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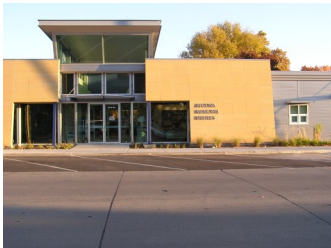
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## Algonia Municipal Utilities and ESPN Launch ESPN360.com

Algonia Municipal Utilities and ESPN are now providing ESPN 360.com, the signature live sports broadband network from ESPN, to AMU high speed Internet customers at no additional costs.

The addition of ESPN 360.com to AMU's high speed Internet service gives sport fans access to more than 3,500 live global sports events annually.

ESPN 360.com is ESPN's 24/7 live sports broadband network that features live online sports coverage from a broad array of global events including (but not limited to):

- Basketball: NBA, Euroleague, FIBA, NCAA Men's and Women's basketball, WNBA.
- Football: NCAA College Football, AFL.



- Global Soccer: FIFA World Cup events and global qualifiers, Confederations cup, Football League (UK), Carling Cup (UK), La Liga (Spain), Italian Serie A, Portuguese Liga Sagres, MLS, US National Team, International "friendlies", and much more.
- Global Baseball: MLB,

World Baseball Classic, College World Series, Little League World Series.

- Tennis: Multi-court coverage of all four "grand slam" events and select other tennis events.
- Golf: Extensive coverage of the US Open, The Masters, The Open Championship and more.
- Lacrosse: Major League Lacrosse, NCAA College Lacrosse.

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## Thinks Safety When Stringing Holiday Lights

The holiday season is here and many are preparing to light holiday decorations to celebrate the season. Be sure to follow these simple safety precautions.

Before stringing outdoor lights, check for overhead power lines. If you come in contact with the lines, the results could be fatal. Keep 10 feet away from overhead lines.

Before stringing lights on outdoor trees, make

sure the tree limbs haven't grown near power lines. Branches, an entire tree, and even the ground next to the tree can become energized when trees come in contact with power lines.



Check all light strands for cracks, frayed insulation, bare wires or broken plugs. Worn cords can cause fires. Discard damaged sets of lights.

Route cords inside the home to prevent people from tripping over them. Don't place cords under furniture, rugs or

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## Think Safety When Stringing Holiday Lights

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Don't place the Christmas tree near a

Follow the manufacturer's limits for the number of light strings that you can safely connect together. Always turn off indoor and outdoor holiday lights when leaving the house or before going to bed.

heat source such as a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree making it more susceptible to fires caused by heat, sparks or flames.

Install LED holiday lights as most are shatter proof and shock resistant.

LEDs produce almost no heat and are safer to touch and reduce the risk of fire. LED lights are more energy efficient and can last up to 20 holiday seasons.

Use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Avoid overloading electrical circuits. Connect lights to power strips that have several outlets and a built-in circuit breaker. Never let children touch lights or plugs with wet hands.

## i wireless Offers A Season of Savings

The holiday season is here, and i wireless is offering the Nationwide Individual Complete plan for \$69.95 with unlimited talk, text and web for any number, any network, anytime anywhere in the US. That's a savings of \$600 a year.

Or choose from the I wireless Nationwide individual plan with 1,500 minutes for \$39.95 per month or the Nationwide Family plan with 1,000 minutes for \$49.95 a month. Add unlimited nationwide text for \$9.95 a month for the individual plan or \$19.95 a month for the family plan (up to 5 lines.)

i wireless is also offering a buy one get one free sale on selected smart phones starting at \$19.95 after mail-in rebate

Unlimit your life with the MEGAtalk pay in advance Unlimited talk, text, and web plan for \$49 a month. MEGAtalk requires no contract, credit check, deposit, or bill. Purchase a MEGAtalk phone starting at \$19.95. All MEGAtalk phones include 7 days unlimited talk, text and long distance.

These offers are good for new activations only. some conditions apply. Stop by AMU to get more details on i wireless.

## INTERNET: WHAT SPEED DO I NEED

If you're considering installing AMU broadband Internet, you need to consider what speed is suitable for you.

AMU Internet customers may choose from four speeds: 128 Kbps, 1 Mbps, 7 Mbps, or 15 Mbps.

128 Kbps is \$22.95 per month. If you rarely use the Internet and need to check email, 128 Kbps may be right for you. It, however, has its limits. You could exceed its capabilities without realizing it by visiting image heavy

web pages, listening to audio files or emailing pictures and gaming. While 128 Kbps seems slow to most users, it's ten times faster than dial-up Internet.

1 Mbps is \$31.95 per month is useful for website and light video streaming. It takes 0.8 seconds to load a web page and 40 seconds to download a five minute music file at maximum speed.

7 Mbps is \$35.95 per month and is common in homes and small busi-

nesses. It is more suitable if you watch a lot of online video content, use VOIP, play online games, file share or if you have more than computer using the same connection.

15 Mbps is \$49.95 per month and is the most common in business. The downloading of audio files, web pages and email will be almost instantaneous and video streaming is far quicker.

For information on AMU High Speed Internet call AMU at 295-3584.

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- Miscellaneous Sports: X Games and Winter X Games, NCAA Hockey and Softball, Open-wheel Racing, Professional Racquetball, International Polo and more.

Through a sleek, simple video player, ESPN

360.com gives consumers control over their broadband sports viewing experience.— providing reliable, high quality video and the ability to pause, rewind and fast forward live events. With the ability to deliver up to 15 simultaneous live events, fans can toggle between events in the main viewing window, and with a single click, jump to another event.

AMU High speed Internet customers with 1 Mbps or higher speeds can access ESPN360.com by going to [www.netamu.com](http://www.netamu.com) and clicking on the ESPN 360 logo. Once at the site, AMU Internet customers will be required to download the video player in order to access programming.



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Owner!*