

Big News Regarding the Digital Conversion!

To allow more time for the U.S. population to prepare for the digital television conversion, the federal government has delayed the mandatory shutoff of analog television to June 12, 2009. This means that you still have time to buy a digital receiver. So if you only have an analog television, for now you will still be able to see *tpt*'s programs. If you have a digital receiver or cable or satellite you'll have access to all that digital programming has to offer. Regardless, you will see big changes in *tpt* programming beginning February 18th. These changes will impact MN Channel partner programs in several ways:

- Channel 17 (*tpt 17*) will become *tpt LIFE*. It will still carry MN Channel programs, but at different times than in the past.
- Some digital channel numbers for *tpt* are changing.
- MN Channel premieres will occur in different time slots than in the past.

As of February 18, 2009 *tpt* will have a new line-up of analog and digital channels as depicted in the grid below. Look for the MN Channel by the name *tptMN*.

	Over-the-Air		Cable Broadcast				Satellite
	Analog TV Over-the-air (only thru 6/12/09)	DTV Receiver Over- the-air	Comcast Cable (Mpls)	Comcast Cable (St. Paul)	Mediacom Cable	Charter Cable	DIRECTV Satellite
<i>tpt 2</i>	2	2-1	2	2	101	2	2
<i>tpt MN</i>	N/A	2-2	202	243	102	396	Coming at a future date
<i>tpt LIFE</i>	17	2-3	13	17	13	19	17
<i>tpt Wx</i>	N/A	2-4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

With the new channel line-up, MN Channel programs will premiere on the statewide *tptMN* digital channel on Sundays between 6pm and 10pm. A second premiere on *tpt LIFE* will occur the following Sunday between 11am and 2pm. Partner productions repeat throughout the year, statewide, on *tptMN*. For more detailed information on *tpt MN* and *tpt LIFE*, please see the attached document "Broadcast Information."

This is an exciting time of transition which may feel confusing for many of our viewers. For more information on the digital conversion, visit our website at <http://www.tpt.org/dtv>. Here you will find the latest updates and resources. Feel free to approach us with questions or concerns. We love feedback!

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