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The Connection

Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.

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There's always something going on at Charley's Welding & Auto Repair! We all know, cars, trucks and farm equipment always need maintenance! The staff at Charley's has the "NAPA Know How" to keep you going!



Store Manager, Michelle Langenbau, keeps the crew on schedule and much more! Michelle joined the company in June.



NAPA Specialist, Dean Reumann, moved in to his position the end of June. He's worked part time at the Chamberlain NAPA store for several years, and has been part of the KTCI family for longer than that!



Shop Manager, Jordan Miller, has been at Charley's since 2011. Jordan was promoted to Shop Manager and still keeps busy with the day to day work at the shop



Auto Tech, Lee Kercher with more than 30 years of experience as an Auto tech, adds his expertise to Charley's staff.



Auto Tech Ronald Pickner, joined the KTCI/Charley's crew this past February.



Auto Tech Bodie Thomas, went from part time status to Full Time when he graduated from Lake Area Tech this past spring.

Casey Kolb, currently attending Lake Area Tech, through the Build Dakota Program. Casey worked through the summer at Charley's and will join the crew full time when he completes his Auto Tech program.



Not only will you get great service for your vehicle, but Charley's also has a quality selection of tools, tires and other necessities for everyone!

Winter Auto Checklist

From AAA.com

Battery and Charging System

Have the battery and charging system tested by a trained technician. A fully charged battery in good condition, is required to start an engine in cold weather.

Battery Cables and Terminals

Make sure battery terminals and cable ends are free from corrosion and the connections are tight.

Drive Belts

Inspect the underside of accessory drive belts for cracks or fraying. Many newer "serpentine" belts are made of materials that do not show obvious signs of wear; replace these belts at 60,000 mile intervals.

Engine Hoses

Inspect cooling system hoses for leaks, cracks or loose clamps. Also, squeeze the hoses and replace any that are brittle or have an excessively spongy feeling.

Tire Type and Tread

In areas with heavy winter weather, installing snow tires on all four wheels will provide the best winter traction. All-season tires work well in light-to-moderate snow conditions provided they have adequate tread depth. Replace any tire that has less than 3/32-inches of tread. Uneven tire wear can indicate alignment, wheel balance or suspension problems that must be addressed to prevent further tire damage.

Tire Pressure

Check tire inflation pressure on all four tires and the spare more frequently in fall and winter. As the average temperature drops, so will tire pressures—typically by one PSI for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Proper tire pressure levels can be found in the owner's manual or on a sticker typically located on the driver's side door jamb.

Air Filter

Check the engine air filter by holding it up to a 60-watt light bulb. If light can be seen through much of the filter, it is still clean enough to work effectively. However, if light is blocked by most of the filter, replace it.

Coolant Levels

Check the coolant level in the overflow tank when the engine is cold. If the level is low, add a 50/50 solution of coolant and water to maintain the necessary antifreeze capability. Test the antifreeze protection level annually with an inexpensive tester available at

any auto parts store.

Lights

Check the operation of all headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers and back up lights. Replace any burnt out bulbs.

Wiper Blades

The blades should completely clear the glass with each swipe. Replace any blade that leaves streaks or misses spots. In regions where snow is common, consider installing winter wiper blades that wrap the blade frame in a rubber boot to reduce ice and snow build up that can prevent good contact between the blade and the glass.

Washer Fluid

Fill the windshield washer fluid reservoir with a winter cleaning solution that has antifreeze components to prevent it from freezing.

Brakes

If there is any indication of a brake problem, have the system inspected by a certified technician to ensure all components are in good working order.

Transmission, Brake and Power Steering Fluids

Check all fluids to ensure they are at or above minimum safe levels.

Emergency Road Kit

Carry an emergency kit equipped for winter weather. The kit should include:

- Mobile phone and car charger
- Drinking water
- First aid kit
- Non-perishable snacks for both human and passengers
- Bag of abrasive material (sand, salt, cat litter) or traction mats
- Snow shovel
- Blankets
- Extra Warm clothing (gloves, hats, scarves)
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Window washer solvent
- Ice scraper with brush
- Cloth or roll of paper towels
- Jumper cables
- Warning devices (flares or triangles)
- Basic toolkit (screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench)

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Pheasant Season Begins October 17



Lodge owner/operators- Before the hunters arrive, make sure you call to get your Wi-Fi service turned on for the season!

Providing Wi-Fi in your hunting package will be an added plus, when it comes to booking your hunters, as it has become more essential recently! Streaming video is a more cost-effective way of providing TV than a satellite service would be.

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