

In Touch

MARCH 2025



Customer Appreciation Open House

All USA Communications customers are invited to attend this event, which takes place following the Annual Meeting of Members.

Saturday, April 12, 2025

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Free lunch and fun prizes
Shellsburg Shop Building
124 Main Street SW

USA Communications
PO Box 389, Shellsburg, IA 52332

Office Locations:

Shellsburg: 124 Main Street
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319-436-2224 or 1-800-248-8007
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Hours: M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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USA Communications is currently looking for possible candidates to run in the 2025 election for the Board of Directors.

Board members serve a three-year term, and the election will be held at the Annual Meeting of Members on April 12. Regular board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. A board member must have the time, or be willing to take the time, to attend monthly meetings, special meetings, committee meetings, and seminars.

The following board members are up for re-election:

Robert Thorkildson, Shellsburg; Luke Paige, Shellsburg; and Jim Carver, Alburnett.

If you are interested in serving on the board and are a cooperative member in the Shellsburg, 436; Benton Township, 453; or Alburnett, 842 exchanges, please contact our office at 319-436-2224 for more details.

Please plan to attend... USA Communications Annual Meeting of Members

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:00 am Registration | 9:30 am Meeting

Shellsburg Plant Building | 124 Main Street SW

This is an excellent opportunity to hear about the recent achievements and future plans of USA Communications, as well as visit with friends and neighbors. We hope you will join us!



Deadline to Apply for Scholarships is April 1, 2025

Farmers Mutual Telephone Cooperative of Shellsburg (d/b/a USA Communications) offers a college scholarship program to support the continuing education of high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative and have service in the Shellsburg, Benton Township, Urbana, or Alburnett exchange. Scholarships are awarded yearly to a minimum of two students in each of those four exchanges. The academic credentials of students must fall within an average to above-average range to be eligible.

You can pick up the Scholarship Application Form and Educators Recommendation Form at our office at 124 Main Street in Shellsburg or access them at www.usacomm.coop/scholarships.

Applications and supporting material can be submitted to us via the mail (USPS), email, or online. The submission deadline is April 1, 2025.

Spring Is for Baseball and These Movies Are Home Runs

Some of the most beloved movies made have been about baseball. Spring is the perfect time to step up to the plate and enjoy them.

Field of Dreams (1989)

Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella (Kevin Costner) is inspired by a voice he can't ignore to pursue a dream he can hardly believe. He begins the quest by turning his ordinary cornfield into a place where dreams can come true.

A League of Their Own (1992)

During World War II, sisters Dottie and Kit join the first female professional baseball league and struggle to help it succeed amid their own growing rivalry. Tom Hanks plays the crusty manager.

Moneyball (2011)

The movie about math and data in baseball has a cheerful love of the sport, too, and Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill are an oddly perfect team.

Major League (1989)

The new owner of the Cleveland Indians puts together a purposely horrible team so they'll lose, and she can move the team. But when the plot is uncovered, they start winning just to spite her.

Eight Men Out (1988)

A dramatization of the Black Sox scandal, the worst in baseball's history, when the underpaid Chicago White Sox accepted bribes to deliberately lose the 1919 World Series.

The Natural (1984)

A middle-aged unknown (Robert Redford) comes seemingly out of nowhere to become a legendary baseball player with almost supernatural talent.

Bull Durham (1988)

Watch it for the funny conversations on the mound, the tricks for getting out of a slump, and the romance between a baseball player (Kevin Costner) and fan (Susan Sarandon).



To watch these and other baseball movies, check out the libraries of popular streaming services. Need help figuring out which streaming services best match your viewing preferences? We offer the easy-to-use StreamNow guide at gostreamnow.com/usacomm.