

Fiber-based video system to link Oakland schools



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CABLE CONNECTION
The competition is here and now. Oakland Schools reported their proposal to connect Oakland County School Districts with a fiber-based analog video system. Hardly mentioned at all was the existing state of the art interconnect which exists today via cable television and microwave throughout most of Oakland County for the exact same purpose.

Farmington, Novi and Farmington Hills are the only communities not included in the county network which is hosted by Oakland Schools. MetroVision is wrapping up its negotiations with Continental Cable to enable our area to enjoy the interactive services as well.

This countywide cable interconnect is already providing two-way projects such as teacher in-service for schools, court arraignments, EMS training for fire departments and distance learning. Our Farmington Schools were the first project for our cable franchise to exercise the Institutional Network concept. The network is via coaxial cable and/or fiber optics depending on the design need.

Farmington Schools and MetroVision have been providing classes via this network. One teacher and multiple classrooms at different schools. The practice of this method of teaching has

proven to be very cost effective as well as a quality learning experience for the children who are very receptive to the state of the art technology.

Just Jan. 28 our Institutional Subcommittee of the Cable Commission co-hosted with Novi Tech center a demonstration of the intent of our interconnect with the rest of Oakland County. Larry Shepanek demonstrated from Pontiac via satellite, and we communicated via telephone. MetroVision regional Manager Tom Bjorklund and regional engineer Vic Gates were on hand to update the group on the negotiations with Continental.

For your information the Institutional Network is a second and separate cable exclusively for institutional use. The residents use a separate network for entertainment services.

The Inet Subcommittee consists of representatives from Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills courts, fire, police, library, hospitals, governments, schools and businesses. This body has respectfully submitted ideas and letters of intent and real anticipated use-reports to MetroVision. MetroVision will have discussion and planning material as they go forward in design upon wrapping up the negotiations with Continental.

Once these plans have been reviewed the committee will prioritize the projects and recommend their activation to the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. We are very excited that what used to seem like very "Star

Wars" futuristic ideas are happening today.

MONDAY, FEB. 8

10 a.m. — Novi Talking History: Myrtle Manzel
10:30 a.m. — AIM: Valentines day flowers

11 a.m. — Women on the Move: author

11:30 a.m. — Community Uplbeat: fighting the rape culture
Noon — Farmington Hills Police Journal

12:30 p.m. — Dollars and Sense: foreign investors and the new president

1 p.m. — The word of life: Kings dream

1:30 p.m. — Life matters

2 p.m. — City of Novi state of the city address

3 p.m. — Farmington/Farmington Hills Girl Scout fair and history

4 p.m. — Shaary Zedek productions

5 p.m. — Vladislav Kovalsky his music and friends: Lowell Bollau

5:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection

6 p.m. — Women on the Move: author

6:30 p.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil. Business and residential news

7 p.m. — Maple elementary school play

8 p.m. — Pet pointers: dealing with the loss of a pet

8:30 p.m. — Detroit a walk

through old downtown

9 p.m. — Big cities

9:30 p.m. — Groove session.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

10 a.m. — Senior adult exercise

10:45 a.m. — Reaction news

11 a.m. — Valley of decision

Noon — Praise, praise, praise

12:30 p.m. — The happiest people alive

1 p.m. — Live and let live: gun control

2 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria

3 p.m. — Cosmic Connection

4 p.m. — Decorating your home

4:30 p.m. — Special blend: Valentines Day music

5 p.m. — Spontaneous seniors

6 p.m. — Old Time Religion: key of g

7 p.m. — Inside Novi City Hall

7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal

8 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria

9 p.m. — Life, liberty and health insurance benefits billing, home care, national and long term care.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

10 a.m. — Legislative forum

10:30 a.m. — The job show

11 a.m. — Study in scripture

11:30 a.m. — Oakland Press perspective

Noon — The way the truth and the life

12:30 p.m. — Abundant life Arabic miquilatics

1 p.m. — Positively: the winning family

2 p.m. — As time goes by: senior talent show

3 p.m. — Crisis in the modern family: stuttering

4 p.m. — Junior Japanese: lesson 36

4:30 p.m. — Along the way photo essay

5 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil. Business and residential news

5:30 p.m. — Groove session

6 p.m. — Dance with Virginia: rehearsal

6:30 p.m. — Life, liberty and health: care for all, hospital billing problems and proposals for national health care

7:30 p.m. — American health information workshop: nurses discuss AIDS and TB

8:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills beautification awards.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

10 a.m. — Senior adult exercise

10:45 a.m. — Reaction news

11 a.m. — Seniors on the move: 100 shows

Noon — Today and tomorrow: politics

12:30 a.m. — Senior spotlight: nursing/pen pals

1 p.m. — Prescription for your health: sleep disorder

1:30 p.m. — Viewpoint

2 p.m. — My vote counts

2:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics international power: lesson 27

3 p.m. — Ikebana by Izumi

4 p.m. — Clarenceville Schools

6 p.m. — Farmington's past people and places: Robert Deadman

6:30 p.m. — Collectors coup

7 p.m. — AIDS hits home

7:30 p.m. — Cash talks: Moslem Shrine Temple

8 p.m. — John Akouri

8:30 p.m. — Sharon Stein Show: the Holocaust Center

9 p.m. — City of Novi State of the City address.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

Request your favorite community access program to be cablecast on Friday between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. Call Metrovision at 553-7303.

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SMOKE DETECTORS

- Place smoke detectors near bedrooms and on every floor.
- Test the batteries monthly.
- Keep smoke detectors away from air vents.
- Place smoke detectors at least 4 to 6 inches away from walls and corners.

ELECTRICAL WIRING

- Replace wiring if it's frayed or cracked.
- Do not place wiring under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas.
- Avoid overloading outlets.
- Keep covers over electric plates and avoid exposed wiring.

ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS

- Plug heaters directly into the wall socket, and not into extension cords.
- Unplug heaters when they're not being used.

KEROSENE HEATERS

- Be sure kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Fill only with K-1 Kerosene, and never use gasoline or camp stove fuel.
- Refuel kerosene heaters outdoors and when they're cool.

WOODSTOVES AND FIREPLACES

- Only use seasoned wood, and never use green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- Always use a protective screen.
- Clean chimneys yearly.

FIRE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

- Consider installing residential fire sprinklers.

SAFE COOKING PRACTICES

- Don't leave food unattended on the stove.
- Keep appliances clean and free of grease and crumbs.
- Keep curtains, clothing and other combustibles away from the stove.
- Make sure the stove is off and small appliances are unplugged before going to bed.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

SAFE SMOKING HABITS

- If you must smoke, never smoke in bed.
- Keep ashtrays away from upholstered furniture and curtains.
- Always attend burning cigarettes.

CHILDREN AND FIRE SAFETY

- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Teach children how to call for emergency assistance.
- Use safety plugs in electrical outlets.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Have an escape plan and make sure all family members know it.
- Practice the plan every six months.
- Keep emergency numbers handy.
- Identify an outside meeting place and never return into a burning building.
- Know how to call for emergency assistance.

SPACE HEATERS

- Use heaters only in well-ventilated rooms.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.
- Do not use heaters to dry clothing or other items.
- Keep heaters at a safe distance from curtains, furniture and all combustibles.

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