

AccessVision

Battle Creek Area Community Television

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Eye on AccessVision

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Congratulations Philo Award Recipients!

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 Awards**. AccessVision was once again honored with several "Philos."



Receiving honors as Winners were:

- **AccessVision.tv** in the Web Site - Non-Commercial - Professional category.
- **Jason Augenstein** for "Charity Ball" in the Promotional Video (:60 or less) - Professional category.

Receiving honors as Finalists were:

- **George Merriam** for "Calhoun County Republicans In Focus" in the Political Awareness - Non-Professional category.
- **Cameo Artists Productions** for "Discovering Talent: The Piano" in the Seniors - Non-Professional category.
- **Jason Augenstein** for "Voice Of Our Community" in the Promotional Video (:60 or less) - Professional category.

Since 1995, AccessVision has earned multiple Philos each year for television shows in various categories. However, this is the first year the Philos have included a Web Site category.

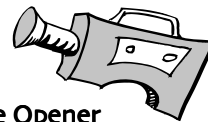
"We're very proud of our Web site and glad to receive this recognition for it", said AccessVision Projects Coordinator Jason Augenstein, who oversaw the development of the site. "Like public access television, the World Wide Web is a great medium for communicating to a diverse audience, without a lot of cost."

The awards were presented in a ceremony at the ACM Fall Conference held in Kalamazoo on October 25th.

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

Recent Productions

- **The Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce's Eye Opener**



Breakfast happens on the second Tuesday of every month. AccessVision coverage can be seen every Wednesday night at 9:30 on channel 12.

- **United Way of Greater Battle Creek's 2002 Campaign Wrap-Up** event



was covered in early December, and aired on channel 11.

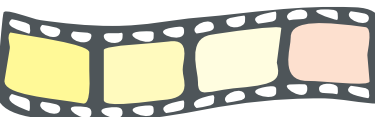
- The Winter **High School Sports** season continues in full swing through the end of February. AccessVision provides coverage of boys' basketball, swimming, and volleyball from local area high schools. Check our web site at <http://accessvision.tv/hssports.asp>



for specific games and times.

- For the 13th year in a row, AccessVision volunteers braved the cold weather to bring the **Annual Battle Creek Christmas Parade**

to Channel 12. Hosted by long-time volunteers **Teresa Durham** and **Theresa Tumer**, VHS copies of the parade can be purchased for \$15.



First Quarter 2003 Workshops

Tape-based Editing: January 6 & 7, 6 - 8:30 pm

Digital Editing: January 13 & 14, 6 - 8:30 pm

Graphics: January 18, 10 am - 2 pm

Camcorder: January 20 & 21, 6 - 8:30 pm

Tape-based Editing: January 27 & 28, 6 - 8:30 pm

Studio: February 3 & 4, 6 - 8:30 pm

Tape-based Editing: February 8, 10 am - 2 pm

Camcorder: February 10 & 11, 6 - 8:30 pm

Digital Editing: February 17 & 18, 6 - 8:30 pm

Tape-based Editing: February 24 & 25, 6 - 8:30 pm

Camcorder: March 10 & 11, 6 - 8:30 pm

Digital Editing: March 15, 10 am - 2 pm

Tape-based Editing: March 17 & 18, 6 - 8:30 pm

Graphics: March 24 & 25, 6 - 8:30 pm

All classes are \$20 per person, due upon enrollment. If the classes are two sessions in length, you must complete **both** days to be certified to use the equipment.

Special daytime training sessions may also be arranged for workshops.



If you have any questions about the classes please contact **Jason Augenstein** at **968-3633**, or go to <http://accessvision.tv/training.asp>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are always looking for volunteers to help us cover High School Sports and Local Government meetings.

Are you willing to help? Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? If so, please contact **Greg Mason** at **968-3633**, or e-mail greg@accessvision.tv.



Welcome, New Members!

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

James Roberts
Bryce Zirkel
Dan Barry
Troy Foster
Phelipe Phillips
Joseph Phillips

Elroy Morris
Classara Morris
Giles Herb
Greg Williams
Larry McDonald
Bonnie Garbrecht

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER: As Winter sets in, and the temperatures fall, **do not leave equipment in your car**. Along with damaging the belts inside the camcorders, extreme cold drains the life out of batteries and is bad for tapes as well.



Attention Producers!

VIDEO CLUB NOW FORMING

Are you interested in meeting other producers, sharing samples of your work and getting expert advice from professionals? If you are, then the **Producers Club** is for you.

Our goal is to create a fun atmosphere with a group of dedicated AccessVision producers to meet quarterly (about every three months). At these meetings, you will have a chance to meet other producers, show some of your work, ask questions and get advice from AccessVision staff. There will also be guest speakers and presentations by some of our community's top professional video producers.



We can't make this happen without YOUR involvement. Membership is free and space is limited. So if you are interested, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or send an email to jason@accessvision.tv.

Program Showcase

by Greg mason

Wilson Edison Elementary School, Washington Edison Elementary School and Southwestern Edison Junior Academy have aired three programs on AccessVision in the past several months. **Carmen Francis**, the Technology Manager for all three schools, is the producer of these programs.



Southwestern students deliver their weekly newscast.

Carmen enrolled in Production Workshops after the Southwestern principal suggested that the school put programs on AccessVision. For the productions, Carmen uses DV cameras and

iMovie. ***"I really enjoy using iMovie at AccessVision because I also use the program at school,"*** said Carmen. This gives her the ability to work on projects both at school and at AccessVision.

The schools have received positive feedback about the shows. Carmen says, ***"I like the idea of showing the community what the schools are doing through programs on cable."*** The first show was comprised of clips from the school's weekly news broadcast that the students produce and play on the schools' closed-circuit TV system. Currently, Carmen is working on the **Southwestern Christmas Celebration**, the **Washington Edison Christmas Program** and **Wilson Edison News**. All three will air on channel 12. Check <http://accessvision.tv/programming.asp> for times and dates.

From the Executive Director

By Dale Geminder

NEW RULES & PROCEDURES

AccessVision has spent the past two months updating the **Rules & Procedures**. As any organization grows over the years, some things become obsolete, along with many new advances. This has made it necessary for some changes.

Please consider this a reminder in advance and ask for a revised copy, or grab the information off our web page at <http://accessvision.tv>. Look for these changes to take effect in January 2003.

As always, we will make efforts to notify all users of policy changes, however users are responsible to keep up to date on current policies.

Along these lines, it is also the responsibility of each user to let AccessVision know of any **address changes**. It is important for AccessVision to contact users from time to time and, when users have not notified AccessVision of address or phone number changes, it can become expensive and time consuming for our staff.

This past month AccessVision tried to send calendars out to all of our users, but received many of them back from the post office, without address change information.

Please keep AccessVision in mind when you make address change notices to the post office and the many utility companies you have dealings with.

Help us help you!

Did you know?

You can record color bars on our DV camcorders! Here's how to do it:

- Turn the power switch to CAMERA mode, set the start/stop switch to the LOCK position.
- Press and hold the black PHOTO button and, at the same time, the small red RECORD button on the top of the camera (near the EDIT SEARCH buttons).
- Turn the start/stop switch to STANDBY mode; color bars appear and you can record them.

To turn the bars off, simply switch the camera off and back on again. *(Tip courtesy of videouniversity.com)*

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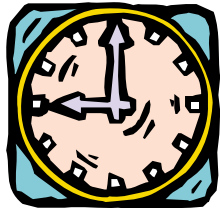
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Mission Statement

To provide the citizens of Greater Battle Creek the opportunity to produce television programs about the community in which they live that are cablecasted on the local access channels. Through governmental, educational, and community information programming, AccessVision will support and enhance local interest, talents, activities, and facilitate dialogue around community concerns.



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday: 8 am to 9 pm

Saturday: Noon to 9 pm

Sunday: 9 am to 9 pm

- Local Elementary school programs featured
- Philo Award recipients
- New Rules & Procedures

What's Inside:

Log on to <http://accessvision.tv>
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