

# The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

April 2026

## Welcome Tracer & Alex!



*Tracer*

Tracer joined our team in January as an Outside Plant Technician. He is a recent graduate of the Computer Science and Cybersecurity program at NICC in Calmar. After his time away from home at college, he is happy to return and work in the area he grew up in. Tracer enjoys the hands-on work environment that being an Outside Plant Technician provides, as well as the places he gets to see as work brings him all over SE Minnesota and NE Iowa.



*Alex*

Alex joined us in February as a Combination Technician. He is from northeastern Iowa and has a background in IT from his time in the medical field. He spent the last four years at NICC in the Computer Science & Cybersecurity Program as he applied what he was learning in his previous career. With his education from the classroom and the field he looks forward to the experience that becoming a Combination Technician brings!

## Spring Clean your devices

As the seasons change and we start opening windows and tidying up around the house, it is also a great time to give your devices a little spring cleaning to help keep them running efficiently.

- **Delete unused apps and old files** – Remove apps you no longer use and clear out old photos, downloads, and documents to free up space and help your device run faster.
- **Update your devices** – Check for available software updates. Updates often include important security fixes and performance improvements.
- **Review your passwords** – Make sure your passwords are strong and unique.
- **Restart your devices** – A quick reboot can refresh your system, clear temporary glitches, and improve overall performance.
- **Give devices a quick clean** – Wipe down screens, keyboards, and cases with a microfiber cloth to remove dust, fingerprints, and germs

We are running a **Spring Cleaning special for \$50** in April. Bring your device in for a basic clean up, updates, & malware scan. Give us a call to schedule an in-office appointment!

## Thank you, Jana!



Thank you to Jana Crickman for your many years of service on the SGC Board of Directors! Jana joined the board in 2005 and retired from the board in March of 2026. Thank you for your 21 years of service!



Baseball season is upon us! Catch all the Twins games with GoTo>TV on channel 30.



**Call 811  
before  
you dig!**

Are you starting your Spring outdoor projects? Don't forget to call before you dig! You can also submit a ticket online at [gopherstateonecall.org](http://gopherstateonecall.org)

# Happy Workiversary!



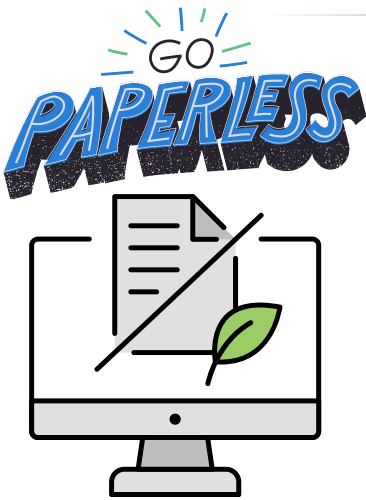
**Carter - 3 years**  
Combination  
Technician



**Jesse - 2 years**  
Customer  
Experience  
Specialist



**Lynn - 2 years**  
Special Projects  
Coordinator



With Earth Day in April, it's a great time to think about small changes that can make a big difference for our environment. One simple way to help is by signing up for paperless billing. By receiving your bill electronically instead of by mail, you help reduce paper usage, printing, and transportation emissions. It's also a convenient option, allowing you to view your bill anytime, anywhere, and keep all your statements organized in one place.

**Sign up for paperless billing & autopay in April to receive a one-time \$5 bill credit!**



## Mindful Moment

Farmers face unique challenges, and it's important to know you do not have to navigate them alone. Organizations like Farm Aid provide free resources and support for farmers across the country. Through their Farmer Resource Network and hotline, farmers can connect with experts who can help with financial challenges, legal questions, disaster recovery, farm stress, and finding new market opportunities. Their team listens, offers guidance, and helps connect farmers with trusted organizations and programs that can support both the farm and the family behind it.

If you or someone you know in agriculture could use a little extra help, you can learn more or reach out at 1-800-FARM-AID (1-800-327-6243) or [farmaid.org](http://farmaid.org).

## Strong WiFi signal inside & out!

As the snow melts and warmer days return, many of us start spending more time outside around the yard, shop, or patio. Whether you are relaxing on the deck, working in the shed, or keeping an eye on things around the farm, having a reliable WiFi connection outdoors can make a big difference.

Our Outdoor WiFi solution helps extend your internet signal beyond the walls of your home, providing strong, dependable coverage across your property. That means you can stream music outside, connect security cameras, check markets from the shop, and stay connected anywhere around your yard.

If you are ready to enjoy better WiFi both inside and out this spring, our team would be happy to help find the right setup for your property!

