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New Cable TV Channel - AH-11 Invites Local Voices

Plans to experiment with "next generation" digital media

Eureka, California - In collaboration with Suddenlink Communications, Access Humboldt (AH) will be launching a new community access channel serving central Humboldt County and the Cities of Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Ferndale and Blue Lake during the month of June.

Access Humboldt 11 (AH-11) will join existing Public (AH-12), Education (EDUC8), and Government (CIVIC 10) community access channels. These channels are provided as a public service by Suddenlink through a local franchise agreement - as part of their compensation for using public rights of way and utility easements.

The next big step is Sunday June 1st, when Suddenlink cable TV subscribers can expect to see TBS programming moved to channel 77. All Suddenlink cable subscribers will continue to receive TBS channel programs with no additional charge - including "limited basic" subscribers, who pay the minimum fees.

Any Suddenlink subscriber who has technical difficulty receiving channel 77 is invited by Suddenlink to call their customer support office: 1-877-443-3127.

The new cable TV channel AH-11 will feature local Public, Education and Government programs along with broadband digital media experiments from Access Humboldt's Eureka Media Lab (EML).

In Humboldt's spirit of discovery, EML will conduct digital broadband media experiments to explore and develop solutions for the next generation. As research projects advance, programming resources for AH-11 will be growing and rapidly changing. Who knows what the digital future will bring: Live shows from cellphones? webcam performance art? security camera jukebox? global video conferencing? There are many future possibilities that stretch the imagination.

"This new channel, AH-11 will provide a dynamic and creative outlet for

community participation with advanced digital media applications," said Sean McLaughlin, executive director of Access Humboldt; "We invite local voices to join us as we experiment and build new media tools - please send us your programs and ideas."

Programming Coordinator Julie Ryan said, "AH-11 will reflect our community, so please send us your local music, photographs, artworks and other media content that you'd like to share with the community - Access Humboldt wants to support your voice by all media necessary!"

To offer programs and other creative content, contact Access Humboldt: programming@accesshumboldt.net, tel: 707-476-1651

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"Local Voices Through Community Media"