

Cable Chat



What's On TV?

Fuse...Channel 233

The next generation music network with interactive programming that gives viewers an opportunity to program the channel and make their opinions matter.

Starz Edge...Channel 372

Starz Edge defies expectation. Flicks and picks for the new generation.

Fox News...Channel 42

24-hour general news service devoted to delivering fair and balanced coverage of the day's news events, offering live programming weekdays, covering sports, business and entertainment news.

Urban Beat...Channel 941

A bumpin' mix of the hottest hip hop, rap and R&B. Showcases up-tempo grooves, funky beats and sultry ballads that defy boundaries. Step into the world of urban music.

NBC—WITN...Channel 8

Eastern Carolina's News Channel. News, Weather and Sports for Eastern North Carolina.

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Attention TriCounty Telecom Cable Subscribers

You should have received automated telephone calls from TriCounty Telecom in the past several days relaying information about the digital upgrade to the cable TV system. One or more of the calls prompted you to let us know how many receivers you will need in your home in preparation for the conversion scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009.

As mentioned in past **Cable Chats**, all subscribers will need a digital receiver connected to each TV on which you want to watch TriCounty Telecom Cable TV. The first **two receivers** will be included with your package at **no cost**. Each additional receiver will lease for \$3.95 per month. It is important that you call our office to let us know how many receivers you will need as soon as possible. We will give you a call when your receivers are ready for pickup and will provide you with instructions on when and how to connect them to your TV.

On the day of the conversion, any TV without a digital receiver will cease to receive a signal. Cable TV subscribers who already have receivers can continue to use those receivers. Keep in mind, however, you may need additional receivers if you have other TVs in your home not connected to a receiver.

As a result of the conversion, TriCounty Telecom cable subscribers will be able to enjoy over 70 additional channels, including over 30 high definition (HD) channels, depending on the package you choose. A higher-end receiver will be needed to view high definition programming as well as a high definition TV set. The HD service rate is \$9.95 per month and will include DVR capabilities as well as HD service and cannot be considered as a first or second receiver. (If you have TVs on which you care to watch only broadcast networks using a roof-top antenna or rabbit ears, please see the back of this newsletter for information on how to obtain coupons for DTV converter boxes.)

For more information on the TriCounty Telecom digital upgrade, please visit www.digitalcableanswers.com. As always, feel free to call TriCounty Telecom at 964-8000 or 927-8000 with any questions you may have.

Remember: If you have not let us know how many receivers you need, call today!!!

Sneak Preview

For all of the sports lovers out there, several new channels should whet your appetite. Get ready for action on the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN), ESPNU, CBS College Sports, The Sportsman Channel, ESPN HD, ESPN2 HD, Outdoor Channel HD and Speed HD.

News buffs will have Fox Business Channel, MSNBC, WITN 24/7 Weather, C-Span 2 and Fox News HD to keep you informed.

Movie fans will enjoy four additional PPV channels, Hallmark, Hallmark Movie Channel, Lifetime Real Women, LMN HD, Starz Comedy, Starz in Black, Starz HD, Cinemax HD, HBOHD and Showtime HD.

TV Trivia

1. What cartoon character turned 80 years old on November 18, 2009?
2. U2's "Angel of Harlem" was written about what singer?
3. What celebrity tycoon ran for President in 1992 as an independent?
4. What was the longest movie ever made?
5. What TV series, originally set during WWII, jumped ahead several decades to the 1970s beginning with its second season?

See answers below

Feature Presentation

You can activate and customize certain **i-Guide** features such as the **Flip Bar Position**, **Lock** options, Cable Box settings, Audio settings and Languages from the **Setup Menu**.

Guide Setup—Use your remote to select **Setup** from the **Main Menu**, then select **Guide Setup**. Use the right and left arrow buttons to select from the following setup options.

- **Flip Bar Position**—The **Flip Bar** can appear either at the top or bottom of your screen.
- **Flip Bar Timeout**—Change the amount of time the **Flip Bar** will stay on your screen from 3 to 15 seconds.
- **Auto Tune**
Yes—Automatically tunes to selected channel after 2 seconds when you enter numbers directly on your remote
No—Enter 3 digits or press **OK** after entering numbers on the remote.

What's the Answer?

1. Mickey Mouse
2. Billie Holiday
3. H. Ross Perot
4. The Cure for Insomnia
5. Wonder Woman

For The Person Who Has Everything...



Give that hard to buy for person a TriCounty Telecom Gift Certificate for Christmas.

The certificate can be for any amount of money payable toward any of TriCounty Telecom's services...

Local Phone Service, Cable TV, Internet Access, Web Hosting and Web Design.

Stop by the business office and purchase your certificate today!

Weather

Daily & weekly weather forecast at a glance on TriCounty Digital CATV. Press Menu twice on your remote control and arrow down to Local Weather.



The business office will be closed for the holiday season December 25-26 and January 1, 2009. For service related problems, dial 964-8000.

What The Digital Transition Means To You...

On February 17, 2009, TV stations will cease broadcasting in analog and switch to all-digital signals. Analog TV sets not connected to cable, satellite or other pay-TV service (in other words, TVs that use an antenna or rabbit ears for over-the-air TV) will need a digital converter box after February 17.

Since TriCounty Telecom is upgrading to an all digital platform, you will need a digital receiver from TriCounty Telecom for each TV connected to cable TV service. (See story on front page.) It will not be necessary for you to purchase a new TV. Analog-only TVs also should continue to work as before to receive low-power, Class A or translator TV stations and with gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products.

The federal government is offering discount coupons for viewers who need to purchase converter boxes for analog TV sets connected to antennas or rabbit ears. **Note: These coupons are for analog TVs connected to antennas/rabbit ears, not TriCounty Telecom Cable TV service.** More information on the DTV transition is available at www.DTV.gov or by contacting TriCounty Telecom at 252.964.8000 or www.gotricounty.biz/cabletv-hdtv.htm. For discount coupons, visit www.dtv2009.gov or call 1.888.DTV.2009 (1.888.388.2009).

TriCounty Telecom is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide this notice to our customers every month until March 2009.