

Cable awards night goes Hollywood

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Move over Hollywood.

The 3rd annual Channel 12 Entertainment Evening is bound to give Hollywood a run for its money.

More than 130 programs — written, directed and produced by residents, government officials and civic organizations — are in the running for the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission's (SWOCC) annual community access awards.

The awards event — "Channel 12 goes Hollywood" — will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the Harrison High School auditorium. Admission is free but reservations are required by calling the SWOCC office at 473-7258.

"We are putting it in the producers' hands this year to make the decision of which shows they think are the best," said Mary Calderone,

event coordinator.

The shows will be judged by those involved in SWOCC community access workshops and others who have been or are involved in local programming or are on SWOCC's mailing list. Those people have received a ballot listing the 130 programs in 15 categories. They have been asked to pick their favorite shows.

AND JUST like Hollywood's Academy Awards, a top honor will go to the program that's considered the year's best viewing fare, Calderone said.

In fact, the audience may notice other things reminiscent of Hollywood's big night. "We thought that it

would be a good idea to make the evening media-related, a place that reminds them of TV. And what else? — Hollywood," Calderone said.

Celebrities, film clips — including a blooper tape — trophies and entertainment are designed to bring the evening a little closer to the film capital.

Detroit-area celebrities expected to make appearances include Stu Kilemle, WXYZ-TV sportscaster; David Moffitt, Oakland County commissioner; Charlie Sanders, Detroit Lions commentator; Aggie Usedly, WDIV-Lotto announcer; and Diane Hofness, Detroit News writer.

Trophies displaying the Winged Victory will be given in each category by a hand-picked presenter. Film clips of the winning programs also will be shown.

The event's master of ceremonies will be Hobson, "The Slight (of Hand) Comedian," who tours the nightclub circuit from Las Vegas to Royal Oak's Comedy Castle.

Comedienne Joan Rivers and Carol Channing will make appearances. But they won't be the real thing, just the next best thing, female impersonators — known for their Rivers and Channing characterizations — will entertain to choreographed and costumed illusions.

THE EVENING'S entertainment fare also will include Joe Nune, the Pistons' broadcast coordinator and voice impersonator on the Dick Puritan Show.

The Minute by Minute band will be on hand with an original song soon to be released on Metro Records. The band uses new technology called MIDI (musical instrument digital interface), which allows music to be programmed into a computer sequencer.

To add yet another Hollywood touch, the Harrison High School Chorus will give a sneak preview from their choreographed musical, "A Salute to Hollywood."

The evening will be topped off with door prizes, donated by Farmington-area merchants.

The top prize is round-trip airfare to Hollywood from Carousell Travel Agency. Other prizes are a pocket-size television from Zenith-Heathkit Electronics and Computers and a gift certificate from the Record Outlet.

Prizes also include six-months' free use of a premium cable TV channel from MetroVision of Oakland County and a gift certificate from Guest Artist Recordings.

A glittering night



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• Thursday, May 21, Harrison High School, 29995 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment, call Maria Schneider, 476-8353.

• Friday, May 29, Farmington High School, 32000 Shawwassee Road, Farmington, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment, call Mike Hayek or Hilda Grysch, 474-6156.

clarification

A story about the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment appearing on Page 1 of the April 30 issue incorrectly identified the city of Farmington's operating tax rate for 1987-88.

It should have said that Farmington will levy slightly less than the current 10.76 mills (excluding debt levy).

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