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## 2 Degrees 2 Save Can Help You Save on Your Home's Energy Costs

You can save up to 15% on your energy bill with a user friendly - programmable thermostat, and Algonia Municipal Utilities will give



you one for free. Contact AMU to set up a time for installation of your free programmable thermostat.

The 2 Degrees 2 Save™ program allows AMU to

increase your home's temperature 2 degrees during peak electricity use. AMU has generation resources that meet our needs during most of the year. However, during periods of high usage or maintenance on our electric generation resources AMU needs to purchase additional electricity. The cost of the purchased electricity depends on when it is being used.

During periods of moderate demand, utilities rely on the most efficient generators with the lowest

cost fuel. However, on hot, muggy weekdays, when wind turbines are not moving and air conditioners are working hard, utilities must use all available generation and transmission resources. The cost of purchased energy at this time can be much higher than during moderate demand hours.

2 Degrees 2 Save™ helps AMU reduce our peak electricity at no loss of comfort to you.



## Make Harvest a Safe Season

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.

## Iowa/Iowa State Sept. Games Get Network Coverage

Fall is here, and with it comes the football season. AMU Cable TV will broadcast Iowa and Iowa State football games when network coverage is available.

Iowa kicks off the season September 3rd when Tennessee Tech comes to Kinnick Stadium. The game will be on the Big Ten Network starting at 11 AM. on channels 29 and 314.



The Hawkeyes travel to

Ames to take on the Iowa State Cyclones on September 10th. That game begins at

11 AM.

and will be broadcast on FS North, channels 34 and in HD on channel 318.



Friday, September 16th, ESPN will broadcast the Iowa State vs. Connecticut game with kickoff slated for 7 PM.

Pittsburg travels to Iowa

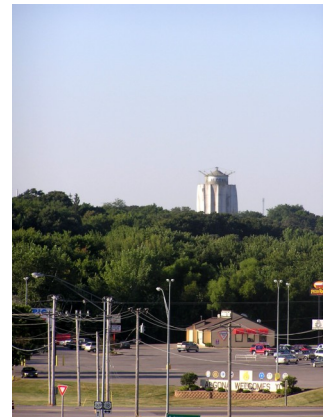
City to take on the Hawks on September 17th. ESPN will broadcast the kickoff starting at 11 AM. AMU Cable TV transmits ESPN on channels 31 and 316.



All schedule games are subject to network programming changes.

## Work Continues on West Water Tower

Work continues on AMU's west water tower. The tower is being sandblasted and repainted. The bid was in the amount of \$348,000.00 to complete sandblasting and recoating of the interior and exterior of the water tower along with several safety and structural improvements to the tower. Work began July 18th. The project is to be completed by October 15th.



View of AMU's West Water Tower from the intersection of highways 169 and 18.

## Check & Seal Ducts to Save on Energy Costs

In houses with forced-air heating and cooling systems, ducts are used to distribute conditioned air through out the house. In a typical home, however, 20 percent of the air that moves through the duct system is lost due to leaks, holes, and poorly connected ducts.

How can you to detect if your home has poorly performing ducts? You have

high utility bills. You have rooms that are difficult to heat and cool. You have stuffy rooms that never seem to feel comfortable. Your ducts are located in an attic, crawlspace, or the garage. You find tangled or kinked flexible ducts in your system.

Because ducts are often concealed in walls, ceilings, attics and basements, repairing them can

be difficult. There are things homeowners can do to improve duct performance. Seal air leaks using mastic sealant or metal tape. Insulate all the ducts you can access. Never use duct tape, as it is not long lasting. Make sure connections at vents and registers are well sealed where they meet floors, walls, and ceilings.

## Now is the Time to Prepare Your Yard for Spring

Cooler weather is approaching. Now is the time to prepare your yard for spring.

Remove yard debris from the lawn and flowerbeds. During the fall and winter, check your yard for additional debris. This lessens the amount of yard work next spring.

Protect sensitive plants and shrubs by sufficiently covering them before the first hard frost.



Put mulch around bushes, trees, and perennial plants. Mulch is not only attractive, but it helps roots retain moisture. Mulch also promotes healthy roots

by helping the soil remain at a steady temperature. Mulch must be applied at a minimum of three to four

inches. Keep mulch a few inches from the trunks of bushes and trees to prevent decay caused by moisture.

Trimming trees after bushes and trees go dormant prevents plant diseases from spreading. Bushes that bloom in the spring should not be pruned in the fall and winter, as buds that open in the spring have already formed.



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