

MVCC VOLUNTEER NEWS: July/August 2009

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Have some news to share? Recognition, accomplishments, completed programs, or information you'd like to send to MVCC volunteers and web readers? Email Richard Diaz at rdiaz@mvcc.net or call 424-1666. We'll do our best to print what we can.

VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Madge Will was recently recognized for donating 3000 hours of service at Kettering Medical Center. Part of Madge's activities include hospital clowning and knitting caps for newborns.

Madge and Neil Will record the City of Oakwood council meetings each month, and have continued to do so for nearly 15 years.

THE COUNTRY JAM BECOMES FUNDRAISER

MVCC, in cooperation with the City of Moraine, recorded *The Country Jam*, a two hour showcase of the best local bluegrass and country music from the Miami Valley. This concert was held at the Moraine Payne Recreation Center on May 11, 2009. MVCC volunteers Tammy Cason (camera), David Middelstetter (camera), Chuck Robbins (audio) and Bob Henry (audio) made this musical showcase a professional event.

The sale of DVDs for *The Country Jam* has now become a fundraiser, with proceeds benefiting the Needy Family Food Pantry. To date, nearly \$300 has been raised for this charitable cause!

Read more and watch the program here: <http://www.mvcc.net/latest/what-to-watch-country-jam.html>

WEB PAGE VIDEOS

There are over 90 news items from 2009 on the MVCC web page, which is just a small set of the news items released so far this year. Head over to www.mvcc.net and look at the Latest MVCC News section for complete stories of what's happening with our facility.

While you're there, why not try some on-demand streaming video? MVCC has a ten minute highlight package of some notable programs from May and June: <http://www.mvcc.net/streaming-video/what-to-watch-mvcc-video-highlights.html>

Miami Valley Connection highlights non-profit organizations and the good work they do in the Miami Valley. Hannah's Treasure Chest: <http://www.mvcc.net/streaming-video/what-to-watch-miami-valley-connection-14.html>

Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm: <http://www.mvcc.net/streaming-video/what-to-watch-miami-valley-connection-12-aullwood-audubon-center-and-farm.html>

Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area: <http://www.mvcc.net/streaming-video/what-to-watch-miami-valley-connection-13-community-action-partnership-of-the-greater-dayton-area.html>

Centerville High School produced and edited a Mock Crash Exercise set on prom night to show kids what can happen when they make the wrong decisions. <http://www.mvcc.net/latest/what-to-watch-chs-mock-crash.html>

Find out more regarding the Austin Center Interchange: <http://www.mvcc.net/streaming-video/miamisburg-council-video-12-02.html> for the meeting held in June, or watch the groundbreaking here: <http://www.mvcc.net/streaming-video/austin-pike-interchange-ground-breaking-ceremony.html>

Try some of John Moraites' food programs to see the behind-the-scenes planning for Greek Fest: <http://www.mvcc.net/streaming-video/volunteer-john-moraites-produces-2.html>

NEWS & NOTES

MVCC is closed Friday, July 3 for the holidays. MVCC is also closed on July 4, except for production of the Centerville Americana Parade that morning.

The national Hometown Video Festival Awards results are slowly coming in. As of June 25, we have not received any first place winners in the categories listed.

Eric Widing and Garrett Senney are back with MVCC for the summer. Eric and Garrett began their involvement with us as high school students and volunteers. They later received internships with MVCC, and have now returned during their summer break from college to work on projects in the building. Eric has been an Avid editor for such videos as the Miamisburg Citizen Fire Academy, while Garrett is working in master control.

Some online tutorials from Adobe: Using Photoshop with Premiere to make sequence-ready Photoshop files: <http://tv.adobe.com/#vi+f1584v1000> Overview of Aftereffects: <http://tv.adobe.com/#vi+f1596v1785>

MVCC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER ONLINE

MVCC now produces a quarterly newsletter to promote the many newsworthy developments happening in all phases of MVCC's service to our member cities. The debut May 2009 issue can be read or downloaded online in the latest news section of the MVCC web page, and copies are available at MVCC in the lobby display by the hallway television. It's one page front/back, and details our government video of note, CodeRED responses, AT&T and Time Warner developments in regard to MVCC channels, plus more.

FACEBOOK & FEEDBACK

Your feedback is important to us! How can we serve our volunteers, local producers, and viewing audience better? Email Richard at rdiaz@mvcc.net or call directly at 424-1666.

Send us your thoughts and comments on public access, video, web video, training programs, recognition ideas, and anything else you would like to share. What are your thoughts regarding social networking like Facebook and public access?

NEW FLORESCENT STUDIO LIGHTS



MVCC just picked up seven florescent lights for the studio. The lights have been installed onto the lighting grid in a circular pattern for use on a typical Let's Talk program or similar show. They debuted on Let's Talk Centerville, Wednesday June 25, and the quality was remarkable: even lighting, reduced shadows, and a great picture.

These lights present a dramatic visual improvement, as well as 75% reduction in power draw - a definite win-win situation. Kudos go to Chief Engineer Rich LaRue, for making such a great find and smart used equipment purchase.

We're still working on the most effective solution for operating these lights. Users will need to turn each light on at the back of the light (*see right photo above*) and turn the light number on Full at the light board. These lights are not dimmable; lower levels than full cause the light to buzz.

The new studio cameras don't require as much light, but expect to open the iris 2 stops to accommodate the fluorescent's lower level of light. Please allow 5 minutes for each light to warm up to full power.

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Have you tried our Sima ultra-portable lights? They fit in your palm, can mount on cameras, and are cool to the touch. Expect about 45 minutes of light on a full charge. Give them a try!

In the studio, the new curtains are up – a fantastic improvement for shows recorded there. On the monitor cart, there is now a 6-plug XLR patch box for plugging in additional headset units. A cable port to allow laptops to access the internet is also on the cart. Finally, the record countdown clock is fixed, no more HELP on display.

MVCC MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TV NEWS

The monthly MVCC meetings detail all of the latest public access television developments within our organization. Viewers can learn of the latest Time Warner and AT&T channel news, MVCC programs, and hear feedback from our council delegates.

Highlights from the June meeting: Chief Engineer Rich LaRue was recognized for his involvement with the AT&T channel preparation for our signals and his commitment to quality; the volunteer crew of Miami Valley Connection was thanked for their work with Aullwood Autobahn Center and Farm, and Community Action Partnership of Greater Dayton. The June 2009 MVCC Video Highlight package debuted, which can be seen directly here: <http://www.mvcc.net/streaming-video/what-to-watch-mvcc-video-highlights.html>

These meetings are on MVCC 5, and available online at <http://www.mvcc.net/tv-video-services/video-archives.html>.

VOLUNTEER KUDOS

We are fortunate to have so many wonderful and skilled volunteers that contribute to the success of MVCC. We could actually use more producers interested in making shows, so that we can better utilize all the talented people with our organization!

John and Barb Moraites continue to make educational and musical programming.

Bob Knierim and Betty Schenck completed a 9-episode Citizen Fire Academy for Miamisburg.

David Middelstetter and Tammy Cason have been so helpful with our Let's Talk series.

Steve Henley worked on a Saturday to record a 3-hour Women's Health lecture series for the channel.

Charles Cooper, Gene Dakin and Jim Berecek continue to be our go-to crew for Let's Talk as well.

Ken Standifer, Rae Niehals, Tony Kramer, Ron Jenkins and Diana Jenkins have also been invaluable on the Let's Talk series.

Steve Henley, Jim Berecek, David Middelstetter, and Rae Niehals ran the June MVCC Council Meeting.

Cyndi Pauwel, Maxine Marable and Dave Zajovits are a part of the Miami Valley Connection team.

James Goertz and Boyd Harrold donate their time for the Arttalk series.

Mike Sopronyi works his directing magic for the Sound Check series.

Earl Jones, Bill Greger, Madge Will and Neil Will continue to help record city council meetings.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

MVCC Volunteers are crucial to the success of public access programming in the Miami Valley. Our tremendous, skilled television volunteers provide the opportunity for others to express their personal, ideological, or spiritual interests through the video medium.

If you are able to help with a production opportunity at the Miami Valley Communications Council, please contact Richard Diaz at rdiaz@mvcc.net or John Golub at jgolub@mvcc.net or call at 424-1666.

There will be more July programs scheduled in upcoming weeks, but here's what is listed so far:

Studio Productions:



Photo: Hot topics is recorded in the studio

Let's Talk Centerville

Wednesday, June 24 (4th Wednesday of each month)

Starts LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC-crewed show goes out live on GATV5 the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Maureen Russell-Hodgson will host this program on Centerville news and topics.

Needed: 2 camera operators, 1 audio operator

Let's Talk Moraine

Wednesday, July 1 (1st Wednesday of each month)

Starts LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC-crewed show goes out live on GATV6 the first Wednesday of each month.

Dave Miller will discuss news and events happening in Moraine of interest to the Miami Valley.

Needed: 2 camera operators, 1 audio operator

Let's Talk Miamisburg

Wednesday, July 8 (2nd Wednesday of each month)

Starts LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:15pm

This MVCC-sponsored show goes out live on GATV5 the second Wednesday of each month.

The program covers Miamisburg news and topics and is hosted by Gary Giles.

Needed: 2 camera operators, 1 audio operator

Miami Valley Connection

Thursday, July 9 (2nd Tuesday of each month)

Starts at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:15pm

This MVCC-sponsored show is a 30-minute television program featuring an in-depth discussion of one non-profit agency, promoting the positive news and resources in the Miami Valley.

Needed: 2 camera operators, 1 audio operator, 1 graphics

Let's Talk Kettering

Wednesday, July 15 (3rd Wednesday of each month)

Starts LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC-crewed show goes out live on GATV6 the third Wednesday of each month.

Amy Berlean, Community Information Manager for Kettering, will host this program on Kettering news and topics.

Needed: 2 camera operator, 1 audio operator

MVCC Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 15 (3rd Wednesday of each month)

Starts at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC is held in the large conference room upstairs, using our newly-remodeled Suite B control room and 3 Hi-Definition cameras. The meeting discusses the latest MVCC news with city delegates and MVCC officials.

Needed: 3 camera operator, 1 audio operator

Let's Talk Centerville

Wednesday, July 22(4th Wednesday of each month)

Starts LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC-crewed show goes out live on GATV5 the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Maureen Russell-Hodgson will host this program on Centerville news and topics.

Needed: 2 camera operators, 1 audio operator

Mobile Production Truck Productions:



Photo: David Middelstetter and Tammy Cason at the Country Jamboree at the Moraine Payne Recreation Center

Centerville Americana Parade

Saturday, July 4

We have a full crew now – thank you Suzi Fischer, Ed Huff, Mike Huff, Jim Berecek, Gene Dakin, Maxine Marable, David Middelstetter, Rae Niehals!