



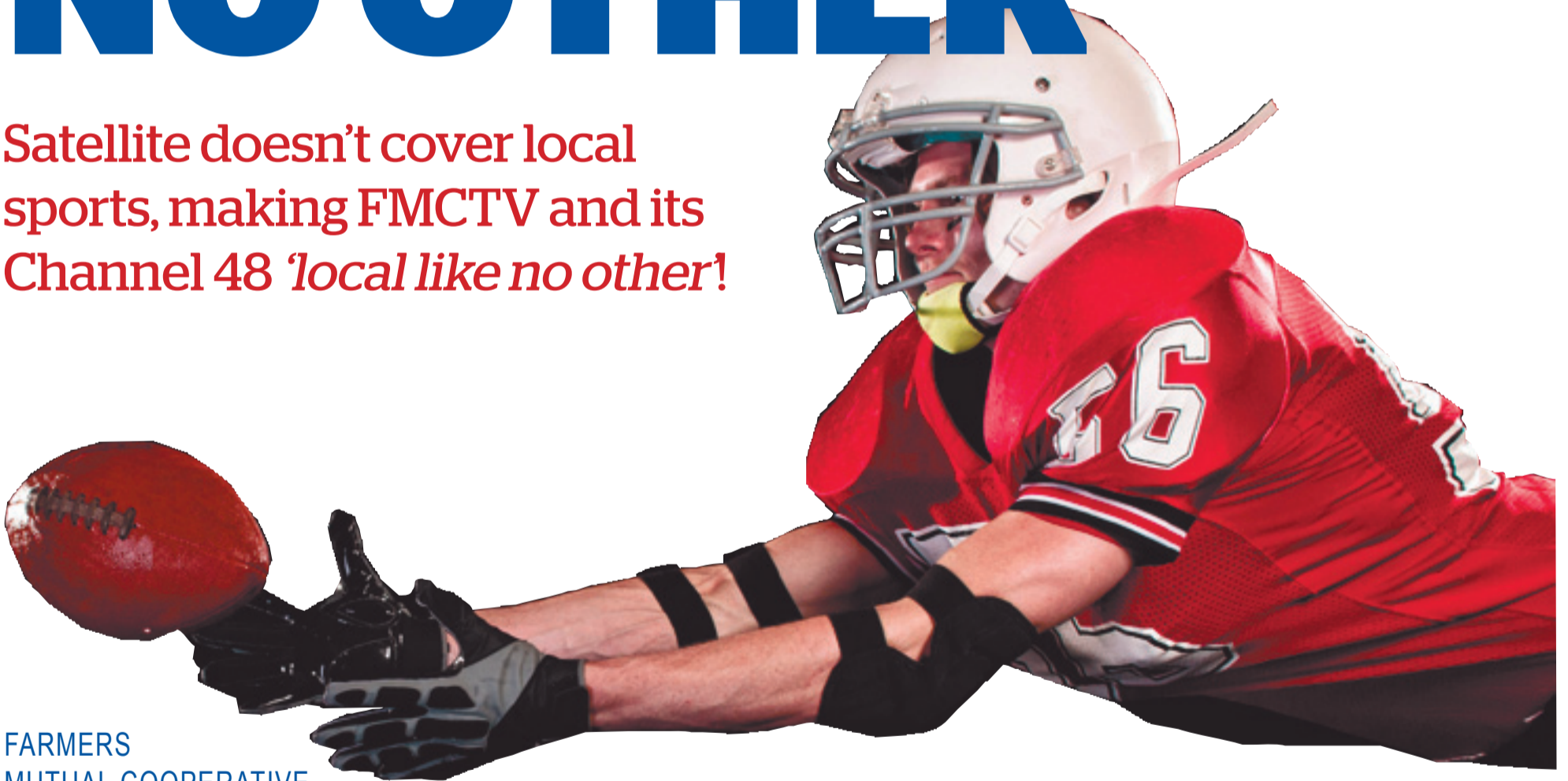
# The Communicator

Your Complete Communication Services Provider  
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Satellite doesn't cover local sports, making FMCTV and its Channel 48 *'local like no other!'*



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**WATCH YOUR FAVORITE TEAM**

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**WATCH YOUR FAVORITE TEAM AGAIN and AGAIN**

Single Game • Full Season • Season Highlights DVDs for Purchase

**WE'LL DONATE HIGHLIGHT DVD PROCEEDS to YOUR ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

Ch 48 included in Basic TV & Digital TV with FREE HD & Whole Home DVR lineups. CH448HD included in Digital TV lineup. Call or visit our office for full details.



Dianna Gaer, Irwin



Jessica Nielsen, Kirkman



Edie Shetler, Harlan



Kirk Petersen, Harlan



Janette Looper, Hancock



Jay Fahn, Harlan

## Congrats, Thank You Tour prize winners

One of the best things of our Thank You Tour is the grand prizes! (At least that's what our winners say.) Congrats to this year's winners and thanks to all who attended our Thank You Tour events. (748-3353)

### Google Home winners

Dianna Gaer, Irwin  
Jessica Nielsen, Kirkman  
Edie Shetler, Harlan  
Kirk Petersen, Harlan  
Janette Looper, Hancock  
Jay Fahn, Harlan  
Deb Blum, Manilla  
Lanny Petsche, Harlan  
John Schaben, Defiance  
Leo Kenkel, Jacksonville

### Harlan Movie Theatre tickets

Easton Wuebke, Irwin  
Nicholas Kohles, Earling  
Hope Christensen, Defiance  
Sage Guyer, Hancock  
Sheila Nielsen, Kirkman  
Rachel Blum, Harlan  
Mallory Mulligan, Defiance  
Aubry Christensen, Harlan  
Jacob Ahrenholtz, Harlan  
Braelyn McDowell, Defiance



## Notice on payments

Please note these important dates:

- FMCTC mails your bill on the last day of each month.
- Your bill is due on or before the 20th of the month.
- Past due notices are mailed to all customers on the 21st of each month.
- Bills that are not paid by the close of the day on the last day of the month will be charged a late payment fee of \$18. All customers not paying by the last day of the month are subject to disconnection. Re-establishment of service will not be made until payment has been received in our office.

Late payment fees and disconnections not only cost the customer involved additional money, but it also costs the entire Cooperative membership. Please make sure your bill payments are made in a prompt and timely manner. Thank you.

**Please remember, a check in the mail is not a payment until it has been received in our office. Thank you for your help.**

## Options to pay your bill

### EASYPAY

Your bill is paid automatically every month from your checking or savings account. An authorization form is required and they are available online at fmctc.com or at our business office in Harlan. (755-2037)

### ONLINE BANKING

Most banks offer an online banking service which lets you go online and authorize your payments. Contact your bank for more information. Reminder: Please include your account number on the form so we are sure to credit your payment to the correct account.

### MAIL IN YOUR PAYMENT

Enclose your check and payment stub in the self-addressed envelope that is provided with your bill.

### DROP OFF YOUR PAYMENT AT THE HARLAN OFFICE

Office hours are 8AM-5PM Monday through Friday.

### DROP OFF YOUR PAYMENT AT THE MANILLA BANK IOWA

Drop off your bill between the 1st and 20th of the month.

### DROP OFF BOXES ARE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE HARLAN OFFICE BUILDING

One box is located on the outside of the FMCTC building beside the front door.

Another box, a drive-up box, is located on the south side of the Harlan office building.

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# Tips to protect students and their devices on campus

College classes will soon be back in session across the country, and thousands of students will arrive on campus with mobile devices.

Many of them have developed a very close relationship with their mobile devices: they carry them throughout the day, check them frequently, and even sleep with them nearby at night. (747-3388)

Although mobile devices allow them to instantly connect with friends and family, to access the internet, get directions, chart workouts, make purchases, this increased convenience also comes at an increased risk.

Many of these online activities require them to provide personal information such as their name, email address, account number, and credit card information. This puts them at an increased risk of having this information compromised by cyber criminals.

To lessen the danger posed by these risks, they should follow these tips from the Department of Homeland Security:

- **Keep private information private**

Avoid sharing their full name,

address, and other personal information online. Frequently check a website's privacy options to ensure they have enabled the highest level of privacy as options may get updated or changed completely.

- **When in doubt, throw it out**

Links in emails, tweets, posts, and online advertisements are often how cybercriminals compromise their computer or mobile device. If it looks suspicious, it's best to delete it, even if they know the source. If appropriate, mark the message as "junk email" so that future messages from the sender do not end up in their inbox.

- **Set strong passwords**

Setting passwords that are long, unique, and hard to guess is one of the most important things they can do to protect their online accounts. Changing passwords regularly and using different passwords for different accounts goes a long way to protecting their online information.



The average college student brings **7** Internet-connected devices to campus.

Smartphones • Notebooks • Tablets • Gaming Consoles  
• Fitness Trackers • Smartwatches • SmartTVs

Source: Campuslogic, July 2016. "The Internet of Things"

- **Secure their accounts**

Ask for protection beyond passwords. Many websites now offer additional ways to verify the user's identity before they conduct business on their sites, such as two-factor authentication. (766-3429)

- **Secure their mobile device**

In order to prevent theft and unauthorized access, use a passcode to lock their mobile device and always lock it when it's not in use. Never leave their mobile device unattended in a public place.

**WE HAVE ALL THE INTERNET SPEED YOU NEED!**

Our unlimited Internet is the fastest around. Depending on where you live, you can get 10Mb, 25Mb or 250Mb Internet.

**10/1Mb - \$39.95/mo**

**25/3Mb - \$54.95/mo**

## Giving you MORE Internet

We upgraded our Internet speeds June 1. Thanks to the fiber technology installed over the past years, FMCTC was equipped to bring you all-new, crazy fast Internet speeds.

Over the next few years, how all of us use the Internet (more importantly, how much bandwidth we use) is going to change. (741-3224)

Just a few years ago, for most of us, Internet usage primarily consisted of reading and writing emails and viewing web pages. Today, we shop, bank, live chat, work, and access news and information. And because more industries are using the Internet as their delivery system, (sharing photos, listening to the radio, watching full-length movies and television shows all from the comfort from our PC, laptop, tablet), your need

for faster Internet speeds and more bandwidth is only going to continue to grow.

Still, whether you need 10Mb or 100Mb, won't really be determined by how many of those activities you will be doing, but rather how many devices in your household will be sharing this bandwidth at the same time. (782-3221)

In other words, a household with a laptop, a tablet, a gaming console, a smartphone, a smart TV, a smart watch, a smart security system, and remotely controlled thermostats will need more megabytes to deliver better service.

The bottom line is that FMCTC has made important strides in expanding broadband access, but there is still work to be done. And FMCTC will be leading the charge. (744-3160)



## Mark your calendar for the first day of school

- Harlan Community School District
- Shelby County Catholic Schools
- IKM-Manning School District
- AHSTW School District

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**

**When you 'bundle' on our fiber network, get 50MB, 100MB, 150MB even 250MB Internet! Ask us!**

# FMCTV shuts out the competition

Satellite doesn't cover local sports, making FMCTV and its Channel 48 'local like no other.' (799-4756)

Our high school sports coverage is produced locally and exclusively for our communities and FMCTV viewers. You can't get this coverage anywhere else.

- **Check out all the local teams:** Harlan, IKM-Manning, AHSTW. Football, volleyball, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, boys/girls

soccer, boys/girls track, baseball, softball.

**Games of the Week.** Our play-by-play announcers bring the excitement of game replays directly to your living room.

- **Weekly Prediction Show.** Join FMCTV host Matt Gubbels and local sports personalities as they preview and pick upcoming football games in our area.

- **Chats with Coaches.** FMCTV host Matt Gubbels and our local in-season coaches take a look at the upcoming games and recap recent games.

And if sports aren't your thing, Ch 48 covers other things, too. (Satellite doesn't) Local government meetings, local Sunday church services, local music concerts, local veterans' programs, local parades, local school programs, and more.

FMCTV has been re-recording, producing and airing selected local school and community events since 2005 on Channel 48.

This channel is offered on both of our TV offerings: Basic TV and Digital TV with FREE HD & Whole Home DVR.

## Put your business on tv with a FMCTV Sports program sponsorship

Businesses! If you are looking for exposure and you think you can't afford to advertise on television, think

again! A FMCTV Sports program sponsorship will put you front and center on local tv.

FMCTV Sports programs air on FMCTV Channels 48/448HD and are



seen in hundreds of homes around the Defiance, Earling, Hancock, Irwin, Jacksonville, Kirkman, Manilla, Panama, Westphalia and Harlan areas, as well as Cresthaven, Ridge Road, and Kingwood Lane Harlan housing additions.

We cover the Harlan Community Cyclones, IKM-Manning Wolves and AHSTW Vikings. (627-4230)

Your business will be front and center during all the ballgames that air on FMCTV Channels 48/448HD. Your business also appears on hundreds of ballgame and highlight DVDs that are sold throughout the year.

A variety of sponsorship levels are available. A description of each sponsorship level is available to the left.

If your business is interested and you would like to know more, contact Matt at 744-3131.

### We love the Iowa State Fair

This summertime classic returns to Des Moines, Aug. 10-20. Get valuable information for your enjoyable visit to the Iowa State Fair at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org). Again this year, Iowa Public Television leads the way on State Fair coverage with nightly coverage dedicated solely to the Fair. Tune in to FMCTV channels 36.11/336 nightly at 9PM and 10:30PM beginning August 16. (654-3839)

### FMCTV Sports Program Sponsorship Levels for 2017/2018

All sponsorships include the Harlan Community Cyclones, IKM-Manning Wolves, AHSTW Vikings

Name of Sponsorship	Description of Sponsorship	Fall Season Football & Volleyball	Winter Season Girls & Boys Basketball/Wrestling	ALL Seasons Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Soccer, Track, Baseball, Softball
"Brought to You By"	Your Business name and logo with voice over are shown at the beginning of every ballgame	\$100	\$100	\$175
10 Second Ad	Your 10 second ad with voice over is shown at the beginning of every ballgame. Includes a "Brought to You By" sponsorship	\$150	\$150	\$200
30 Second Ad	Your 30 second ad with voice over is shown between quarters of every ballgame. Includes a "Brought to You By" sponsorship	\$200	\$200	\$275
Scoreboard Sponsorship	Your Business name and logo appear on the on-screen scoreboard throughout every ballgame.	\$200	\$200	\$325
Instant Replay Sponsorship	Your Business name and logo appear on the screen before and after each replay.	\$200	\$200	\$325