

# The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

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## AVOID PHISHING EMAILS

Phishing is the most common tactic employed by hackers, as it requires the least amount of effort and generally preys on the less cyber-aware. It's also the most common way for you to be exposed to ransomware. Phishing attacks can take many forms, but they all share a common goal – getting you to share sensitive information such as login credentials, credit card information, or bank account details.



Here are some different types of phishing attacks to watch out for:

**Phishing:** In this type of attack, hackers impersonate a real company that you know to obtain your login credentials. You may receive an email asking you to verify your account details with a link that takes you to an imposter login screen that delivers your information directly to the attackers.

**Spear Phishing:** Spear phishing is a more sophisticated phishing attack that includes customized information that makes the attacker seem like a legitimate source. They may use your name and phone number and refer to known companies in the e-mail to trick you into thinking they have a connection to you, making you more likely to click a link or attachment that they provide.

**Shared Document Phishing:** You may receive an email that appears to come from file-sharing sites like Dropbox or Google Drive alerting you that a document has been shared with you. The link provided in these e-mails will take you to a fake login page that mimics the real login page and will steal your account credentials.

**NEVER CLICK ON A LINK IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT IT & CALL US AT 498-3456 IF YOU NEED HELP DETERMINING IF AN EMAIL IS LEGIT.**

## OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. If you have any service outages during this time, please call our office at 498-3456 to reach the on-call technician. We hope everyone has a fun and safe 4th of July!



## STREAMING OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

Check out our new GoTo>TV website at [www.gototv.us](http://www.gototv.us) to see channel line-ups and FAQs! We are excited to have this option available for those who would rather stream than have a set top box. Self-installations are available!

## SEE OUR TEAM AT UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 4:** Harmony Parade & Cherry Grove Parade

**July 8:** Elma Trail Days Parade

**July 11–July 15:** Winneshiek County Fair

**July 20 – July 22:** Fillmore County Fair



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Karen Folstad of Spring Grove is our newest Board Member, joining in March of 2023. We asked her a few questions. Welcome, Karen!

**What interested you in becoming part of the SGC board?**

I've always thought it would be an interesting board to be on and am interested in the technology that has helped to grow SGC. I also am hoping that my business background and experience with being on other boards and committees will help me to be an asset to this board.

**What do you feel is the importance of a cooperative?**

A cooperative usually has a strong commitment to the community and focuses on strengthening the community it serves. It also gives each of its members a purpose to share in. SGC has always been a great service to our community and continues to focus on the future and how it can continue to be a major force in our community.



**WELCOME  
KAREN!**

**MEET OUR SUMMER INTERNS!**



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Administrative  
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**MIRANDA SCHROEDER**

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