

# The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

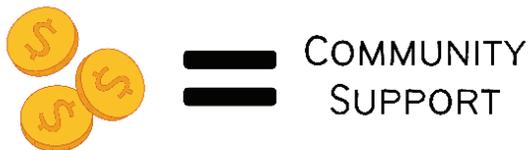
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## Power of Change - Round Up Program

Spring Grove Communications is implementing a program called The Power of Change. The Power of Change is a voluntary program where members elect to have their monthly billing statement rounded up to the next whole dollar. Money collected through this program will be given back to events and projects that contribute to the community's overall quality of life in our local area. Those requesting funds will be required to complete an application explaining the use of money requested. The Spring Grove Communications Board of Directors will review each application and decide if that organization meets the requirements of the program.

Programs like this are a great way to give back to your community. The average donation is roughly \$.50 each billing cycle. That small change adds up quickly!

To be a part of this great program, please call our office at 507-498-3456 and we will take it from there. Your monthly statement from SGC will list the year to date amount you have contributed.



## Spring Grove Coop Email Addresses

Spring Grove Communications is in the process of transitioning away from hosting email accounts. If you use a springgrove.coop email address, you will need to start thinking about transitioning to a new email address. Until you are completely switched over, we can forward emails sent to your springgrove.coop email address to your new email address to help with the transition. If you need help setting up a new email account, please stop in at the office or give us a call at 498-3456 and we will assist you. A few alternative email hosts you can use for free are Gmail, Outlook, AOL, or Yahoo!



Our office will be closed  
Monday, July 5th in  
observance of  
Independence Day.



Welcome, Ali!

Ali has joined the SGC staff as an Accounting Associate. She is from Decorah, IA and is a recent graduate of Iowa State University. She has three dogs and enjoys being on the river and going for side-by-side rides. We are excited to have her on our team!



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## Cinema Updates

The Cinema is looking to hire for all positions! Shift leader, concessions, and also a cinema supervisor!

You can apply and view the job descriptions at [www.sgmovietheater.com/join-our-team](http://www.sgmovietheater.com/join-our-team)

### Wednesday afternoon movies are back!

Spring Grove Communications invites you to Wednesday movies showing at 1:30pm! Admission is free and concessions are available.

### Spring Grove Caledonia Film Festival

The 2021 Spring Grove Caledonia Film Festival will be held Friday, July 23rd - Sunday, July 25th. The Festival will include 42 chosen films with talkbacks from filmmakers and special guest star **Daniel Baldwin as Parade Marshall!** Film showings will be held at the Spring Grove Cinema and the parade will be in Caledonia. You can find a list of the events online at [www.sacrednoisesociety.org](http://www.sacrednoisesociety.org).



*Apply Now!*

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While you're planning on being away on your much needed summer vacations, why not use that time away to have our SmartTech Services upgrade and tune up your old PC? When you get back, you will have a clean and fast running computer here waiting for you!

### Upgrades:

[Good] RAM – Adding more memory allows you to multitask, having many apps and browser tabs open at the same time, while allowing all the Windows background processes to run quickly and without conflict.

[Better] SSD - An SSD [Solid State Drive] performs the same basic function as a hard drive, but data is instead stored on interconnected flash-memory chips that retain the data even when there's no power flowing through them. These flash chips are faster and more reliable than your typical hard drive. Upgrading from a regular hard drive to an SSD can increase your read write speeds up to 15 times what your old drive can do. In other words, this upgrade can actually make your computer much faster than the day you purchased it.

[Best] Both Ram and SSD – The one two punch of computer upgrades.

Keep in mind, that even many new computers still ship with the minimum amount of RAM [4GB] as well as the old basic hard drive to sell at a lower price point. The upgrades above really bring those computers to life. Some computers are so old [6+ years] that much of this would not be worth the cost of an upgrade. You might consider at that point to buy a new one, which we can help you with as well.