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Eye on AccessVision

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AccessVision Helps Drive Playground Initiative

by Jason Augenstein



As part of a community-wide effort, AccessVision has teamed up with **The Battle Creek Community Foundation, WOTV-41,** and many other community organizations and municipalities to help build **Any Bodies Playground.**

Any Bodies Playground is a specially-designed "boundless" play environment where children with and without disabilities can play together. Battle Creek's boundless playground will be built in Bailey Park. It is being developed through the **Able To Play** project, a matching grant program from the **W.K. Kellogg Foundation.**

AccessVision produced a promotional video that will be shown to community groups to garner additional involvement and contributions for the project. The script was developed by WOTV's **John Doonan,** and the video was shot and edited by AccessVision's **Dale Geminder** and **Jason Augenstein.** It follows the story of **Deb Jackson** and her twin sons (one of whom has Down's Syndrome) and the challenges they face at a typical playground.

"There have been many times at different playgrounds where Max would go on his own and climb right up, and Sam would want to, but I have to be right there with him to assist him. If he could play at the same level as his brother, it would be good for both of them." The Jacksons are only one family with special needs; currently over 18% of children in Battle Creek are specially-challenged.



Deb Jackson and her sons Max (left) and Sam.

AccessVision is proud to play a part in this project's success. On June 11th, project leaders traveled to Lansing for the announcement of the grant. Battle Creek was one of 20 recipients announced by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation statewide.

Recent Productions

- **Dr. Laura Schlessinger** appeared on AccessVision as part of the annual **Community Prayer Breakfast** held on May 6th. **Excellence In Education Day** was also covered on May 7th. Both events were shown in their entirety on AccessVision.



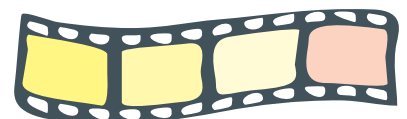
- **The Battle Creek Community Foundation's 2003 Scholarship Recognition Awards** ceremony was held at Kellogg Arena on May 8th. AccessVision coverage aired on channel 12.



- **Battle Creek Central High School's 135th Annual Commencement** was held on May 30th. AccessVision coverage aired on channel 12. Copies can still be purchased for \$15.



- **Lakeview High School's Multimedia and Communication Arts** course culminated in the class covering the LHS commencement ceremony held on June 8th. Led by teacher **Scott Durham,** students used the AccessVision portable studio to record the event. Congratulations to them for a successful first year of the program!



Next Producers Club Meeting

The next **Producers Club Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, August 21st at 6 p.m.** in the conference room. The focus of this meeting will be on **Studio Production**. We'll discuss lighting techniques, chroma keying, set design and audio. If you are currently producing a show or have an interest in using the studio, this meeting is for you!



The Producers Club meets on a quarterly basis, to share production techniques, offer "tips and tricks" and discuss anything else you want to know about with regard to video production. The Club is open to all members of AccessVision, whether you're a producer of a show, a crew member, or just an occasional user. This is YOUR chance to get involved. There is no cost to join. We hope you will find it a pleasant environment to network with other AccessVision users.

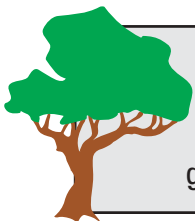
Welcome, New Members!

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

Jonathan Byrd
Micheal Adams
Gaylord Baldwin
Duane Curtis
Christopher Manning
Greg Crawford
Maggie LaNoue
Susan Kiebala
Marilyn Walters
John Kenefick
John Cash
Kathy Harris
Darlene Hunt

Katrina Schreuder
Trish Manning
Leah Robinson
Barry Dillard
Ashambi Guy
Kelsea Frazier
Brandie Roush
Tim Harris
Abby Bolden
Terry Bureson
J.C. Smith
Raye Rice

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.



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Third Quarter 2003 Workshops

Camcorder: July 8 & 9, 6 - 8:30 pm

Graphics*: July 12, 1 - 5 pm

Digital Editing: July 15 & 16, 6 - 8:30 pm

Tape-based Editing: July 22 & 23, 6 - 8 pm

Studio: July 29 & 30, 6 - 8:30 pm

Graphics*: August 5 & 6, 6 - 9 pm

Tape-based Editing: August 9, 10 am - 2 pm

Digital Editing: August 12 & 13, 6 - 8:30 pm

Camcorder: August 19 & 20, 6 - 8:30 pm

Graphics*: August 23, 1 - 5 pm

Tape-based Editing: August 26 & 27, 6 - 8 pm

Studio: September 2 & 3, 6 - 8:30 pm

Digital Editing: September 6, 10 am - 2 pm

Tape-based Editing: Sept. 9 & 10, 6 - 8 pm

Graphics*: September 13, 1 - 5 pm

Camcorder: September 16 & 17, 6 - 8:30 pm

Tape-based Editing: Sept. 23 & 24, 6 - 8 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.

(*You must complete either Tape-based Editing or Studio workshop prior to enrolling in **Graphics**.)



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 fun way to give back to your community? If so, please contact **Greg Mason** at **968-3633**, or e-mail greg@accessvision.tv.

Program Showcase

by Greg Mason

This quarter I would like to highlight a volunteer at AccessVision.

Robert Ashley has been a member since 2000, covering a variety of community meetings. He mostly tapes **Neighborhood Planning Councils (NPCs)** and **Citizen Forums**.



Mr. Ashley started by taping the Citizen and Commissioner comments at the Battle Creek City Commission. After Mayor Behnke requested that AccessVision not broadcast that part of the meeting, Robert took matters into his own hands and put public comments back on the air. Once AccessVision was allowed to cover the public comments again, Robert began to tape the Citizen Forum and some NPC meetings.



Robert Ashley speaks to the Battle Creek City Commission.

Robert says "I am providing the access for citizens who can't attend government meetings. Many citizens do not know what NPC they belong to, or they never heard of a citizen forum. Citizens who do watch my programs not

only learn what happens in their neighborhoods, but some have also started coming to these meetings to express their viewpoint."

Robert has recently received some criticism for recording an NPC meeting. He was actually escorted out of the meeting by a police officer, under the orders of the meeting chairman. But even this has not stopped him from providing coverage of NPCs for the community.

You can find out which meetings are covered and air times by visiting Robert's web page at:

www.screaming233.com/public/av/index.html



Community Voice has been off to a strong start. We provide you with five minutes of airtime to express an opinion or announce an upcoming event. **There is no cost or training needed.** The program is taped every **Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in the studio. Contact **Greg Mason** or **Aric Ruble** at **968-3633** to reserve a 15-minute time slot and make your voice heard in the community!

From the Executive Director

By Dale Geminder



Renovations and upgrades continue around AccessVision. The entire facility is getting a new coat of paint, and in mid-July all four Edit Rooms, Studio A and

Control Room A will get new carpet.

Expect each Edit Room to get rid of the old cassette players and be replaced with CD players late this summer.

This fall, plans are underway to once again conduct our bi-annual Programming Survey.

AccessVision Receives Bonus Grant

AccessVision received a \$750 Bonus Grant from **Sam's Club** for its "High School Sports" program.

Over the past year, AccessVision volunteers covered 22 girls sporting events and 27 boys events. A total of 12 different sports were covered, ranging from girls basketball to boys wrestling. In addition to regular season events, AccessVision also covered a total of 10 District events.



Judi Moon from Sam's Club (L) presents a check to Dale Geminder.

This past school year of sports coverage found over **20** businesses and organizations eager to sponsor High School Sporting events on AccessVision.

Students from KCC, Harper Creek and Lakeview Communications Curriculums performed much of this year's camera work.

Board of Directors

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Jack Pattison



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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Closed Friday, July 4 for Independence Day
Closed Monday, September 1 for Labor Day

What's Inside:

- AccessVision helps build Any Bodies Playground
- Facility renovations continue
- Producers Club meeting set for August 21st

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