

The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

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THINK TWICE ABOUT SUPER BOXES

They may promise free entertainment, but "super boxes" can put your network, devices, and data at risk.



Devices commonly marketed as "Super Boxes" often promise access to free TV channels, movies, sports, and other premium content. While the devices themselves are generally legal to purchase, many rely on unauthorized streaming sources that may violate copyright laws and can disappear without warning.

These devices can also create security concerns. Many operate on modified software, receive limited security updates, or require apps from unknown sources. This can increase the risk of malware, hacking, and unauthorized access to devices connected to your home network.

Another challenge is reliability. Streams may buffer, stop working, or disappear altogether when content providers shut down unauthorized services. Unlike legitimate streaming providers, there is often little or no customer support available when issues occur.

For the best viewing experience, we recommend using legitimate streaming services or our TV solutions, which offer dependable performance, regular updates, customer support, and greater peace of mind. If you have questions about TV or streaming options, our local team is happy to help.

Check out our current GoTo>TV line-ups at gototv.us

Music & Market

Visit with us at Spring Grove's Music & Market on August 5! We will have a surprise photo opportunity, a chance to win fun prizes, and information on our Back to School tools!

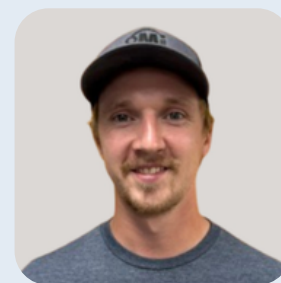
Metro Suite

Football season is coming up! Give us a call to add the Metro Suite to your GoTo>TV package to ensure you get all the locally televised Minnesota Vikings games this season.

Happy Workiversary!



Arthur (AJ) - 4 years
Install & Repair Supervisor



Eddie - 2 years
Outside Plant Technician

Welcome, Shannon!



Welcome, Shannon! Hailing from South Dakota, Shannon is an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and just about any sport. Whether spending time in nature or staying active through recreation, she enjoys making the most of every season.

Professionally, Shannon brings a diverse background with more than 15 years of experience in the broadband industry, specializing in software conversions, consulting, project management, and process improvement. Throughout her career, she has helped organizations navigate change, implement new systems, and improve operational efficiency. Before transitioning into broadband, Shannon spent 11 years with Cabela's as an Inventory and Receiving Sr. Coordinator, where she developed extensive experience in inventory control, logistics, and team operations.

Shannon is excited to be part of the team and looks forward to getting to know colleagues across the organization. She is eager to contribute her experience, learn from others, and help support the company's goals and future growth.



As you tackle your lawn care, we kindly ask you to take extra care around fiber pedestals (the small green/gray boxes you may see in your yard or ditches along the road). These pedestals house important connections that deliver your high-speed internet, voice, and video services. Please avoid bumping them with mowers or weed trimmers, and keep the area around them clear of overgrown grass or debris so they remain

highly visible. Keeping pedestals visible and undamaged helps ensure safe access for our technicians and prevents costly service interruptions for you and your neighbors. If you ever notice a damaged ped, please give us a call to report it. And always remember to call 811 before you dig or submit a locate ticket online at gopherstateonecall.org.



We've refreshed our logo! While our logo may look a little different, everything else remains the same. We are still the same locally owned cooperative, serving our community with reliable service, friendly local support, and a commitment to putting our members first. This is simply a visual refresh. Our mission, our team, and our dedication to our members has not changed!



Mindful Moment

Harvest season is one of the busiest and most demanding times of the year. Long days, changing weather, and the pressure to get the job done can take a toll on both your body and your mind. While it's easy to put yourself last, taking a few minutes to rest, stay hydrated, eat regular meals, and check in with family or friends can make a difference. If you're feeling overwhelmed, remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. Taking care of your mental health is just as important as taking care of the harvest.

If you need free, confidential support, call or text 988 to connect to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The Lifeline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any kind of support and can help connect you to other available resources.