



# GRAND MOUND TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEWSLETTER

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## **PAY-PER-VIEW (PPV)** **COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

Pay-per-view is an option offered by cable and satellite companies that allows their customer to choose a specific movie or event that they want to watch and then pay an additional fee to view the program. If the pay-per-view program is a live event, it is only available at the time of airing; however, cable companies provide pay-per-view feature films & entertainment on-demand at the customer's convenience.

The trick to understanding pay-per-view is to realize that it's not so much a service as a special event. Pay-per-view works based on offering certain programs that are not available through regular cable service. Usually these are things like special sports events, entertainment or movies. Pay-per-view is an inexpensive alternative versus going to the movies.

Your cable service will offer you a pay-per-view option, and you'll find it under the Menu or Program Schedule screen. You'll be shown a list of available pay-per-view programs, and using your remote control, you can simply choose the one you want and select to view it. The system will warn you of the charges before proceeding, and you're free to accept them or cancel the order. If you select them, the charges will be added to your monthly cable bill, and the program will be available for you to watch.

Some pay-per-view events, like live sports, occur at certain times only; if this is the case, you can pay for it anytime, but must tune in to the specified channel at the time of the program in order to view it (you will still be charged if you've purchased it and don't watch!) Other programs, such as movies, can be watched at repeated times, so you should simply make the pay-per-view purchase when you're ready to watch the program.

In most cases, having pay-per-view available is a great way to get entertainment at a cheap price – and the programs offered are things that you wouldn't ordinarily get to see, up to and including relatively new movie releases. Watching pay-per-view is a fun, low-cost way to get a little something extra out of your cable services – just make sure you understand how pay-per-view works before you dive in and start pressing buttons!

If you are interested in having PPV, then you will need to stop by or contact our office at (563) 847-3000 to get your PPV account set up. When getting your PPV account set up, you will need to set a "Maximum Charge Limit", which puts a monthly dollar limit on your PPV account. This amount can be increased at any time during business hours.

### **Holiday Closing**

Grand Mound  
Coop. Telephone  
&  
Grand Mound  
Communications  
will be closed on

**Monday,**  
**September 2<sup>rd</sup>**  
for Labor Day.

We will reopen on  
Tuesday,  
September 3<sup>th</sup>  
at our normal time.

*Have a  
Safe & Enjoyable  
Labor Day  
Weekend!*

### **IOWA ONE CALL**

Homeowners and contractors alike are required to call 8-1-1 for any digging project whether it's excavating land or planting a tree. The depth of utility lines can vary, and there could be more than one utility buried in the same hole. If an individual or contractor fails to call 8-1-1 for line location & then cuts into a buried cable, they will be billed for the cost of the repair.



Call Before You Dig!

**1.800.292.8989**

Call the toll-free number at least  
**48 hours**  
prior to ALL excavations in Iowa.



**NEW CHANNELS ADDED  
TO GRAND MOUND'S  
VIDEO SERVICE**  
in September

**New Channels:**

- 13 KGCW-CW
- 213 KGCW-CW HD
- 15 KGCW-THISTV
- 16 Inspiration
- 19 MeTV (Local Channels 18.3 & 26.3)
- 21 MLB
- 221 MLB HD
- 36 Comcast Sportsnet Plus-Chicago
- 58 TruTV
- 258 TruTV HD
- 99 H2 (was History International)
- 299 H2 HD

**PPV:**

- 700 iN1HD (Event HD)
- 701 iN1 (Event HD)
- 702 iN2 (Event SD)
- 703 iN3 (Event SD)
- 704 iN4 (Movie)
- 705 iN5 (Movie)
- 706 iN6 (Movie)
- 707 iN7 (Spanish)
- 708 HOT (Adult)

**Note:**

VS – is now NBC Sports Network (our Channel 31) after merge with NBC and Comcast on 01/01/13.

WB – is now CW Network (KWKB IA City is their local affiliate. (KLJB 18.2 – Direct)

Soapnet – is gone this fall. They are not accepting new contracts.

**NOTICE!**

**When burning or mowing ditches, be aware of telephone pedestals and equipment. You may not only damage the equipment and cables, but vital emergency services could be cut off to your neighbors or yourself.**

**NEW DIRECTORY LISTINGS AND  
UPDATES**

-C-

Comer, Mark & Susan  
712 DeWitt St., Grand Mound.....847-3291

-G-

Graphic Elements  
910 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., DeWitt.....659-6055

-T-

Thomsen, Dale A.  
1987 298<sup>th</sup> St., Calamus.....847-5983

*Energy-saving advice:*

**When to turn off  
your computer**



If you're wondering when you should turn off your PC in order to save on energy, here are some general guidelines from [energysavers.gov](http://energysavers.gov) to help you make that decision:

- Turn off the monitor if you aren't going to use a PC for more than 20 minutes.

- Turn off both the CPU and monitor if you're not going to use a PC for more than two hours.

Though there is a small surge in energy when a computer starts up, this small amount of energy is still less than the energy used when a computer is running for long periods of time. You will also want to power off printers and other accessories when they will not be used for long periods of time.



**SOLAR  
INTERFERENCE**

During the month of October, we will be experiencing solar interference during which degradation or loss of satellite signal will occur on our CATV system.

The paths of the sun on satellite transmissions cause these 10 to 20-minute disruptions.

This will occur between the hours of 2:00-5:00 p.m. for approximately 10 days during October.



**Grand Mound Coop.  
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and  
Grand Mound  
Communications Co.**

providing local/long distance telephone services for the Grand Mound/DeWitt areas, PCS Wireless, Voice Mail, Paging Services, data and fax services, fiber optics, CATV, Internet, DSL and Wireless Internet.

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