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AMU Celebrates Public Power Week, October 1st - 7th

Algona Municipal Utilities will celebrate Public Power Week, October 1st through the 7th. AMU is one of more than 2,000 other community-owned, not for profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans. Algona has been a public power since 1898.

“Public Power Week celebrates the reliable, affordable electricity that AMU provides to our community,” said John Bilsten, AMU General Manager.

“Public power puts the people of Algona first, and Public Power Week gives AMU the chance to em-



phasize the advantages of locally grown, locally owned power that supports strong communities,” said Bilsten.

“Our service is reliable and safe and we take pride in serving our friends and neighbors,” said Bilsten.

The next time you see a lineman, given him a high-five. AMU linemen are the ones who fight to keep the lights on.



AMU Linemen restoring power during an outage in May 2017

Make Safety Priority #1 On Roads During Harvest

The hot and dry summer will soon make way for the fall harvest. Road safety is especially important as farmers and motorists share the road during harvest season. Harvest season generally brings an increase chance of collisions between farm equipment and other vehicles. Vehicle collisions are often the result of the speed differential between slower-moving farm equipment and passenger cars and trucks. Many times passenger vehicle drivers simply don't have enough time to react if they do not recognize the farm equipment soon enough.

Here are some tips for motorists as they travel on farm to market roads, this fall.



- Farm machinery can unexpectedly turn onto a public road from a field or driveway. Farm machinery travels slower than normal traffic, often at speeds of 25 miles per hour or less. Automobile drivers must quickly identify farm equipment

and slow down immediately to avoid rear-end crashes.

- Remember farm machinery operators may not be able to see you because the large equipment or a load can block part of their rear view. If you can't see the driver, the driver can't see you. Slow-moving farm machinery traveling less than 25 miles per hour should display a slow moving vehicle emblem on the back of the equipment. This is a quickly identifiable sign to other motorists.

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- Keep a watchful eye out for machinery that is half on the road and half on the shoulder. The driver may suddenly move completely onto the road to avoid hitting obstacles such as mailboxes and road signs.
- Before passing farm machinery,
 - * Check to be sure the machinery is



not turning left. Look for left turn lights or

hand signals. If the machinery slows and pulls toward the right side of the road, the operator is likely preparing to make a wide left turn. Likewise,

sometimes to make a right turn with wide equipment, the driver must fade to the left.

* Determine if the road is wide enough for you and the machinery to safely share.

* Look for roadside obstacles such as mailboxes, bridges, or road signs that may cause the machinery to move to the center of the road. Be sure there is adequate distance for you to safely pass.

Olympic Channel Coming to AMU Cable TV

On September 27, the Outdoor Channel will cease distributing its signal via the transport system that AMU uses to put many cable TV networks on its Digital Basic and HD tiers. The Outdoor Channel will instead use direct feeds to transmit its programming to cable companies. Due to bandwidth constraints with AMU's cable TV infrastructure, AMU will not be able to take the direct feeds from the Outdoor Channel. The Outdoor Channel is located on channels 212 in Digital Basic and 320 in the HD Tier.

On Tuesday, October 3rd, AMU will add the Olympic Channel SD & HD networks to the cable TV lineup.



The Olympic Channel is owned by NBC Universal. The Olympic Channel will provide live sports coverage and original content on Team USA athletes. Olympic Channel will be located on channel 212 in Digital Basic, and channel 320 in the HD Tier.

AMU's Blast into the Past: IDWGP Wind Farm

As part of the Iowa Distributed Wind Generation Project (IDWGP), AMU and other Iowa municipal utilities erected three turbines in 1997 & 1998 as part of a municipal wind farm east of Algona. A maze of re-rod was formed to support nearly 15 tons of concrete used for the base of each wind turbine. In total, the bases for the three turbines required 734 cubic yards of concrete. If stretched end to end, the same amount of concrete would construct enough sidewalk to line 45 city blocks, or nearly three miles. The three bases also required 44.5 tons of reinforcing steel and anchor bolts. If made into nails, the same amount of steel would provide enough nails to build 300 average-sized houses.



Free Preview Weekend!

HBO **CINEMAX**

September 29th - October 2nd

The next HBO-Cinemax Free Preview will run from September 29th through October 2nd. HBO will feature the season 9 premiere of "Curb Your Enthusiasm", "The Deuce", "Hidden Figures", and "La La Land." On Cinemax you can watch a Vin Diesel double feature with "Fast &

Furious" and "Pitch Black" AMU Cable TV will have HBO on channel 20 and Cinemax on channel 21. The HBO-Cinemax premium multiplex networks will also be available in AMU's Digital Basic tier. This free preview may contain R and Mature Rated programs.

AMU to Flush Hydrants Oct. 9th

AMU will flush hydrants, October 9th. Hydrants south of Call Street will be flushed in the morning. Hydrants north of Call Street will be flushed in the afternoon. AMU flushes hydrants to dislodge sediment in underground water mains and to inspect hydrants to make sure the hydrants are functioning properly. AMU Water Customers should not wash laundry while hydrants are flushed in their area, as clothes may be stained in temporarily discolor water.

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