

JANUARY 2010

City of Crystal Falls

Crystal Falls Cable TV Ongoing Issues

Good News: Free FS Detroit Plus

FS Detroit Plus has been added to the Crystal Falls cable system as channel 37. It is a full-time 24/7, 365 days a year, complimentary sports channel to FS Detroit (channel 8), at no additional cost to the Crystal Falls cable customer.

The need for a secondary channel came up as Fox continued to acquire more games of the Tigers, Red Wings and Pistons, as well as local and national collegiate product - such as MAC football & basketball, CCHA hockey, ACC basketball, PAC 10 basketball, PAC 10 football & basketball and Big 12 football & basketball. Scheduling

conflicts were always coming up, so Fox added a full-time 2nd channel....this allows fans to decide what they want to watch in real/live time - not delayed basis. They put approximately 15-18



games each of the Red Wings, Pistons, & Tigers on FS Detroit Plus.

Bad News:

The switch to digital

TV in 2009 for the City of Crystal Falls has resulted in a number of reception problems for channel 5 (CBS from WJMN TV-Escanaba) and channel 6 (Fox from WLUC TV-

Marquette). Although the City was ready for the digital TV conversion back in June those broadcasting stations were not. The city rebroadcasts the channels as they are received over the air. Unfortunately, to broadcast digital TV signals the same distance requires more power than required to broadcast an analog sig-

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Online Utility Account Bill Pay and Viewing is in the works! We hope it will be up and running for sometime in January.

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City Council meets the 2nd
Monday of each month at 5 pm

CITY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2010

01/05: Special Meeting with CF Township to discuss Fire Protection at 6 pm

01/11: City Council meets at 5 pm

01/26: Recycle Day

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TV Ongoing Issues continued

nal. The city has been communicating with both stations in the hopes to initiate a quicker response for them to fix their problems. However this has not occurred. Channel 5 has apologized for this inconvenience but has yet to install a new antenna and transmitter. The proposed schedule for its installation has long since passed.

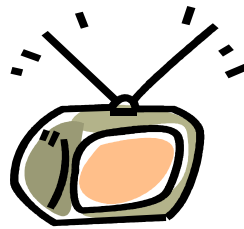
However they now expect to be running June 2010 weather permitting. Channel 6 had their conversion done on time but did not realize their signal would not reliably reach their further away customers. Since the conversion and complaints from those customers, they

decided to install a larger transmitter which they hope will be done by the end of January 2010.

The City has taken channel 5 off the air and has secured a temporary CBS feed via the internet. This was

placed on channel 36. However this is not a good feed either, but is the best that can be secured at this time.

The City vows to continue to try to provide its customers with a low cost, high quality, TV channel selection.



Digital TV causing some problems.



CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS CATV CHANNEL LINEUP

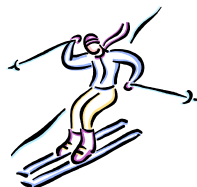
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- 3 USA
- 4 HBO*
- 5 CBS
- 6 NBC
- 7 ESPN
- 8 FOX SPORTS
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- 11 FOX-GREEN BAY
- 12 CNN
- 13 PBS
- 14 VH-1
- 15 SPIKE TV
- 16 DISNEY
- 17 WEATHER
- 18 HOME & GARDEN
- 20 A & E
- 21 TBS
- 22 TCM
- 23 EWTN
- 25 MTV
- 26 DISCOVERY
- 27 TNT
- 28 HALLMARK
- 29 TV LAND
- 30 LIFETIME
- 31 HOME SHOPPING
- 32 CMT
- 33 ESPN2
- 34 NICKELODEON
- 35 WMQF-FOX-MARQ
- 36 WJMN-Escanaba (internet feed)
- 37 FS Detroit Plus

*HBO is a premium movie channel available for additional fees.

The City apologizes for these inconveniences and asks for your continued patience as these problems are resolved.

WPPI Energy has been conducting market research across the tri-state membership. The information from this survey will provide feedback in order to learn perceptions about rates, reliability, customer service, communications and energy conservation, efficiency and renewable efforts. If you are called, the interview will last 10-12 minutes.

The City of Crystal Falls and Crystal Falls Township have together purchased a tow rope for the



Waiting for some more snow!

little hill which was needed before anyone could use it. Preparations have been going on and are just waiting for a few more inches of the white stuff.

Currently there is no interest from any organizations to operate the concession stand. If you are interested, please call City Hall at 906-875-3212 for more information.