

The Communicator

News from your local coop to keep you connected.

February 2015

Two Director Positions Up

We currently have two director positions up for election for the Spring Grove Communication's Board of Directors. If you are interested in running and would like your name on the pre-printed ballot to become a Director, please stop in the office and pick up Section 4.3 Qualifications to be Nominated, To Become or Remain a Director. You will be required to sign a form upon acknowledgement of the information given to you. We would also like you to

include a paragraph or so as to why you would like to serve on the Board of Directors. This, along with a photo of you, will be included with the program given to each member at the Annual Meeting prior to voting. Please have your paragraph turned into LeAnn no later than noon Wednesday, March 25th to be included in the program. You may drop off your information at our office or email it to leann@springgrove.coop.

Notice to Our Cellular Customers

As of February 1, Spring Grove Communications will no longer be a Verizon Wireless Agent. We can still provide a number of services to help you with your cellular needs. Since we will no longer be compensated by Verizon, we will be charging a minimum of \$10 for cellular support.

Here are some of the services we can still provide.

- Ordering a phone
- New activations
- Transferring contacts
- Transferring photos and video

New Business Subscriber

Spring Grove Hybrid 440 W Main St 498-3477

New Residential Subscribers

Cody Colsch	103 4th Ave NW	498-3926
Paul Forrester	309 1st Ave SE	498-5112
Barbara Haugen	105 4th Ave NW Apt 1	498-5208
Brian & Tracie Henkel	23931 Elm Dr	498-3451
John & Julie Hermeier	3828 128th Ave	492-3824
Herbert Hunzeker	130 5th Ave SE Apt 312	498-5606
Taylor Jones	PO Box 482	498-3033
Michelle Nelson	121 W Main St Apt 4	498-5563
Keith Onstad	185 W Main	498-5288
Mary Lou Sailer	130 5th Ave SE Apt 319	498-5253
Elaine Snell	125 5th Ave SE	498-3219
Lorraine Steffen	125 5th Ave SE	498-3499
Tanya Towne	196 W Main St	498-5023
James Wiste	227 2nd Ave SE	498-3511
Audrey Woxland	234 1st Ave SW	498-3645

Annual Meeting Date Set

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 31st for our 2015 annual membership meeting. Watch for the March newsletter and bill message for more information.

Get Your Message Out There

Are you on a committee and responsible for reminding members of an upcoming meeting or event? It can take up a lot of your time having to call everyone. We have a service that can simplify your responsibility. Call 498-3456 for more information. Its affordable and worth your time.



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How Much Speed Do You Need?

How Much Bandwidth Does Your Household Use?

When analyzing your household bandwidth usage, it is important to understand both the type of applications using bandwidth and the total number of devices used at a time. For example, a house with one person streaming Netflix on a Smart TV, another person playing a game on-line with their Xbox, and another person watching YouTube clips on their iPad all at the same time would need a 15 Mbps connection for everyone to have the best experience.

See the chart below and the definitions of basic functions and high-demand applications to better understand how much bandwidth you really need.



Basic Functions	High-Demand Applications			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Browsing & Email • Streaming Video Clips (YouTube) • Streaming Radio (Pandora) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streaming TV Shows or Movies (Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime) • Video Chat (Skype, Facetime) • Online Gaming (Halo, Call of Duty) 			
	1 Device	2 Devices	3 Devices	4 Devices
Light Use Basic functions only	3 Mbps	3 Mbps	3 Mbps	5 Mbps
Moderate Use Basic functions plus ONE high-demand application	5 Mbps	5 Mbps	5 Mbps	10 Mbps
High Use Basic functions plus MORE THAN ONE high-demand application running at the same time.	5 Mbps	10 Mbps	15 Mbps	15 Mbps

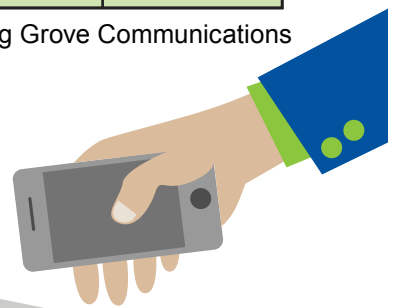
Speeds Based on Recommendations from the FCC and packages available from Spring Grove Communications

How Many Devices are in My Home?

Many people aren't totally aware of how many devices they have running on their home's internet connection. Every device has to share the same connection and the more devices, the more bandwidth you need.

A connected device includes the following

- a laptop or desktop computer
- Tablets (iPad, Kindle, Nook, etc)
- Smart phones (iPhone or android)
- Video streaming devices (Roku, Chromecast, Amazon Fire TV, or anything that can access Netflix or other video services)
- Smart TVs and internet ready TVs or BluRay players
- Video game consoles (Xbox, Playstation, Wii)



Call 498-3456 and let us help you analyze your bandwidth needs.

