

Cable Chat



What's On TV?

QVC...Channel 23

A televised shopping service that broadcasts live retail programming 24 hours a day. It's a vast virtual shopping center, offering a wide variety of products including jewelry, apparel, electronics, home furnishings and beauty.

Showtime Next...Channel 358

Watch your favorite young celebrities in Hollywood Hits, tomorrow's stars in Underground Short Films and hysterical animated web shorts.

TCM...Channel 245

Turner Classic Movies draws from an extensive library of movies ranging from the 1920s to 1990s uninterrupted by commercials.

C-Span...Channel 5

Provides public access to the political process. This particular channel focuses on the U.S. House of Representatives.

Jazz Vocal Blends...Channel 901

A pleasing mix of contemporary jazz instrumentals and vocalists.

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Call Before You Dig

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What The Digital Transition Means To You...

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is requiring TV broadcasters, multi-channel video programming distributors (cable TV companies like TriCounty Telecom), telecom carriers, retailers and manufacturers to promote awareness of the nation's transition to digital TV.

Many in the television industry had begun educating the television viewing public about the transition before the FCC issued its DTV Consumer Education Order in early March of this year. TriCounty Telecom has been discussing this transition on www.goTriCounty.biz for several months, as well as in this newsletter. As part of the order, we are required to provide monthly notices about the DTV transition in our customer billing statements. To fulfill this requirement, **Cable Chat** will include information about the transition in each issue through March 2009. Although the information may seem repetitive at times, we hope it will help you become knowledgeable about what is going on and how the DTV transition will or will not affect you.

The transition is set to occur at midnight on February 17, 2009. At this time, all full-power television stations in the United States (i.e. WITN, WFXI, WNCT, WCTI, WUND in our area) will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to 100% digital broadcasting.

If you own a television with a digital tuner or subscribe to a cable TV service like TriCounty Telecom, you will probably notice very little change in the way you receive TV programming after the transition. TriCounty Telecom will have all necessary equipment for you to continue watching the local networks on your current television sets. If, however, you have TVs in your home receiving broadcast signals using a **rooftop antenna** or **rabbit ears**, you will have to make some adjustments. Either you will have to obtain a converter box to convert the digital signal to analog, purchase a digital television set with an integrated digital tuner or connect those TVs to TriCounty Telecom cable TV service. **Please note:** You would only need to take action before February 17, 2009, if you currently watch TV on an analog TV set that **is not** connected to cable, satellite or other pay TV service.

More information on the DTV transition can be obtained by going to www.DTV.gov. For information about the converter box program, visit www.dtv2009.gov or call the National Telecommunications and Information Administration at 1-888-DTV-2009.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to give us a call at 964-8000.

With Spring and Summer upon us, yard work is picking up. Before you break out that shiny new shovel this year and begin planting those trees, make sure you're not digging up your Cable TV lines.



Remember... **Call 811** at least 48 hours before you dig.

TV Trivia

1. What cartoon hero was in love with Sweet Polly Purebred?
2. What movie package has a channel devoted to westerns?
3. Who played Chandler's father on "Friends"?
4. On what channel do you find "Carter Can"?
5. Of the four main characters, who was the last living cast member of "I Love Lucy"?
6. Who was originally offered the role of Spock?

See answers below

Feature Presentation

i-Guide provides **Instant Information** while you view program listings so you see a brief overview of the program. **Instant Information** includes program title, start/end time, program rating, a brief program description and helpful indicators that identify your settings, such as **Reminders**, **Recordings** and **Favorites**. To access more information while viewing listings or watching TV, press the **INFO** button on your remote. Here you can read a longer description about the program as well as additional details such as release year, category and run-time.

From the Program Information screen, you can perform a number of actions by using the **Action Icons** at the bottom of the screen, such as set a **Reminder** or see upcoming air times for a program.

i-Guide is only available to Digital Basic or Premium Channel subscribers

What's the Answer?

1. *Underdog*
2. *Encore or Starz/Encore*
3. *Kathleen Turner*
4. *Home & Garden*
5. *Lucille Ball*
6. *Martin Landau*

Ordering Pay-Per-View To Change

In the February 2008 issue of **Cable Chat**, we talked briefly about some of the changes coming to TriCounty Telecom cable TV in the coming year. Several upgrades are already underway to free up space on the system for added services.

As part of the upgrade, the way you order Pay-Per-View (PPV) movies and events will change for some customers. If you currently have a telephone line connected to your cable TV receiver and use your remote control to order your selection, nothing will change. This method is referred to as Impulse Pay-Per-View (IPPV).

For those of you who order your selection by calling an 800 number, you will need to make note of some changes. This method of ordering PPV is referred to as Call Ahead Pay-Per-View (CAPPV). Once the upgrade is complete, you will dial a local telephone number, **964-PPV8** (964-7788), to order your CAPPV movie or event. You will hear an automated set of instructions which will guide you step-by-step in placing your order.

The new CAPPV system should be completed by April 21. In the meantime, to order a PPV between March 30 and the completion date of the CAPPV upgrade, you will need to call our business office to activate IPPV and have access to a telephone jack to connect to your cable TV receiver. You will then order using your remote control. **Please note:** As of March 30 the 800 number you currently dial to order PPV no longer works. If you have questions on IPPV or CAPPV, please give us a call at 964-8000.

We will notify you of the CAPPV completion date on channels 4 and 13 and at www.goTriCounty.biz. We are excited about this change as it should give you greater flexibility in CAPPV ordering.

Channel Locations To Change

Three channels in the Digital Basic package will have new homes as a result of the upgrade currently underway. MTV2 will move from channel 231 to channel 234. CMT Pure Country will move from channel 234 to channel 235. VH1 Classic will move from channel 235 to channel 236. These changes will take place on April 2 and will be reflected on your on-screen guide.



Movies All Day Every Day For Only Pennies A Day

<u>HBO</u> HBO HBO Family HBO2 HBO Signature HBO Comedy HBO Zone \$13.35/month	<u>Showtime/TMC</u> Showtime Showtime Too Showtime Showcase Showtime Extreme Showtime Next Showtime Family Showtime Women FLIX The Movie Channel tmc xtra \$13.35/month	<u>Starz/Encore</u> Encore Encore Action Encore Love Encore Mystery Encore Drama Encore Westerns Encore WAM! Starz Starz Edge Starz Cinema Starz Kids & Family \$14.50/month	<u>Cinemax</u> Cinemax More Max Action Max Thriller Max \$11.15/month
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