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AccessVision Wins Regional "Philo" Awards

by Jason Augenstein

Each year, the **Alliance For Community Media Central States Region** salutes the best community programming with a regional competition, the **Philo T. Farnsworth Video Awards**. This year, AccessVision has been honored with twelve "Philo" awards for its programming.

While the organization has previously been honored with several "Philos" each year since 1995, this year's twelve wins represent a record for the most Philos AccessVision has ever won.



AccessVision's Philo Award Winners and Finalists. Top row, from left: Jeffery Smith, Scott Durham, Dan Riddle, Greg Mason and James Williamson. Bottom row, from left: Nate Zanotti, Sherrill Cotton and Dale Geminder.

Arts/Cultural Awareness (Student) category for "Discover The Kingman Museum". The class also received a Finalist award for "Random Access" in the Entertainment Student category.

• **Cameo Artists Productions** were First Place Winners for two programs. The first was in the Documentary Public Awareness (Non-Professional) category for "Spotlight: Riverfront Condominiums". They were also winners in the Seniors (55 & older) (Non-Professional) category for "Spotlight: Battle Creek Model Railroad Club".

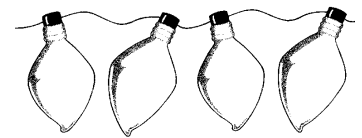
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Recent Productions

• **Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan**



helps people achieve and maintain independence. AccessVision recently produced a video tour of CAA's programs and services for its Directors meeting.

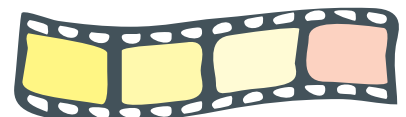


• November 17th saw the annual **Battle Creek Holiday Parade** roll through downtown. The show was hosted by **Teresa Durham** and **Roy LaFountain**, while the production crew consisted of AccessVision staffers **Jeff Smith** and **Greg Mason**, student volunteer **Sam Lewis** and AccessVision Board Member **James Williamson**. The parade aired on channel 17 throughout December. If you missed it, copies may still be purchased for \$15.



• **Legacy Scholars Day Celebration & Announcement** was recorded at the WMU College of Aviation on November 15th. Legacy Scholars offers two-years scholarships to K.C.C. for all 6th grade students of Lakeview and Battle Creek Public Schools. The program was featured on channel 17.

• VHS or DVD copies of these and many other programs recently shown on AccessVision may be purchased for \$15. Call **968-3633** to order.



TV Production Workshops

STUDIO CAMERA VOLUNTEER:
January 2; 4 - 4:30 p.m.

DIGITAL EDITING:
January 7 & 8 or Jan. 28 & 29; 6 - 8 p.m.

CAMCORDER:
January 14 & 15; 5:30 - 8 p.m.

FINAL CUT PRO:
January 21 & 22; 6 - 8 p.m.

Workshops are offered monthly. Additional workshops for February will be scheduled in early January. Advance registration is required, at least one business day before the first session of the class.

Each class topic is \$20 per person, except for Studio Camera Volunteer, which is FREE. If a class is more than one session, you must complete all sessions to be certified to use the equipment. Some classes must have prerequisites met prior to enrolling.



If you have any questions about the classes, please contact Jason Augenstein at 968-3633, or visit the web site at www.accessvision.tv and click on the "Training" button.

Welcome, New Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of AccessVision:

Michael Campbell	Hermogenes Quispe
Kim Latham	Stacey Livingston
Yvonne Stewart	Gregg Austin
Sam Lewis	Briana Anderson
Anthony Burton	Samantha Clark
Donald Grandstaff	Amanda Jacobs
Lamar Roberson	Patrice Smith
Ashley Swift	Jeff Gibbs
Sue Hurd	Lonnell Willis

We hope that all members feel at home here. If you ever have questions or need help, please ask any one of the staff. We are here for YOU!



Happy Holidays

From the staff of AccessVision, we would like to wish you all a happy holiday season. We sincerely appreciate all of your hard work in producing programming throughout the year. Your work is viewed by thousands of our residents and truly enriches our community. The quality programs you create educate, entertain and touch lives. You exemplify the spirit of volunteerism and set a great example for others.

- The AccessVision Staff

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- **Jeffery Smith, Robert Baxter, Scott Durham and Dale Geminder** were First Place Winners in the Cultural Events (Professional) category for "2006 Battle Creek Film Festival Re-Cap".
- **Scott Durham** was also recognized as a First Place Winner in the Political Awareness (Non-Professional) category for "Nola Batch: Hometown Girl".
- **The Crossroads Church Video Team** were First Place Winners in both Religious (Professional) and Religious (Non-Professional) for "At The Crossroads".
- AccessVision Production Specialist **Jeffery Smith** received two Finalist Awards: one for "AccessVision Promo 2007" in the Channel/Program Promo (Professional) category; the other in the Cultural Event (Professional) category for "Vibe@5: Sun Kwa Live!"
- **Sherrill Cotton** was a Finalist in the Cultural Diversity (Non-Professional) category for "Emmanuel Kingdom News".
- AccessVision Production Manager **Greg Mason, Bob Kidder and James Williamson** were Finalists in the Inspirational (Professional) category for "A Place to Call Home".

Awards were presented at the 2007 ACM Central States Regional Fall Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana on November 9th.

The Philos are a recognition of excellence in non-commercial cable programming from Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. The awards are named after the inventor of the first receiving tube for T.V. transmissions.

New Programs on AccessVision

Please welcome the following new series that have all recently begun airing on AccessVision:

Battle Creek NAACP - Legal discussions that the NAACP will describe each month through various attorneys. Airls Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. on channel 17.

Cereal Bowl Chatter - Mayor Mark Behnke discusses issues pertaining to the Battle Creek City Commission such as economic development, along with holding interviews with community leaders. Airls Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on channel 17.

Che' Parker Presents - A variety show featuring interviews, local talent, community events, etc. Airls Fridays at 8 p.m. on channel 16.

Children Answers - A program designed to inspire creativity in children, while teaching them to become contributing members of society. Airls Sundays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. on channel 17.

Culture at the Creek - Each month an organization from the Arts and Culture Group presents an educational program specific to the activities within that particular organization. Airls Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on channel 16.

The Cypher - A hip-hop reality T.V. series designed to capture the artist's real-life triumphs and challenges. Airls Wednesdays at 11 p.m. on channel 16.

In the Fight - An update of the Army's frontline activities in Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond. Airls Sundays at 2 p.m. on channel 17.



Pattison Playback by Dale Geminder

Jack Pattison worked for AccessVision from 1993 until his passing this fall. Jack was dedicated to this facility for 13 years. Many of you may not have known his name, but came in contact with him on the phone or when checking equipment in or out.

Jack worked playback from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Monday – Friday. He inputted information on the bulletin board for channels 16 and 17, while also answering phones and assisting volunteers with equipment needs.

We will be dedicating Jack's years of service with a plaque near the playback room door. Jack was a very dedicated employee and a friend to all. There was never a dull moment with Jack around. He is truly missed.

Channels Change Again!

by Dale Geminder

Comcast notified AccessVision in November regarding another channel change. As you may remember, in October 2006 our channels were moved from 9, 11 and 12 to 15, 16 and 17.

Well, beginning January 15, 2008, the channels will move again. This time they move all the way up to the 900s on the digital tier. The local weather radar (currently 15) will move to channel **918**. The **Public Access** channel (currently 16) will move to channel **916** and our **Government/Educational** channel (currently channel 17) will move to channel **917**.

Comcast will be offering those who currently take Basic or Expanded Basic Cable a digital converter box for one year free of charge, so AccessVision's channels can be viewed. After the free year, a Comcast customer will need to purchase a converter box from a local appliance store or rent the box from Comcast (\$4.20) each month.

However, if you already have a CableCard or QAM TV set, Comcast claims you will be able to receive channels 916, 917 and 918 when the change over is made in January, since the AccessVision channels are currently on the Basic service tier.

For more information, contact Comcast at **(877) 824-2984**. This is a dedicated number set aside to answer questions related to the channel change and converter box.

Our Mission

The mission of AccessVision is to empower people to strengthen a sense of community, facilitate civic dialogue, and celebrate local culture by communicating through electronic media.

Hours of Operation



Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sunday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Holiday Hours

Closed until 5 p.m. Good Friday, March 21st
Open 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday March 22
Closed all day Easter Sunday, March 23rd

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- If you change your address or phone number
- If you wish to be added to our e-mail list

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