

Who is who in the world of 'Channel 12'

By Lark Samouelian
special writer

"It is always more comfortable to be able to put a face on an identity with a name. Just who is the staff who serves the public in local programming?"

Kirk Smith is program coordinator for Metrovision of Farmington, Nov. Farmington Hills, Livonia and Redford. Television production is not only his career but also his hobby. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University and resides in the metropolitan area with his wife and two children. He is known for his sincere interest in helping each and every person alike.

Gary Seleske is the quiet man behind the scenes responsible for keeping our television equipment in sound condition. It has been under his guidance that all our people have been able to produce technically smooth first time around.

Kathy Friedrichs is responsible for managing our production staff of Metrovision of Oakland County. She is a graduate of University of Michigan in telecommunications.

Even though her responsibilities demand that she rule the roost, she encourages all beginners to be sure to ask any of the questions that they have felt are too presumptuous to ask. She is a resident of Ann Arbor, a wife and mother of two.

JUDY GROSSE, Fred Shaheen and Leigh Fennstra are the wonderful and patient people in production who must be the Jack-of-all-trades.

Judy Grosse is the enthusiastic director of programming for Channel 12. She handles all requests for scheduling of shows produced by residents. She is a graduate of Michigan State where she specialized in advertising.

Leigh Fennstra shares her expertise on the technical aspects of the use of the van with residents. She studied television production at Ferris State. She enjoys being director of interns as Metrovision continuously provides guidance to one or two interns.

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The fall season is upon us with the excitement of traditions — football games tailgating, election politicking, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, families and festivities.

Channel 12, and soon Channel 10, have fellow residents who are producing shows to capture the ambience and local significance for your viewing pleasure.

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to have local channels which enhance the opportunity to make use of our Constitutional right, the freedom of speech. The creativity of this right is entertaining as well as informative.

We encourage you to share in the spirit of your community by seeking out your local channels to see what is being done.

For example on Channel 12, at 7:30

p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, "The Shores of Your Mind" promises to conjure up the spirit of all hallow's eve.

Shirley Kelly, the show coordinator, assures us that producer and host "Diana" will provide us with a live evening of spirits as discussed by a Ghost Buster and two psychics. Anyone wishing to be part of the studio audience may be expected to be seated by 6:45 p.m.

A live television show means a phone-in number will appear on your television screen. You, the viewer, may participate by calling in appropriate questions. It is great fun.

Also, throughout the month Channel 12 will be broadcasting candidates listed produced by the League of Women Voters. Be an informed voter and tune in. Each city will be represented throughout the month. Therefore, read our local schedule each week in your newspaper and look for the schedule on Channel 12.

The City of Farmington's Public Safety Department is featured in a

half-hour special to be broadcast 2 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Resident producer-director John Virley and public safety personnel worked together to provide for area residents a program about the professional performance of their Public Safety Department and the diverse services it performs.

Metrovision of Oakland County's public-access programming on Channel 12 for the week of Oct. 21.

COMMUNITY ACCESS
PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE
Monday, Oct. 21

• 12 noon — Life Style.
Meadowbrook Hall with Tony Bennett.
• 1 p.m. — Fitness Fever.
• 1:30 p.m. — Novl Wildcats vs. Oak Park Redskins.
• 6 p.m. — Life Style.

curiosity. He is credited with having the necessary ability to roll with the punches and takes particular pride when the residents he helps with productions delight at seeing themselves on television. Recently, he has been working closely with the Novi Library and the Novi Fire Department.

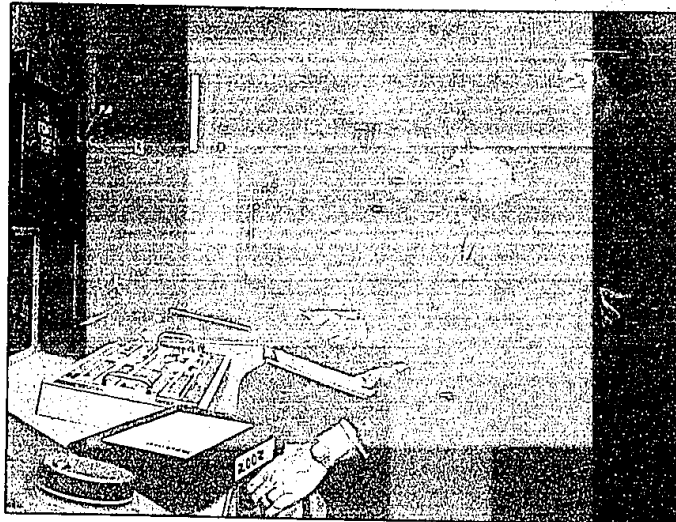
John Virley is a lifetime resident who has been producing several programs for the City of Farmington. His background is in theater and broadcast television. He has been working closely with the Public Safety Department of Farmington for several months. Besides this, he is an editor for a local business and produces the "Insight" series for Channel 12. We tease him that he is becoming the Aaron Spelling of cable because one may find his name on many other producer's shows as the director. He has coordinated a research team consisting of Jeannie Liming, Mary Calderone and Susan Foster to aid in qualitative programming on Channel 12. His most honest critic has been Farmington Hills resident and producer in her own right, Pat Voss.

OVERSEES ALL this activity is the staff of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, which consists of Judy Kral and myself, Lark Samouelian.

Judy Kral is the Cable Commission's administrative assistant. She is the soft-spoken diplomat who professionally manages our office. Her background is in medical record administration. She explored the arena of cable on her own and came to us well prepared. She is a resident of Plymouth, wife and mother of two children, who are away at college. She has taken all the production workshops and is enjoying crawling on a variety of television shoots as well as her other responsibilities.

Then there is myself, Lark Samouelian, the executive director of the commission, responsible for overseeing the contractual agreement for compliance as well as the promotion of local programming.

I am a graduate of Michigan State University. I reside in Plymouth and



NANDY BOST/Staff photographer

Standing, Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission administrative assistant Judy Kral (left) and Metrovision Channel 12 programming director Judy Grosse. Sitting, Commission Executive

Director Lark Samouelian (left) and Metrovision production manager Kathy Friedrichs. The setting is the cable production studio on Halsted in Farmington Hills.

am the mother of two boys. My life is centered around my career and my sons' soccer games. I am very active in the telecommunications organizations, which afford our communities continual education and application of state of the art projects. Occasionally, I find

the time to pursue my favorite sport of windsurfing. This winter will find me chasing my sons around the local ski slopes. I know that I have joined the generation gap as my favorite way to get to the bottom is not straight down. We hope that these short descriptions

will encourage each of you to share your interests and concerns with us as we are here to serve you. Awareness of your questions can only improve the quality of education, programming and service. We look forward to hearing from you.

Meadowbrook Hall with Tony Bennett.
• 6:30 p.m. — Focus: Small Business Environment.
• 7 p.m. — The Choice Is Yours.
• 7:30 p.m. — Novl Wildcats vs. Oak Park Redskins.

Tuesday, Oct. 22
• 12 noon — Church of Today.
• 1 p.m. — Fitness Fever.
• 1:30 p.m. — Farmington Candidates Night.
• 3:30 p.m. — 25th Anniversary of Novi Public Library Open House.
• 6 p.m. — Church of Today.
• 7 p.m. — Fitness Fever.
• 8:30 p.m. — Farmington Candidates Night.

Wednesday, Oct. 23
• 12 noon — Health Talks.

• 12:30 p.m. — Focus: Small Business Environment.
• 1 p.m. — Farmington Hills Candidates Night.
• 2 p.m. — Public Safety.
• 2:30 p.m. — South Farmington Girl's C League Softball All Star Game.
• 6 p.m. — Health Talks.
• 6:30 p.m. — Focus: Small Business Environment.
• 7 p.m. — Farmington Hills Candidates Night.
• 8 p.m. — Public Safety.
• 8:30 p.m. — South Farmington Girl's C League Softball All Star Game.

Thursday, Oct. 24
• 12 noon — Community Uplift.
• 12:30 p.m. — Perceptions. Air Traffic Controller.
• 1 p.m. — Viewpoint. City of Farmington Hills.
• 1:30 p.m. — Novl Candidates Night.

• 2:30 p.m. — Ready, Steady, Go Video.
• 3 p.m. — In One Ear.
• 3:30 p.m. — Only Kid Stuff.
• 4 p.m. — Oakland County Connection.
• 6 p.m. — Community Uplift.
• 6:30 p.m. — Perceptions. Air Traffic Controller.
• 7 p.m. — Viewpoint. City of Farmington Hills.
• 7:30 p.m. — Shores of Your Mind Halloween Special.
• 8:30 p.m. — Ready, Steady, Go Video.

Friday, Oct. 25
• 9 p.m. — In One Ear.
• 9:30 p.m. — Weekend.

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