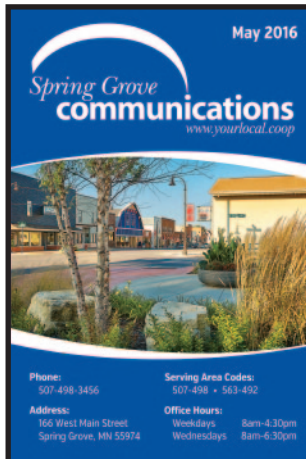


The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

June 2016

2016 Directory



Our 2016 directory cover features a fresh new look to main street Spring Grove. The Main Street project took place in 2013 and construction pictures were featured in our 2014 directory. You can read about the project on the inside front cover of this year's directory.

Our directory is more than phone numbers and addresses. In the front of our book you can read about what a Telephone Cooperative is and what it means to be a Member. Our TV channel lineups are listed

along with instructions on how to Watch TV Everywhere! We also have our broadband speeds and pricing listed as well as our email server settings if you should ever need those. Our directory is full of information on our features and how they work, we have township maps, city map and a map of the Norwegian Ridge Birding & Nature trails. Don't forget the Spring Grove Calendar of Events on page 90.

I encourage you to take the time to look through the 2016 directory to familiarize yourself with what we have to offer.

Also, be sure to check out your listing and let us know if something needs to be corrected. Contact us if you have a business listing and want to include your email or website address for our next directory.

New Online Directory & Mobile App

We are excited about our online directory and mobile app that is new with our 2016 directory. All you need to do is go to www.springgrovephonebook.com to view the directory online. If you have a smart phone and want to download the app simply go to the app store if you have a droid and search for Spring Grove Communications. If you have an iPhone simply go to your iTunes account and search for the app. For a complete set of instructions you can check out page 5 of the 2016 directory.

Blooming Business

500 East Main Street

498-3237

SGC-TV Info

If you subscribe to SGC-TV Expanded Package you are able to Watch TV Everywhere over the internet on your laptop, smartphone or tablet for FREE! You can find instructions on how to access Watch TV Everywhere on page 8 of our 2016 telephone directory or by going to our website www.yourlocal.coop and click on Television under Services.

Summer brings longer daylight hours and sunny weather. This is all good until you have to decide should I stay inside and watch my favorite TV show or should I go outside and enjoy the weather? That decision is easy when you have DVR service with SGC-TV. Simply set the DVR to record your favorite shows and watch when it works for you! DVR service can be added for only \$14.95/month, that's less than \$0.50/day. Call 498-3456 to get your DVR service set up.

Windows Vista

If your computer is Windows Vista, you might want to start thinking about ordering a new computer. Microsoft has announced they will no longer support Windows Vista after April 2017. If you are not sure what operating system you have, give us a call and we can help you. We can also help you order a new computer so you are sure to get what you need.



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Eagle Camera

Spring Grove Communications is proud to be a part of the Raptor Resource Project and the Decorah North eagle camera. Early this spring SGC plowed fiber to a private property north of Decorah to help the Raptor Resource project stream live video of two eagles nesting in a very large nest in a white oak tree. An eagle's nest is rather large. This nest is 56 feet off the ground and is nine feet long at its longest point and seven feet wide at its widest point. It has a total area of 49 feet and is about 5.5 feet tall!

If you have been following the hatching of the eaglets you know how exciting it has been to see them grow and develop. The first egg was laid 3/11 and hatched on 4/17. The second egg was laid 3/14 and hatched 4/19. The third egg was laid 3/18 and hatched 4/23. Only two of the three eaglets have survived.

To watch the eaglets grow and develop and what life is like in the nest, go to www.yourlocal.coop and click on **Eagle Cam** under Links.

To learn more about the Raptor Resource Project you can log on to www.raptorresource.org. This site also contains links to more information on the development of the eagles and other cameras the Raptor Resource Project has around the area.

So you don't have a computer and want to see what the eagle cam is all about? Stop in during our business hours and we can show you.

Price Increase

On June 1, 2016, your local residential telephone rates will increase to \$18.00. This rate includes any charges for mandatory extended area service that may be reflected on your bill. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued various orders that require local phone service providers to charge a minimum monthly rate for local phone service in order to avoid forfeiture of Universal Service High Cost Loop



Fund dollars. This support is essential in providing telecommunication services to our rural, high cost service areas. The FCC has increased the price floor to \$18.00 effective June 1, 2016. This price floor includes any charges for extended area service that may be reflected on your bill. Please contact our business office with any questions at 498-3456.