

# The Connection

Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.

## Happy Easter!



Hard to believe, it's already been two years since PowerCom Electric Communications a division of Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. purchased Shep's Electric, in Chamberlain! It seems like only yesterday!

PowerCom Electric and Communications started its business in 2002 as we started to meet the needs of our community. We strive for excellent customer service and meeting all needs of our customers. PowerCom offers a wide variety services such as, house projects: remodel, new build, or a simple trouble call with a breaker, light, or switch. Agricultural needs: grain bins, shops, and generator hookups, to name a few. Commercial: new building or anything in between, nothing is to big or too small!

PowerCom's office in Chamberlain is located in the Chamberlain NAPA building, located at 134 S Main St. For the last two years the old Shep's building has been used as a warehouse for material. PowerCom's home base of operations is located in Kennebec at the Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. office. We continue to serve the needs of the Chamberlain/Oacoma



area. We are fully staffed to meet any needs that our customers need from the farmer/rancher, business or home.

PowerCom's staff currently consists of six electricians and Chaz Bowar is our contractor electrician who oversees the guys and schedules their work. Mike Schwartz is based out of our office in Chamberlain since he came on with us with the purchase of Shep's Electric. Trent Johnson continued to work as an electrician until recently when he moved to our warehouse in Kennebec. Jake Longville, Josh McLain, Hayden Schelske, and Carter Collins are our electricians that are based out of Kennebec. They also travel to Chamberlain to help with any projects.

Give Chaz a call at 605-234-0528 or Cell 605-222-0753 to schedule any work or for a free bid.

### MEET THE POWERCOM CREW-



Chaz Bowar  
PowerCom Electric & Communications Forman Licensed Contractor Electrician



Mike Schwartz –  
Licensed Journeyman Electrician



Jake Longville –  
Licensed Journeyman Electrician



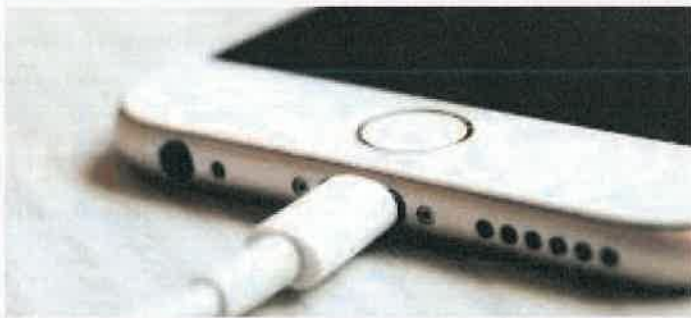
Josh McLain -  
Licensed Journeyman Electrician



Hayden Schelske –  
Apprentice Electrician



Carter Collins -  
Apprentice Electrician



## SMART(ER) PHONE

Speed up your smartphone and lengthen its life with these tips from Maddie Peterson of [letstalk.com](http://letstalk.com), a cell phone comparison company.

### **MINIMIZE USAGE WHILE CHARGING**

One of the worst things you can do to your phone battery is increase its temperature while it is charging. Avoid watching videos or playing games, both of which can contribute to overheating.

### **USE A DURABLE PHONE CASE AND SCREEN PROTECTOR**

Slim phone cases may look slick, but many don't protect your phone against damage if you drop it. When choosing a case, opt for one that wraps around the edges of the phone and covers each completely.

### **AVOID EXTREME TEMPERATURES**

Using your phone in freezing temps can quickly shorten battery life. Also, avoid leaving it in the cold or heat (especially direct sunlight).

### **DON'T FALL FOR CHEAP CHARGERS**

Bargain chargers, often sold at gas stations, can lack a vital chip that ensures your device is protected from damaging voltage swings.

### **CONNECT TO WIFI WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

Internet browsing, video streaming and social media scrolling eat up major battery life when you're using your cellular data, instead of a secure WiFi network, to access the web. Always connect to WiFi when you are at home, but also look for secure networks in public places whenever you can.

## Easter Coloring Page



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return to the office by  
**APRIL 9TH** to be eligible for  
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## Welcome to the Company!



**Ronald Pickner**

Charley's Welding & Auto

- Lives in Chamberlain
- Three great kids!
- Enjoys Racing and watching NASCAR



**Jadeon Biggers**

KTC Construction

- 2019 Lyman HS grad
- Lives in Reliance
- Enjoys "hanging out with friends" and gaming



**Aspen Thompson**

Chamberlain NAPA

- 2013 Chamberlain HS grad
- Lives in Chamberlain with husband Robert & son Quentin.
- Enjoys fishing, reading and playing outside with Quentin.



In observance of National Safe Digging Month in April, Kennebec Telephone would like to share the results from a recent national survey. The results revealed that 42 percent of homeowners who plan to dig this year for projects like landscaping, installing a fence or mailbox, or building a deck, pond or patio and other DIY projects, will put themselves and their communities at risk by not calling 811 a few days beforehand to learn the approximate location of underground utilities.

Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in serious injuries, service disruptions, and costly repairs when gas, electric, communications, water, and sewer lines are damaged.

The national public opinion survey of homeowners conducted in March by the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), the national association dedicated to protecting underground utility lines, people who dig near them, and their communities, also revealed that nearly half of American homeowners who plan to dig this year will complete landscaping projects that require a call to 811 at least a few days prior to digging. The most popular planned projects cited among surveyed homeowners who plan to dig include:

- Planting a tree or shrub (47 percent)
- Building a patio or deck (24 percent)
- Building a fence (21 percent)
- Installing a mailbox (8 percent)

"Tens of millions of Americans plan to do DIY digging projects this year, but according to our survey, 42 percent of them admit that they will not call 811 beforehand, which puts homeowners and their communities at risk. Calling 811 a few days before any planned home improvement projects that require digging – including common landscaping projects like planting trees and shrubs – is critical to preventing incidents like service outages and serious injuries."

CGA's 1,700 members, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and most governors have proclaimed April as National Safe Digging Month to bring extra attention to the issue of underground utility line safety and reduce the risk of unnecessary infrastructure damage.

As part of National Safe Digging Month, Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc, encourages homeowners to take the following steps when planning a digging project this spring:

- Always call 811 a few days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.
- Plan ahead. Call on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.
- Confirm that all lines have been marked.
- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.
- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor has called 811. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.
- Visit [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com) for complete info.



## CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS NEAR!

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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.*

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