



Savor Every Second of Summer

Now that summer is in full swing, Jefferson Telecom hopes you're enjoying it to the fullest—taking fun trips, hosting family cookouts, and maybe catching a few naps in the hammock. When you're out and about, stop by our office to check out the latest in our cellular, internet, TV, and other offerings. Cool technology makes hot summers even better!

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September 3, 2018

John McLaughlin Counts on Our Fast Internet to Track Fast Storms

You're probably familiar with John McLaughlin, he started with KCCI-TV in Des Moines in 1986 and served as the Chief Meteorologist from 1995 to 2016. McLaughlin led the station's development and installation of three advanced Doppler weather radars, and he's presented at dozens of conferences and training seminars on the use of radar in severe storm detection.

McLaughlin is a past president of the 3,000-member National Weather Association (NWA) and served two terms as the Chairman of the American Meteorological Society's (AMS) Board of Broadcast Meteorology. He's one of a handful of meteorologists in the country to have received the top broadcast award from both the NWA and AMS. McLaughlin is also a commercial-rated pilot and flight instructor in helicopters and airplanes and serves the Midwest as a Designated Pilot Examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration. Due to his background in aviation and meteorology, McLaughlin provided expert feedback on the delivery of radar data to the cockpit using Sirius-XM satellite radio.

After taking an early retirement from KCCI-TV due to a medical condition, McLaughlin moved back to Greene County. He partnered with his colleagues at Baron Weather and his family's New Way Ford car dealership in Coon Rapids, Iowa to create the Storm Hunter app, available for free from the App Store for iOS devices and Google Play for Android devices.

The Storm Hunter app is designed to make complex radar easy to understand. Key features include:

- **Baron Button** – Breaks the radar down into three categories (heavy rain, hail, and high winds) for all five NWS radars covering Iowa.
- **Future Scan** – Models the movement, growth, or decay of a line of storms over the next hour.
- **Safety Net Alerts** – Allows the user to customize up to eight locations to receive notice of approaching storms, lightning, twisting winds, and all official National Weather Service warnings. Monitor weather conditions at locations such as a second home, the homes of your children and parents, a vacation destination, and so on.

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We're all looking for ways to make life a little easier, and one way Jefferson Telecom does that is by offering you free eBilling. With eBilling, you save time and money:

- No check writing or postage is necessary.
- View your current or past bills online anytime you want.
- Enjoy security protections via your account number and password.
- No need to worry about lost or stolen paper statements.

In addition to eBilling, we also offer other convenient payment options so you can "pay it your way." Choose Automatic Payment to have your Jefferson Telecom bill amount automatically deducted from your chosen bank account each month — you don't have to do a thing!

To sign up for eBilling or get details on any of our bill payment options, visit www.jefferson telecom.com and click on E-Bill Login or call 515-386-4141, option #4.

Win a \$20 Credit on Your Jefferson Telecom Bill

\$20

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill (or drop off at the showroom) for a chance to win a \$20 credit to your account. Return it by July 15, 2018 to be eligible. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Congratulations to our last "Winner of a \$20 Credit," Pat Smith of Jefferson.

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It's proven to be a valuable weather tool for its approximately 50,000 users. For example, on April 13, 2018, the Storm Hunter app saw the rotation of a major storm headed for Jefferson and sent out a Safety Net Alert at 5:44pm. The app warned users 10 minutes prior to the storm hitting Jefferson at 5:54pm.

McLaughlin's work with the Storm Hunter app involves monitoring the radar data from across the country from his rural Greene County home. Since he needs a super-fast and reliable Internet connection to stay up-to-date on weather changes, he was pleased when fiber Internet was installed by Jefferson Telecom last fall. It replaced a DSL connection.

"My Internet service at my home outside of Jefferson is even better than what I had when I lived in Des Moines."

— JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

He notes, "I cannot stress how impressed I've been with the reliability of the Internet service from Jefferson Telecom. My old DSL connection would cut out if bad weather struck. By contrast, I've had no problems whatsoever with my fiber Internet. Often times, people have a misperception about rural Iowa and the telecom services they can receive there. My Internet service at my home outside of Jefferson is even better than what I had when I lived in Des Moines."

To more easily live stream video and upload content as it happens during a storm, McLaughlin recently increased the upload speed of his Internet service from Jefferson Telecom. While most of us probably aren't using our Internet connections to study the weather, this brings up an important point: An upgrade to faster download and/or upload speeds can open up all kinds of possibilities for anyone.

So no matter what's in the forecast for your future — whether it's streaming more movies, sharing lots of photos and videos with family, or teleworking from a home office — you can handle it better with faster Internet.

Jefferson Telecom offers Internet plans with download speeds up to 100 Mbps. To find out more, visit www.jefferson telecom.com or call 515-386-4141.



Employee Spotlight

Daniel Rohner, Customer Service Representative/Cellular Specialist

Daniel Rohner recently returned to his hometown of Jefferson to become Customer Service Representative/Cellular Specialist at Jefferson Telecom. He notes, "I have a passion for working with people and technology, and I love to talk about the latest features and show customers how they could use them. This position was a perfect fit for me. It's great to return to this incredible community as well."

Rohner's primary duties are to help customers establish or renew U.S. Cellular service and answer questions about their devices. He'll also assist with other product lines including landline telephone, long distance, cable TV, and Internet.

Before joining Jefferson Telecom, Rohner worked in several jobs which helped him develop skills applicable to customer service. "I was in the Athletic Training Program at Buena Vista University. When an athlete got hurt, we had to determine what happened, assess possible injuries, and figure out the safest way to get the athlete off the field. I learned to make quick decisions and problem-solve."

He continues, "I also worked as a Direct Support Professional for Genesis Development, in charge of making sure our individuals were on the right path to reach their goals and become more independent and part of the community. This position taught me patience and responsibility. During my time at Platinum Supplemental Insurance, I sold insurance door-to-door. That experience helped me feel comfortable in stressful situations."

When not working at Jefferson Telecom, Rohner enjoys riding his bike around town and on the bike trail. He's also an experienced guitar player and started playing the piano a few years ago.



Watch Great TV in the Great Outdoors

What's great about WatchTV Everywhere? It gives you a great deal of options for how, where, and what you watch.

For example, WatchTVEverywhere lets you watch some of your favorite programs while you're enjoying the great outdoors. As long as you have an internet connection, you can turn your laptop, tablet, or smartphone into a TV. Watch from a tent at the campground, on the bleachers at the ballpark, or on your patio in the backyard.

Here's another great feature: WatchTVEverywhere is FREE with your qualifying Jefferson Telecom cable TV package. The specific networks available to you on your mobile devices will be based on your TV package subscription.

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| Browne, Lorra | 386-2432 |
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| Crichton, Crystal | 386-2174 |
| Demello, Anthony | 386-2902 |
| Foresman, Scott | 386-2048 |
| Hoyt, Denise | 386-2485 |
| Jacobson, Ben | 386-2553 |
| Koopmann, Joshua | 386-2152 |
| Lansman, Susan | 386-2584 |
| McDowell, Heather | 386-2125 |
| Oakes, Jennifer | 386-2510 |
| Ober, Donna | 386-2311 |
| Opp, Joel | 386-2157 |
| Oyres, Thomas | 386-2397 |
| Ransom, Brian | 386-2146 |
| Richardson, Michael | 386-2565 |
| Rivera, Teresa | 386-2421 |
| Sailer, Stephaine | 386-2493 |
| Taylor, Wendy | 386-2330 |
| Truss, Nathaniel | 386-2205 |
| Wasson, Rebecca | 386-2437 |



Take a Shot at Winning Our Directory Photo Contest

Jefferson Telecom is looking for amazing photos that represent Jefferson and/or Greene County. Enter our Directory Photo Contest, and you could win the first prize of claiming the cover of the 2018-2019 Telephone Directory and receiving \$100 in Chamber Checks.

The photos you submit should represent Jefferson and/or Greene County and be different from images we've previously used. They can include woods, farms, flowers, wildlife, the river, or points of local interest.

To enter our contest, send up to three of your best photos to photos@jeffersontelecom.com by noon on July 30, 2018. High-resolution photos are required in JPEG format.

Additional rules include:

- Limit of three entries per household (amateurs only).
- Must be a Jefferson Telecom customer.
- Include where the photo was taken and a short description.
- Photos must be in color and have been shot in the last three years.
- Jefferson Telecom employees and immediate family may not participate.
- Entry deadline is noon on July 30, 2018.
- All entries will become the property of Jefferson Telecom; submission implies consent to use photos on the Directory Cover or in any other advertising campaign.
- The winner will be chosen at the discretion of Jefferson Telecom.



Tiffany Smith, winner of last year's Directory Photo Contest, shot this photo at the Brown Bridge.

All entries will be posted on the Jefferson Telecom Facebook page and our website. Visit www.jeffersontelecom.com or Facebook for complete rules.

Scholarship Winners Announced

Jefferson Telecom awarded scholarships to 2018 Greene County High School students at an awards banquet in May. We congratulate the class of 2018 and wish them all the best in their future!



*Kara Betts
Daughter of Alan
& Tanya Betts*



*Charles Gunn
Son of Charles
& Robin Gunn*



*Samantha Hardaway
Daughter of Dan
& Stacy Hardaway*



*Victoria Johnson
Daughter of Thomas
& Wendy Johnson*



*Sydney Schiltz
Daughter of Sean Schiltz
& Stacy Schiltz*