

The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

January 2021



2020 has proven to be a challenging year. The staff at SGC want to say THANK YOU for your patience and kindness as we work through the change in guidelines given to us by the Minnesota Department of Health during this pandemic. We are doing our part to ensure the

safety of our members and staff as we continue to assist you and move forward. Please do not hesitate to give us a call when you need assistance with your Internet or devices, TV or telephone service. We are here to help you and will continue to do our part to support our members and community.

Be safe. Be healthy.

Kurt Hanson joined our team as a Networking and Installation/Repair Technician in December. One of Kurt's many responsibilities is installing new service for our members and troubleshooting. Kurt also brings many years of computer repair



and troubleshooting knowledge to our team. Kurt grew up in the Tomah Wisconsin and Decorah Iowa area – *Yes, he is a Packer fan but we won't hold that against him!* Kurt has two kids, a dog and three cats. He loves to fish, hunt, smoke meat and he is into photography. He loves being a dad and making people laugh!



We would like to congratulate Bea Doely on her retirement. Bea has been keeping Spring Grove Communications "spick and span" clean for many years.

Thank you Bea for your dedication to keeping our building clean!

Annual Meeting

Due to the ongoing pandemic our March 2021 annual meeting will be held with limited attendance at the Spring Grove Cinema and via Zoom (virtual) meeting. More information will come in our February and March newsletters.

Photo Contest!

Photo entries for our 2021 directory cover are due by February 5th. Please go to our website or stop in our office for an entry form and complete set of rules. Remember, photos need to be taken within SGC service area.

Whole Home Wi-Fi + Network Security + Network Control = ***A Better Experience!***

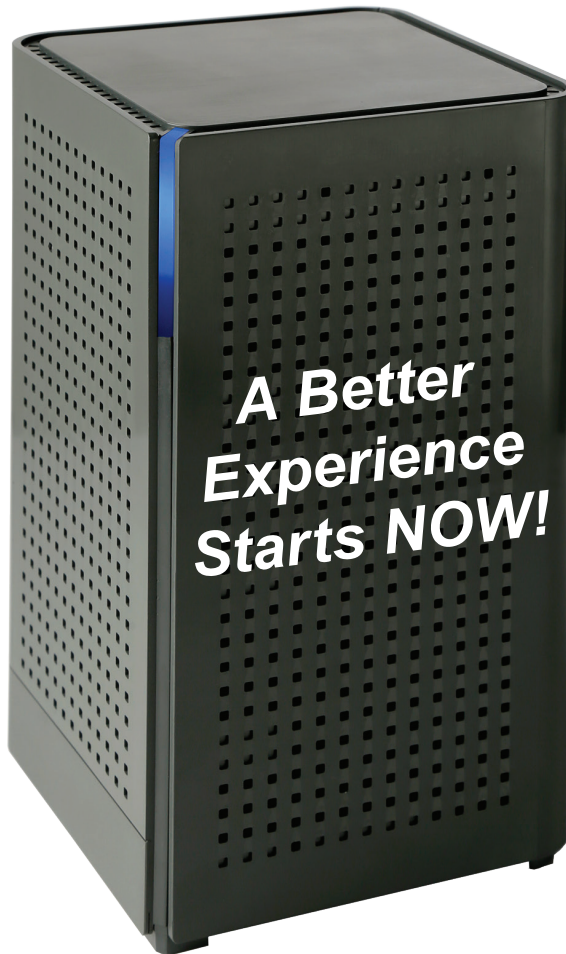
Regulate access to websites – Parental Controls

Create a guest network for family and friends to connect to

Manage guest access and network speeds

Manage content access – blocking websites

Protect all devices on your network from cyber criminals – including your Smart TV



Get real time updates on your network security

Coverage in every area of your home

Profiles for devices allowing access during certain times of the day – managing screen time

See when a device connects to your network – kick them off if you don't want them to have access!

Manage network name and password anytime!

How many devices do you have that connect to your Wi-Fi? Did you count them? Are you sure you counted all of them? The average household has over 10 connected devices consisting of computers, iPads, smart phones, smart TV's, streaming devices, Amazon Alexa, security cameras, thermostats, and wireless printers. Providing proper wi-fi coverage throughout your home can be challenging with a basic router. To have the best wi-fi experience, the device you are using to surf the internet or stream Hulu or Netflix needs adequate signal strength and broadband speed. Our Whole Home Wi-Fi will provide a better experience!

Not only will SGC Whole Home Wi-Fi give you the coverage you need, but it also gives you control over who connects to your network and when – managing screen time! Let us not forget about cyberattacks against unprotected devices. There is a lot to think about when it comes to protecting your family and your home network. SGC Whole Home Wi-Fi has you covered in all areas, giving you peace of mind and the best wi-fi experience possible.