

# The Connection

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Thirty-five years ago, Rod Bowar asked Stan Collins if his son was looking for a summer job and the rest, as they say, is history. Matt Collins worked summers, after school, and weekends until he went full time. He started in telecommunications alongside Rod and Ken Walling, then went to construction excavation. He eventually became manager of KTC Construction and PowerCom, and is now the General Manager of Kennebec Telephone Co. Inc.

Matt and his wife, Christie, have three children: Carter, Colton and Chloe. Matt's favorite memory is when he and Ken used a rubber raft to float around town fixing downed telephone lines from the flooding in Kennebec and in the country. His most influential people were his dad, Stan, and Rod Bowar, who surrounded themselves with good people, arrived to work early and stayed late. Matt's favorite quote is, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard". Thank you, Matt, for your hard work and dedication to KTC!



Congratulations Tierra Bowar on 20 years of service!

Tierra started her career at Kennebec Telephone Company during high school. She worked after school, Saturdays, and summer vacations. Her early duties were mowing, weeding, shredding paper-work, warehouse assistant, and washing vehicles. Her current position as an Administrative Assistant/ Customer Service Representative is her favorite. Tierra's best advice came from her dad, Rod. He would say, "You can do anything, Missy". Her favorite memory is when Kennebec Telephone Company celebrated their 100-year anniversary. Thank you, Tierra, for your hard work and dedication to KTC!



KTC Construction would like to welcome Mike Kieffer to our part-time summer crew. He and his wife, Brittany, have three children Cole(13), Kane(9), & Kinley(4). Mike grew up in Foley, MN. After high school he played football for Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell where he received his degree in Education with an emphasis in Physical Education. He started his teaching and coaching career at Lyman 18 years ago and plays an active role in our community. We are excited to have him as part of our construction division throughout the summer. If you see him out and about help us welcome him by waving and moving over with extreme caution! Just kidding. Welcome to KTC, Mike!

Photo Credit: Matt Halvorson

All divisions of Kennebec Telephone will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day!

God Bless America!



# Lifeline



Kennebec Telephone Company provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic services are offered at the following rates: **Residence Service \$26.50/ month** and **Single Party Business Service \$26.50/month**. Broadband service is available. Contact Kennebec Telephone Company for additional information.

Local residence phone service includes:

- Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- Minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge
- Access to 911 emergency services
- Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

Kennebec Telephone Company participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service per household\* more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Monthly discounts up to \$9.25 are available to qualifying customers.

To be eligible for Lifeline you must be enrolled in one or more of the following assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs
- Income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty guidelines

A subscriber who lives on federally recognized Tribal lands and is eligible, may receive a monthly discount up to \$34.25. To be eligible the household\* must participate in one of the above-listed qualifying programs or one of the following Tribal specific federal assistance programs:

- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Tribal Head Start
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Customers may apply for discounts on-line at <https://nv.fcc.gov/lifeline> or by contacting Kennebec Telephone at 605-869-2220. Lifeline service is not transferable. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain Lifeline service can be fined, imprisoned or barred from the program.

\* A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.

**Telecommunication Fun Fact: When you make a phone call there are no dedicated lines between you and the person you dial; merely packets of data being moved from place to place.**

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Kennebec Telephone Construction is looking for a full, part time or seasonal employee**

We are now taking applications for the above positions; the full-time position would offer excellent pay and benefits. **The part time or seasonal position is offering excellent pay and some benefits.** The position consists of such things as underground plumbing, digging, trenching, and operating equipment. Experience is preferred but would be willing to train. Position open till filled.

**Please submit resume to PO Box 158, Kennebec, SD 57544 or email to: [christiec@kennebectelephone.com](mailto:christiec@kennebectelephone.com)**

*Our mission is to provide the highest quality telecommunications and information service to our customers at an affordable price. We will strive to offer prompt, friendly, and dependable service along with the latest technology to attain the highest possible customer satisfaction. If you would like more information or have questions about anything in this newsletter, feel free to contact us at 605-869-2220. Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*



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