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AMU Cable TV Adds New Networks

AMU Cable TV customers will soon have more channels. By mid-September, Algona Municipal Utilities will have an additional 25 channels of programming spread throughout the Expanded Basic, Digital, and HD Channel tiers.

Oxygen will be added to Expanded Basic and be located on channel 72.



Digital Basic will feature four new channels: Fit TV on channel 205, Chiller on channel 230, Biography on channel 231, and History International



on channel 232.

The bulk of the new networks will be added to AMU's new HD tier. Starting in September, AMU Cable TV will combine its HD Basic and HD Expanded Basic into one tier. A few of the current HD networks will be moved to a new channel position. The NFL HD Network will move to channel 315, while ESPN HD and ESPN2 HD will move to channels 316 and 317.

New HD networks include Speed, Outdoor Channel, ABC Family, Disney, FOX News, Discovery, Lifetime Movie Network, A&E, History, HGTV, Travel Channel, Animal Planet,

USA, Food Network, Universal HD, Syfy, FX, National Geographic, Science Channel, and The Learning Channel.

The networks will be added in stages. The first stage is to move some of the current HD channels, then add the new networks to the Expanded Basic and Digital Basic tiers. The final stage will be to combine the HD tiers into one and add the new high definition networks. Customers with questions may contact AMU at 295-3584 or stop at our office at 104 West Call Street.

AMU Cable TV Rate Increase, Effective In November

On August 26, the Algona Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees approved rate increases for AMU Cable TV services.

Cable customers will see a \$1.00 increase in their Cable TV rates beginning in November 2009. The cost of the Bundles will also increase by \$1.00. Programming costs required by networks to receive their programming have increased by nearly 20% or over \$4.00 per month for each cable TV customer since AMU's last Cable TV rate adjustment in 2006. In addition,

labor costs, equipment costs, and a commitment to ongoing upgrades to our Cable TV plant have caused our costs to rise substantially over the last few years. However, AMU is only increasing rates by \$1.00 for customers.

High Definition packages will be consolidated into one large tier of channels. As a result, HD Basic customers will now receive an additional 25 channels for the prices of \$11.95 per month. HD Expanded Basic customers will receive all HD channels at the same great value they are

paying today of \$11.95 a month. Plus if customers receive any premium channel they will receive the same premium channel in High Definition at no additional costs when they subscribe to the AMU HD tier.

AMU is excited to offer a new lineup of quality channels at a very competitive price.

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AMU Offers SecureIT Service For Internet Customers

Algona Municipal Utilities now offers SecureIT Plus, a fully automated and guaranteed computer protection service designed for your home or small business.

According to national survey statistics, the majority of anti-virus programs are not updated or set up properly.

80% of computer users have spyware programs installed on their computers. 63% of computer

users have experienced at least one problem associated with spyware or viruses this past year.

With SecureIT plus, you



don't waste time trying to pick the right products, install them yourself, ensure they remain updated or keep up with the increasing number of Internet threats.

With SecureIT Plus, all of your computer security needs are taken care of.

AMU High Speed Internet customers wanting SecureIT Plus must have one of the following computer systems: Windows XP, Vista or newer. The Fresh Start Installation is \$29.95 per computer. The monthly fee for SecureIT coverage is \$5.95. Stop by or call AMU to get more details.

Iowa vs. Iowa State To Be Shown On Fox Sports Net North

Fox Sports has announced a change in its broadcast of the Iowa vs. Iowa State Football game.

The September 12th game will now be broadcast in on Fox Sports Net North for cable TV systems located in Iowa. The Minnesota Twins game that is scheduled to be broadcast at the same time will not be shown in Iowa due to the football game.

AMU Cable TV broadcasts Fox Sports Net North on channel 34. The Iowa State Cyclones host this year's game. It begins at 11 a.m. on September 12th.

STOP DUST AT ITS SOURCE



Dust comes from several sources and is difficult to eliminate completely. Increase dust could be a sign that it's time to change a dirty furnace or air conditioner filter or vacuum cleaner bag. Activities that product dust, such as sanding, can also cause problems. Dust can also be introduced into your home through air leaks in

ducts, or air infiltration through leaky doors and windows.

Change or clean your furnace and air conditioner filters once a month or according to the filter manufacturer's instructions. Temporarily seal the



filter in place with metal-back duct tape. Write the date on the tape with a marker so you know

when it was last changed.

Your clothes dryer should be vented directly to the outside. Inspect the vent duct. Make sure it's attached securely to the dryer. Check the duct for obstructions or holes that leak air. The vent duct should be cleaned at least once a year.

Seal air leaks around windows. Seal duct air leaks, especially the return duct, to help prevent dust from being circulated throughout the house.



**September 12th
11 a.m.
On
FSN North
AMU Ch 34**

HARVEST SEASON IS HERE, THINK SAFETY

Harvest season is one of the most dangerous times of the year on farms. With the rush to get harvest in before winter, it's easy to forget about farm safety when moving equipment near power lines.

Farmers need to know their required clearances near grain bins to make sure the wiring complies.

Lower augers to transport levels and make sure the auger system has a good ground connection.

If your farm vehicle comes in contact with a power line,



stay seated until help arrives. If there is a fire, jump as far away from the vehicle as you

can and keep your feet together.

Overhead power line clearance requirements are defined by the National Electrical Safety Code for construction of new and existing facilities. More information is available at <http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/nesc/index.html> or by calling 800-678-4333.



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