



# The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

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## Channel Changes

You may have already noticed Court TV, channel 135, was added to your line up. Court TV can be seen in HD on channel 435.

The following changes to the Enhanced and Expanded packages will take place September 30th

Current Channel	New Channel	HD Channel
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### New Channels

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**SonyTV** - Also known as Sony Entertainment Television. A variety of comedy and crime shows as well as reality shows and movies.

**Crime & Investigation** - Crime dramas such as *24*, *Nash Bridges* and *Hack* as well as crime documentary shows like *SWAT*, *Uncovered*, *The First 48* and *American Justice*. Check out [www.crimeandinvestigationnetwork.com](http://www.crimeandinvestigationnetwork.com) for a complete list of episodes.

**GAC** - Great American Country - Offers country music top 20 count down, shows such as *Flea Market Flip*, *Log Cabin Living*, *Louisiana Flip N Move* and *Junk Gypsies*. Check out [www.greatamericancountry.com](http://www.greatamericancountry.com) for a complete list of episodes.

**Hallmark Drama** - Family friendly movies and shows such as *Touched by an Angel*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *The Waltons* and *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Women*. Check out [www.hallmarkdrama.com](http://www.hallmarkdrama.com) for a complete list of episodes.

**Recipe.TV** - An American destination for the best in the culinary world. Journey across America, Italy, France and other international locations bringing you the world's greatest culinary artists, restaurants, and unique recipes. [www.recipe.tv](http://www.recipe.tv)

**Universal Kids** - Network for kids and preschool age featuring fresh mix of animated content, unscripted entertainment and scripted storytelling. Watch shows such as *Top Chef Junior* and *Beat the Clock*. Preschoolers will enjoy shows such as *Dino Dan & Bob the Builder*. Check out [www.universalkids.com](http://www.universalkids.com) for a complete list of episodes.

**Comedy.TV** - Comedians performing live and taped, as well as hosted talk and variety shows such as *Comics Unleashed* with Bryan Allen. [www.comedy.tv](http://www.comedy.tv)

## TaskTakers is here to help you!

The mission of TaskTakers is to connect volunteers with community member 65 and older and those who are legally disabled in need of assistance. By facilitating this connection, TaskTakers strives to en-rich the lives of volunteers and support independent living for those they serve. In order to uphold this mission, TaskTakers has hired a new part-time coordinator, Bekah Leafblad. She, along with our many volunteers are eager to assist you with various tasks, such as: transportation, handyman jobs, yard work, light cleaning, shopping, and visiting services. There is no fee for these services, however TaskTakers appreciate any donations you are willing to provide.

Are you in need of any assistance? Call 507-498-TASK (8275) and Bekah will be sure to provide the services requested. A reminder that it takes some time to get a volunteer to complete your task, so if you need a job done, call in advance! Also, there are some tasks that we are not able to provide, but Bekah will do her best to recommend other options. The people of TaskTakers look forward to serving the community of Spring Grove!

Are you interested in volunteering with TaskTakers? Contact Bekah at 507-498-TASK (8275) and she'll get you started in becoming a TaskTaker.

**Want more information?** Visit our website: [www.TaskTakers.com](http://www.TaskTakers.com).



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**Military History** – Features programs that focus on historical battles and wars, as well as programs that profile key individuals such as generals, soldiers and spies. Check out [www.history.com/military](http://www.history.com/military) for a complete list of episodes.

**ES.TV** – Offers entertainment news, variety shows and celebrity profiles. [www.es.tv](http://www.es.tv)

## Tech Tips

As the internet matures, we keep seeing more and more devices that take advantage of our internet connections to allow us to view, change, and control them. Here is a list of some of the ones I have used and find pretty interesting and also easy to use.

1. Any list of this type must begin with the ubiquitous Amazon Echo and Google Home personal assistants. These handy devices are able to help you create shopping lists available to the whole family, play your music, manage your on-line orders, control remote lights and outlets, answer just about any question and tell the local weather. They have just scratched the surface and will continue to adapt to demand.

2. Need some simple security or just want to see what the kids are doing after school? I have found that Wyze cameras are some of the easiest and cheapest to use. Set up took barely 10 minute [mostly unpacking] and the cameras run from \$26 for a basic camera to \$40 for a camera with pan, tilt, and zoom. You can view them from your phone from anywhere and web storage is free.

3. Nest and other brands make a whole suite of devices to help you manage your home. Their thermostats can make your home warmer or cooler when your cell phone is within a certain range of your home or at a certain time of day. Their smoke/carbon monoxide detectors will alert you when it senses either threat and you can then take action whether you are home or away.

4. When you live in the country you aren't always around when someone [nefarious or not] comes calling. A video doorbell can let you know via your cell phone when someone approaches and you can decide if you want to alert authorities or just ask your UPS driver to leave the package.

This is not even close to a complete list, just things I have used, and the way things are changing we will all be amazed at what comes next I'm sure.

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Our office will be **closed Wednesday, July 24th** for staff to take part in a work day helping Habitat for Humanity build a house in town.