

# Competitiveness creates new cable services

Every now and then you read an article in the News, Free Press, Wall Street Journal, etc. about cable and telecommunications. What these reports have promised seemed like star wars of the future. Well the future is here and we are an integral part of history in the making.

Because the cable companies have contracts with local municipalities, community services have been available for development at a local level.

Legislation at state and federal levels is being developed that would help set guidelines for communications development. The F.C.C. is proposing that the telephone industry be allowed to join with video programming distribution.

Locally, we are conscientiously and cooperatively working to develop services through our cable company, MetroVision.

Our cable commission, S.W.O.C.C., supports a competitive environment as long as the playing field is level and all are required to adhere to the same rules.

What are some of the relatively new services that MetroVision works with us to provide?

Emergency Override — This is an emergency service that allows our police departments to break into all T.V. channels to alert us of a problem and give guidance.

Distance Learning — This is a network for interactive instruction



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transmitted from a central site to two or more remote locations. Farmington Schools have developed a strong academic curriculum making use of this service for Foreign Languages.

The MetroVision Telephone system is being programmed to enhance subscriber services allowing us to access a "menu" of options.

Fiber Optics is a most highly developed technology that transmits voice, video, and/or data. MetroVision is placing this cable throughout the main trunk lines of its system. Fiber optics lines are hair-thin fragments of the transparent glass or plastic that use light instead of electricity to transmit. This material is state of the art.

In the coming months, we will be reading and hearing more. I will try to answer your questions and explain as much as we can. Write to me with your questions.

ACCESS PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
Monday, Nov. 11

10 a.m. — Novi Talkin' History;

Earl Holmes

11 a.m. — Women on the Move;

Linda Zalla

Noon — Farmington Hills Police Journal

12:30 p.m. — Travels with Kay; Japan

1 p.m. — P.S. Let's Talk About It; friends

1:30 p.m. — Life Matters

2 p.m. — Live and Let Live: Salvation Army

3 p.m. — Dance with Virginia: Satin dolls II

3:30 p.m. — A Forgotten People: North American Indian Rights

4 p.m. — Lansing Connection

4:30 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions

5:30 p.m. — Groove Session

6 p.m. — Reborn III: Tiny Tim and Jackie Wilson

6:30 p.m. — Tall Tales Express: Marc Thomas and the Fabricators

7 p.m. — Jr. Japanese: Lesson

7:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: Internal Power: Lesson 12

8 p.m. — Prescription for your Health: Pet-a-Pet Program

8:30 p.m. — Cosmic Connection

9:30 p.m. — P.S. Let's Talk About It.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

10 a.m. — Senior Adult Exercise

11 a.m. — Summit University

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| Nov. 21 | Psycho-Social Aspects of Diabetes and Sexual Health<br>Julie Stachowicz, R.N., C.D.E.                                      |
| Dec. 5  | Insulin, Oral Medication and Self-Blood Glucose Monitoring<br>Julie Stachowicz, R.N., C.D.E.                               |
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