# The Connection

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## Manager's Moment- Jason Thiry

I recently lost about 75% of the data on my hard drive. Thankfully I had it backed up and was able to restore what I wanted, but it made me consider what would I have lost if I didn't have it backed up?

Well, since it was my work computer, I would have lost a ton of important e-mails and e-mail contacts- easy enough to find again but time consuming. Promotional items, pricing, forms, contracts, and- something I didn't realize I had such a quantity of-pictures from work. Apparently I am a cell-phone picture taker, and when I take them I end up downloading them to my computer. I looked back while restoring them and noticed pictures from the centennials, KTC 100 Anniversary, employees doing daily work from 9 years ago up to the present. I didn't realize what I had until I almost lost it.

The point I'm trying to make is, we don't always realize how important the things on are computers are until we lose or nearly lose them. Make a backup or use an online back up to protect your computer. There are several ways to do this: CD'S, DVD'S, external hard drives, thumb drives, and on-line backups are the most common. Talk to us and we can help you decide which is best and easiest for you.

## Meet the Newest Member of our Staff

Michael Uthe is the newest addition to the KTCI Construction staff, joining the crew in May. He is a Lyman High School graduate, and attended Black Hills State University for Education and Coaching.

Michael coached the Lyman Teeners Baseball team to Regional championships last summer, and looks forward to this year's season. He also enjoys fishing in his spare time. Michael says he is happy to be working for Kennebec Telephone Company!

**Kennebec Ag Day & Kennebec All School Reunion**
**June 18th**

**Directory Addition**

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# What's Happening in Washington May Impact Your Broadband Internet Service

High-speed broadband Internet access has become today's essential service. New government rules could impact your access to broadband Internet service. Learn how to **help ensure access to high-quality, affordable service in the future:**

- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing to reduce the financial support that is essential to delivering broadband internet services in many high-cost rural areas.
- The proposed new rules threaten the affordability- *even availability*- of the broadband Internet services that community-based providers like ours deliver in rural areas.
- If our company does not receive adequate financial support to recover our investment in existing networks and to enable reasonable future network upgrades, the consumer rates could go up or service quality could suffer.

**Contact the Federal Communications Commission** at fccinfo@fcc.gov and tell them: My broadband depends on the support you provide to my Telco. If you cut that support or take it away, I could lose service, or might not be able to afford it even if it is available. Please make sure that my part of rural America doesn't become "unserved."

**Contact your congressional representatives** and tell them: Please urge the FCC to implement reforms that will help sustain robust broadband service that is fundamental to preserving and creating jobs in our rural community-not reforms that undercut the investment and commitment rural Telcos have already made to deploy broadband services that bring economic development, health care, and educational opportunities to rural America.

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# Are you ready for Another Stormy Summer?

Summer will be here sooner than we think, and with it will undoubtedly come another wave of thunderstorms. Remember–a lightning bolt can carry billions of watts of electricity. If a strike occurs near your home, it can send a powerful surge that could damage your electronics and potentially injure you.

To help you stay safe and protect your electronic investments, be sure to unplug your computers, televisions, modems, fax machines, game systems, and telephones before bad weather hits so you're not in contact with these items during the storm. In addition, avoid contact with metallic items and plumbing, including faucets and bathtubs, until the storm is over.

Of course, a storm can strike any time, and you may not be home to prepare adequately. With that in mind, it's a good idea to have a surge protector with a built-in phone line. It won't provide 100% protection, but it will help. And while you're at it, you may want to ask your insurance provider what is covered under your homeowners policy in the event of storm damage.

## CASIO HITACHI G'ZONE COMMANDO

Looking for a Smart phone that is also rugged? Check out the new Casio-Hitachi C 771, **Commando**! One of the first "ruggedized" Android phones on the market. This CDMA smartphone is most notable for its rugged, waterproof design. The Commando is Military rated for immersion, rain, shock and dust resistant, vibration, salt fog, humidity, solar radiation, altitude, and low and high temperature storage.

Some other key features include compass, thermometer, pedometer, a high-resolution touch display, and extra-loud speaker. Other features are a 5-megapixel camera, Wi-Fi with mobile hotspot, (so you can share your mobile internet with your friends), EVDO Rev. A 3G data, turn-by-turn GPS navigation, and memory card slot.

So if you are ready to step up to a smart phone, that's as tough as you are, check out the **Commando**.

## FAQ'S

**Q: Is downloading movies and music off the internet legal?**

A: It depends. Downloading from I-Tunes is legal, and downloading from LimeWire usually isn't. LimeWire, FrostWire, and others are "shareware" sites. They are basically a connection between your computer and someone else's computer. When you download from LimeWire, you are downloading it from another person's computer. Some things are copy right protected and others are not. Movie and music companies do have a way of finding out who is downloading by the home IP address, and they do send out notifications and lawsuits.

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*If you would like more information or have questions about anything in this newsletter, feel free to contact us at 605-869-2220.*

*Beau Johnson with the newhydraulic hose fabricator at Charley's Welding and Auto Repair*

Don and Carmen Miller and grand-daughter Jaycee, pose with the grill they won in the "Question of the Month" Drawing. Congratulations Millers, and thank you to all who entered the contest!