

Community access TV good way to get involved

Looking for a way to get involved in a community activity? Try community access television.

SWOCC and the Cable Access Committee (CAC) have resumed their access forums for the year 2000 with topics designed to appeal to many community access producers, as well as anyone with an interest in video.

Have you ever been curious about how to get started producing your own television show? Worried about how you get guests, crew, or if your show idea is one that will appeal to a large audience? If so, the March forum is for you.

You will learn from professionals in the business how to produce your own show. They'll share how to take a show idea and make it viable for a large audience and how to find a host and crew. Have you ever wondered how you walk that fine line between advertising and thanking a sponsor? What about the difference between copyright and underwriting? You can learn all of this and more in the March forum.

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Are you an access producer who has a question about some of the policies? Do you have a question about production that you can't seem to find an answer to? Well, you can come to the March forum and ask away. SWOCC staff members and CAC members will set you straight on the proper policies.

Looking for crew or a host for your show? Come to an access forum and meet new people who can help you on your production. You can also learn from more experienced producers some tricks of the trade.

Some other forum topics for this year include:

■ June 7: Lighting for studio and remote production. You can learn how important lighting is to how good, or bad, your production looks.

■ Sept. 6: Set Design. This was last year's hit forum, and

this will be better than before. Learn how to create great-looking sets with minimal cost and effort.

■ Nov. 7: LIVE Election Coverage. Get ready for this big presidential year with live election coverage. You can actually help cover this election in our three communities. A committee is already working on how to do this better than ever.

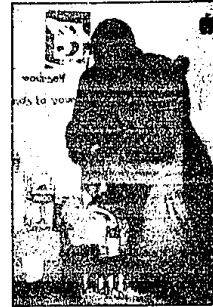
All forums are held at the SWOCC studio. You do not have to be a producer or volunteer to attend. No reservations are necessary, and refreshments will be served.

Call SWOCC at (248) 473-7266 for more information on the forums or to sign up for a free video production class.

Melanie Young is the former community relations specialist for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday March 14 at SWOCC.



Spine-tingling display: Dr. Jonathan Cromwell, a chiropractor, shows Flanders students Andrea Grove and Becky Varns a model of a spine.



Good mix: Chemist Tom Camel helps students Eli Cromwell and Daniel Clumis mix "Oobleck" out of corn starch and water.

Parents introduce kids to their careers

Flanders Elementary School students recently saw for themselves what kinds of jobs might be in their future during Career Day.

The youngsters, who are in the combined second- and third-grade class of Flanders teacher Pam Green, watched as parents and relatives displayed some of what they do in their various professions.

For example, students viewed the "THINK" car and

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bike from Ford Motor Co., made a substance called "Oobleck," tested their spines, learned how to map out flights, sorted through hundreds of paper colors and learned the importance of advertising.

Green said students helped

chemist Tom Camel mix "Oobleck," created by combining corn starch and water.

"It goes from a solid to a liquid," said Green.

Other guests included Ford engineer Michael Varns; chiropractor Jonathan Cromwell; Michael Mansfield of Northwest, who delved into how flight maps are drawn; Alan Pohl, whose topic was colored paper; marketing representative Christine Burkovich.

FHS art students help spruce up Golf Show

Farmington High School art students are getting into the swing, creating a colorful backdrop for this weekend's Michigan Golf Show, Friday through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center (1-96 and Novi Road). The stu-

dents, in the classroom of FHS art teacher Gail Piepenburg, put together a display with a golf theme.

Admission is \$7 for adults. Children 12 and under get in for free while senior citizens can pay just \$5 on Friday. Hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The show, in its eighth

year, has now become the largest and most comprehensive consumer golf show in the entire nation.

More than 350 exhibitors will display, sell and provide information on all facets of golf and golf equipment.

Hourly seminars and fashion shows will take place.

A fully landscaped nine-hole putting green, challenging to all ages, is free with the price of admission.

Leadership is Students Operating Schools topic

"Should Leadership Be Taught In Schools?" is the topic of this year's Students Operating Schools program in the Farmington district.

The program will take place 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Friday, March 17, at Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas.

Forty-nine students will be shadowing administrators, prin-

cipals, school board members and Galilee Leadership Academy members. There will be 16 students each from Farmington, Harrison and North high schools and two students each from the Farmington Alternative Academy and adult education program.

The students will have a list of questions to discuss with the

person they are to shadow, based on leadership and their position. The discussions will take place during an open forum, from 12:15 to 1 p.m.

The master of ceremonies will be FHS senior Ben York, who will give introductions of the board and oversee questions and answers.

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