



GRAND MOUND TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEWSLETTER

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HBO

cinemax****

SHOWTIME

**starz
encore**

PREMIUM MOVIE CHANNELS **SPECIAL OFFER!**

**Did you enjoy the free previews for
HBO, Cinemax, Showtime and Starz/Encore
in December and January?**

Add one or more of these Premium packages by March 31, 2015, and get 3 months FREE!*

*Must sign up for 12 consecutive months. Pay for first 3 months and get the 4th month free. Pay for the next 3 months and get the 8th month free. Pay for the last 3 months and get the 12th month free.

*Activation fee is waived. Cancellation prior to end of the 12 months will result in paying of activation fee and loss of remaining free months services.

Stop by our office at 705 Clinton St., Grand Mound or call 847-3000 to sign up for any of these Premium packages and for your free activation and 3 free months.



SUN OUTAGES **COULD BE HEADED OUR WAY**

Every spring and fall, usually during March and September, television viewers encounter a brief inconvenience known as sun interference. Sun interference occurs when a satellite transmitting TV signals comes directly between the earth and sun. The rays from the sun are so strong that they over-power the satellite's signals and cause channel outages.

For roughly 2-3 weeks during these periods, television signals may be interrupted or lost during the sunniest part of the day, between 1 pm and 4 p.m. These interferences range from minor freezing or sparkles to a complete loss of signal, but usually only last 5 to 15 minutes.

Since signals are received from many different satellites, sun interferences may occur at different times on different channels.

Sun outages are a short-term problem and are not cable outages. There is no need to report an outage caused by the sun to our office.

GMCTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR MARCH 14, 2015

The Annual Meeting of the members of Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association will be on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

The meeting will be held at the Grand Mound Community Center beginning with a 12:00 noon luncheon followed by the business meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The business meeting will be for the purpose of electing directors and transacting other business as necessary.

The official notice of the meeting will be mailed to the members of GMCTA on March 5, 2015.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!



Call Before You Dig!
1-800-292-8989

Notification service for locating underground

Or Dial 811

Spring and summer are just around the corner.
Of course, that means the digging season is knocking at our door.

Please call Iowa One Call at
811

or

1-800-292-8989

to have the underground facilities located and marked. Call 48 hours in advance of digging and remember that

IT'S THE LAW!

NOTICE:

CHANGES COMING TO GRAND MOUND'S DIGITAL VIDEO LINE UP

New Basic Channels:

231 NBC Sports Network HD
232 Golf Channel HD
254 MSNBC HD
264 E! Entertainment HD

New Expanded Basic Channels:

27 SEC – ESPN
227 SEC – ESPN HD
86 Fusion
286 Fusion HD

Name Changes:

41 Discovery Family Channel (fka The Hub)
241 Discovery Family Channel HD (fka The Hub HD)
81 Discovery Life (fka Discovery Fit & Health)

Moving to Basic Package:

82 Investigation Discovery
282 Investigation Discovery HD
83 Destination America
283 Destination America HD
84 American Heroes Channel
200 Universal HD
201 Velocity HD

Moving to Expanded Basic Pkg:

23 ESPN Classic
141 Mun2

Discontinued Channels:

113 G4 (Disc. 11/30/2014)

**THESE CHANNEL ADDITION/CHANGES WILL OCCUR THROUGHOUT
FEBRUARY AND MARCH AS AUTHORIZATIONS
ARE APPROVED BY THE PROGRAMMERS.**

SO STAY TUNED!!

STAY SAFE SHOPPING

Tips for protecting your money and your identity while shopping online:

- Don't use debit cards for online shopping.
- Purchase from retailers you know and trust.
- Use a separate email account for online shopping.
- Use caution when accessing free Wi-Fi in public.
- Bonus Tip: When traveling, leave your extra credit cards at home.

WARNING! With the spring storms soon to be approaching, remember to have a good surge protector installed on your computer/phone line or unplug power cords during the electrical storm to protect your computer.

For *Internet* related problems call:
GMTel.net's Technical Support
1-866-847-4638.

They are available to help you 24 / 7.



MARCH PREMIERS

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay,
Part 1 (Avail. 3/6)
No Good Deed (Avail. 3/7)
Birdman (Avail. 3/18)
The Best of Me (Avail. 3/20)
Unbroken (Avail. 3/24)
Into The Woods (3/24)
Horrible Bosses 2 (Avail. 3/26)
Fury (Avail. 3/28)

Available on Ch. 704-706

If you are interested in watching 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 up a Purchase Pin and 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. Only authorized account subscribers can set up PPV accounts. Once your PPV account is set up, you simply make the pay-per-view purchase when you're ready to watch the program.



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distance telephone services
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areas, PCS Wireless, Voice
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and fax services, fiber
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Wireless Internet.

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