dexter School District to create the "School Lunch Bus." The very successful open lunch program allows high school students to eat lunch at the grill twice each month. Jackson says, "The student council worked hard to implement the program, and I am thankful – because the kids love it and look forward to it."



Pictured (L-R) are Bob Fettke, Kerri Falletti, Wanda Jackson, and Wayne Wilt

### Jane Fry • Finalist at National Festival of Breads

Jane Fry of Elk Falls was a finalist at the Kansas Wheat Commission's National Festival of Breads bread-baking contest this year. Fry was the first adult Kansan to qualify for the contest (which is held every other year in Manhattan), and her Chocolate Swirl Loaves recipe was one of just eight chosen from 500 entries. Fry says, "I felt very honored to represent Kansas bakers and am blessed to have achieved my goal." She encourages all bread bakers to enter their favorite original yeast bread recipe.



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# Take a Shot

## AT GETTING YOUR PHOTO ON OUR 2016 DIRECTORY COVER

There's plenty of time to "Take a Shot" at getting your photo on our 2016 Southeast Kansas Area Telephone Directory cover. Not only that — you could be the happy winner of \$100, \$50, or \$25 from SKT!

**The deadline for this year's photo contest is October 5, 2015.** SKT customers in Atlanta, Beaumont, Burden, Cambridge, Dexter, Elk Falls, Grenola, Latham, Longton, Piedmont, Reece, and Rosalia are invited to enter by submitting up to three photographs that have been taken in these SKT service areas. Photos may be emailed to [sktdirectory@sktcompanies.com](mailto:sktdirectory@sktcompanies.com), or prints may be mailed to SKT Directory Contest, PO Box 800, Clearwater, KS, 67026, or brought to the SKT Solution Center at 112 S. Lee in Clearwater. Please be sure to include the photographer's name, address, telephone number, and a brief description of the photo(s). Prints will be returned, if requested.

**This year's winners will be announced by mid-October, with \$100 going to the winner, whose photograph will also be printed on the front cover of over 1,500 telephone directories.** The second place and third place winners will receive \$50 and \$25, respectively. All photographs will be displayed on SKT's website, [www.SKTMainstreet.com](http://www.SKTMainstreet.com).

Last year's Southeast Kansas Directory Cover Contest winners were Richard Tatum of Burden, Stephanie Easton of Beaumont, and Jane Fry of Elk Falls.

