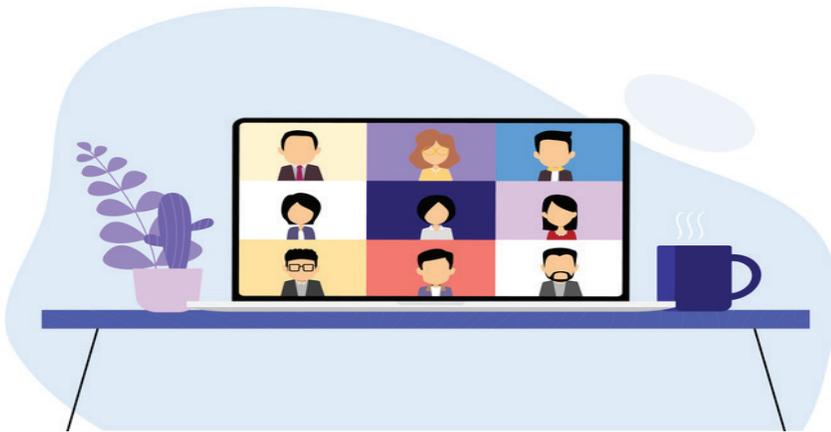


The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

March 2021

ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 23RD



The Annual Meeting of Spring Grove Communications will be held March 23, 2021 via Zoom. In early March you will receive a packet of information that will include instructions for the meeting, program, a ballot to vote for the director positions up for election, and a return envelope for the ballot. Please update your most current email address on the RSVP form. The address you provide is how you will get the link for the Zoom meeting. We look forward to connecting with you and sharing information from your cooperative over the past year. Look for your information in the mail soon!

TV Update

Metro Suite: \$8.25/month

Channels:

105: KSTP-ABC

109: KMSP-FOX

111: KARE-NBC

Updated channel line ups can be found on our website! We also have paper copies at the office and can mail you one if requested.



CommandIQ App

Did you know if you have our Whole Home Wi-Fi router, you also have access to the CommandIQ app where you can see who is connected to your network, run speed tests, and change your router name and password?

With CommandIQ, you can also add on virus protection or parental controls - ask us how these can be enabled!

The app is available to download in both the Apple store & the Google Play store.



Call Before You Dig!

Spring Cleaning

Just like our home or car, our computers too need upkeep, cleaning and maintenance. Starting with the inside of your computer case, where dust, pet hair, and other contaminants can impede the proper functioning of all the fans within your computer compromising the life of the components inside.

In addition to the inside of the case, the operating system too can accumulate its own form of contamination, albeit it is not dust or hair from Sparky, it will still affect the performance of your computer. Over time, your computer's registry becomes convoluted with information from the constant installation and uninstallation of programs, Windows updates, as well as viruses, spyware, and malware. Your computer hard drive can get itself out of whack as well as leaving the data on your hard drive in a noncontiguous state. In other words, your data will be all scattered about on your hard drive. With this loss of continuity, it forces your computer to search longer for the information you are asking it to recall or the tasks you want it to perform.

As useful as the internet can be, it can be equally as dangerous. Viruses, Spyware, Malware, Keyloggers, Trojans, Potentially Unwanted Programs (PUP) will find their way into our private and personal space via the computer. These nasty bits can cause anything from just slowing our computers down and

throwing annoying pop ups onto our screens to stealing our important information we have stored on a computer. Most antivirus software is adequate; however, the bad guys are very creative and pollute the internet with so many various attacks that it eventually finds a way through whatever defenses we have. We can clean this out safely and effectively.

Lastly, a good computer cleaning is not restricted to just the aforementioned. As the software and operating systems we use demand more resources from our old hardware configurations to function efficiently, it often leads to a slowdown of our devices struggling to keep up. Suddenly, that 4GB of RAM needs to be 8GB or even 16GB. Your hard drives need to be exchanged from the old mechanical drives to a solid-state drive to breathe new life and much needed speed into your slowing devices. In some cases, just buying a new computer would be the wiser choice. However, a simple \$50–\$200 dollar investment in a quality upgrade can revive that old 3–5-year-old computer and function even better than when you first purchased it.

Like everything in our everyday lives, it is important to keep your devices clean, safe, and even upgraded. What better time than the Spring?

In-office laptop, desktop, & tablet clean up Only \$50 for the month of March!

- Virus, malware and spyware scan and removal
- Software updates
- Disc clean up
- System tune-up
- Fan clean up

Call 498-3456 to schedule your Spring cleaning!

