

## **RJ Mechanical Grows in Mora**

RJ Mechanical recently celebrated the opening of their new 12,000 square foot building in the Mora Industrial Park. RJ Mechanical is a full-service plumbing heating and cooling contractor that serves industrial and commercial projects like hospitals, schools, prisons and office buildings in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa.

The business was started in 1996 and seen business growth. The new building will allow the company to serve their clients faster as a result of their being able to store materials rather than wait for an order to arrive.

## **Kanabec Broadband Initiative (KBI)**

The Kanabec Broadband Initiative (KBI) was established with the goal of achieving access to affordable 15 – 20 mbps broadband services for all businesses and residents of Kanabec County by 2015.

U-reka Broadband Ventures, Stillwater, MN, was selected as the consultant for the project and the feasibility study was completed between May and September 2012. Details of the feasibility study were presented to the public through a series of community meetings during the month of October. A copy of the robust broadband network feasibility study can be viewed on KBI's website, [www.kanabecbroadband.org](http://www.kanabecbroadband.org).

Moving forward KBI will be continuing discussions with existing telecommunication providers about potential partnerships to build out the rural areas of Kanabec County, continue public education and marketing efforts, and continue to investigate the interest of rural customers to receive broadband service.