

Creative team documents history

Every television production has a history. "Spirit of America - Now and Then" is an example of its best. On March 5, 1991, I received a telephone call from Farmington City Manager Bob Deadman. He requested that our staff prepare an evening of programming for the 200th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights this December and Martin Luther King's birthday in January.

Mr. Deadman's original request was for originally created local programming, as well as public-created programming. On Nov. 27 "The Spirit of America - Now and Then" was completed. It will soon be seen on television channels in many cable systems; but, first, of course, on our own Channel 12.

The team of producers from SWCC staff were Mary Linda Calderone, Lisa A. Smith and Tracy Thompson. All three have very diverse, professional, backgrounds, which harmoniously blended into a very creative television team. Some of the interesting statistics about the final product, which is one hour in length, are that it took six months at 20 hours a week to produce - from preproduction to post-production - for a total of 120 hours. A community SWCC grant covered set design, costumes, copyright fees and music.

The going-rate for such a production on the commercial market would have ranged from \$1,000-\$3,000 a minute. In other words the budget for this production would have approximated \$60,000 to \$160,000, depending on the size and type of production house chosen.

This is why Community Access Television is such a privilege. Our staff and the public are able to produce in-house programming with equipment and facilities provided contractually by MetroVision and SWCC.

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Lark Samouellan
executive director,
Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission

This program will be broadcast on Channel 12 throughout the months of December and January. Be sure to watch your schedule for specific times, and feel free to contact our production crew, if you are inspired to produce productions of this magnitude.

ACCESS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 9

- 10 a.m. - Novi Talkin' History: Earl Holmes
- 11 a.m. - Women on the Move: Virginia Nicol
- Noon - Farmington Hills Police Journal
- 12:30 p.m. - Travels with Kay: Italy and Sicily
- 1 p.m. - P.S. Let's Talk About It: homeless
- 1:30 p.m. - Life matters
- 2 p.m. - Entertainment Spotlight
- 2:30 p.m. - Crime Prevention: avoiding scams and telefraud
- 3:30 p.m. - A Forgotten People: drummers and dancers
- 4 p.m. - Lansing Connection
- 4:30 p.m. - Sharey Zedek Productions
- 5:30 p.m. - Groove Session: In-trigue
- 6 p.m. - Leroy Wixom's retirement
- 6:30 p.m. - Tall Tales Express: Marc Thomas and Barb Schutz
- 7 p.m. - Jr. Japanese: lesson

Tuesday, Dec. 10

- 10 a.m. - Senior Adult Exercise
- 11 a.m. - Summit University
- Noon - Drawing Men to Christ
- 1 p.m. - Women on the Move: Virginia Nicol
- 2 p.m. - Beautification Awards: Farmington
- 3 p.m. - Tri-City Update
- 4 p.m. - Clarencville Schools
- 6 p.m. - Senior Messenger
- 7 p.m. - Seniors on the Move: 80 and still selling
- 7:30 p.m. - A Forgotten People: drummers and dancers
- 8 p.m. - Spirit of America now and then
- 9 p.m. - Career Images: athletes

Wednesday, Dec. 11

- 10 a.m. - Spirit of America Now and Then
- 11 a.m. - Madama Magazine
- 11:30 a.m. - Marc Country TV
- Noon - Novi Skits-O-Frantics
- 1:30 p.m. - All: Christmas Decorations
- 2 p.m. - Farmington Focus
- 2:30 p.m. - Project recycle
- 3 p.m. - Crisis in the Modern Family: multiple sclerosis
- 4 p.m. - Cosmic Connection

Thursday, Dec. 12

- 10 a.m. - Senior Adult Exercise
- 11 a.m. - Seniors on the Move: 80 and still selling
- 11:30 a.m. - Amvets
- Noon - That's Italian
- 12:30 p.m. - Prescription for your Health: turkey dinner
- 1 p.m. - Special Blend: Christmas music
- 1:30 p.m. - Viewpoint
- 2 p.m. - My Vote Counts
- 2:30 p.m. - Chi-aerobics internal power: lesson 13
- 3 p.m. - Senior Messenger
- 4 p.m. - Clarencville Schools
- 5 p.m. - Spontaneous Seniors
- 6 p.m. - Novi Chamber of Commerce: Our town
- 6:30 p.m. - Dollars and Sense: mutual funds
- 7 p.m. - Jr. Japanese: lesson

Friday, Dec. 13

- 7:30 p.m. - Viewpoint
- 8 p.m. - Farmington Focus
- 8:30 p.m. - Crisis in the Modern Family: multiple sclerosis
- 9:30 p.m. - Lansing Connection

To request your favorite community access program to be broadcast on Friday between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., Call MetroVision at 553-7303.



A Big Wheel (of Fortune)

Cathy Smith, a fourth-grade teacher at Forest Elementary School in the Farmington District, recently took a chance at spinning for cash and prizes on the "Wheel of Fortune" TV game show in California. Smith, a Birmingham resident, was seen on "Wheel" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3 on Channel 4.

St. James American Catholic Church

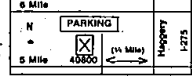
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