

The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

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Severe Weather Reminder

Storm season will soon be upon us, so we want to remind everyone that Spring Grove Communications requires that our equipment in your home is protected by a surge protector. This includes your router and set top boxes. We highly recommend you protect your own equipment as well, including your desktop computer, laptops and tablets. These devices may be on the counter charging and should be unplugged before the storm or make sure they are plugged into a surge protector.

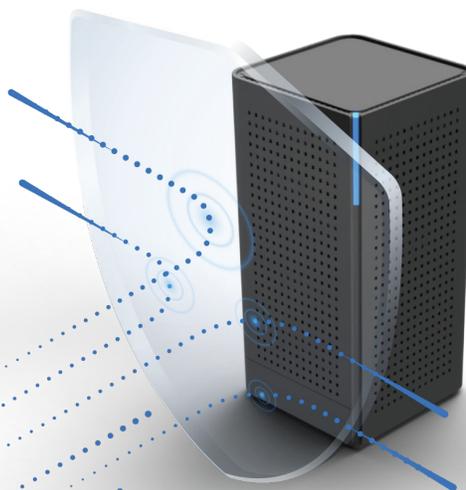
How do I know if my surge protector is reliable? Be sure it truly is a surge protector, rather than merely a power strip. Surge protectors offer a level of protection to your devices against power spikes. On the label, in fine print, you will find 'suppressed voltage rating'. Spring Grove Communications has surge protectors in stock if you are in need.

Whole Home Wi-Fi Virus Protection

Did you know that our Whole Home Wi-Fi routers can allow virus protection for all devices connected to it?

With ProtectIQ, all traffic that passes through your network is scanned. Any viruses, malware, and malicious sites are automatically blocked, keeping your devices protected.

Call us at 498-3456 if you'd like this feature enabled.



WOW! Did you know that Your Local Cooperative paid out \$770,000.00 in capital credits to its members this past March? That is a lot of money given back to our members. Remember, when you sign up for service with us, you establish equity interest in the cooperative – meaning you become a part owner of Spring Grove Communications – a cooperative organization striving to bring its members the best customer experience with all services.



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2021 Directory Cover Winner



Thank you to Gary Gimble for submitting this photo and winning the directory cover photo contest for 2021!

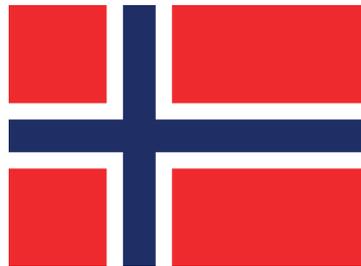
Gary snapped this photo last May a few miles south of Spring Grove. He estimates the foxes to be around 10 weeks old in this picture.

Gary will receive \$50 in Spring Grove dollars.

Syttende Mai 2021 May 14-16

Syttende Mai is ON!

Check out
www.sgsyttendemai.com for a full
list of schedules and events.



Sign up for the Running With
My Gnomies 5k at
www.gnomies5k.com

Musikk Fest will be held this
year on Saturday, June 26th
featuring Tracy Byrd, Kimberly
Dunn, The Caminos and
The Look Was The S.

Understanding Internet Connection Speeds

Let's start with the concept of speed, or bandwidth, as it's sometimes called. Measured in Megabits per second (mbps), your internet speed is the amount of data that can be transferred every second over your internet connection. Your speed determines the type of activities that you can do online and how quickly you can do them.

The speed of your internet connection has a big impact on the quality of your online experience. So when you're choosing an internet package, make sure both the download and upload speeds are fast enough for the kind of activities you plan to do online and keep in mind how many devices you have connected at once. If you are experiencing a lot of buffering and slower speeds, you may need to switch to a higher bandwidth package.

Below are the current internet packages we offer at SGC:

Whole Home Wi-Fi Packages: (landline required)

15/15 mbps: \$45.00/month
30/30 mbps: \$60.00/month
60/60 mbps: \$100.00/month

Standalone Whole Home Wi-Fi Packages: (no landline required)

25/10 mbps: \$80.00/month
50/25 mbps: \$95.00/month

If you aren't sure which package would be best for your needs give us a call!