

Community Access Quarterly



Community Access Television

Orientation

October 2, November 6,
December 4
(subject to change)
All at 6:00 p.m.

Level I (Required)

Basic Television Production
Wednesday, November 12–
December 10
for four Wednesdays

Field Camera (Elective)

November 5
(a single 1-2 hour session)

Field Lighting (Elective)

September 30
(a single 1-2 hour session)

Schedule subject to change due to staff availability. You will receive a confirmation postcard a few days before the class.

All classes are held in our studio at 6:00 p.m. on the dates scheduled and require advance signup and payment where applicable. You must attend an orientation and become a CAT member before signing up for the required Level I, Basic Television Production class. Level I is a prerequisite for all elective classes, for each of which there is a \$10 fee. You can pick up our class schedule in the lobby.

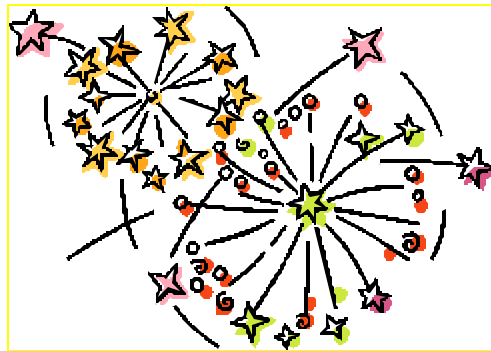
Celebrating Ten Years of Empowering Erie from Executive Director Jeanne Bleil

The big news (and it is very big news to those of us who were here in the very early days) is the tenth anniversary of our opening. Our open house to finally show the Erie community what public access television is all about was held in our studio on October 20, 1998. I had been hired a scant five and a half months earlier, and Shawn Phelps came on board that July. Our directive from the board of trustees was to complete building renovations to make the facility

functional, install equipment in the studio, control room, playback room and wherever we could find for editing, and write the training curriculum. It was time to hit the ground running, and man oh man, did we ever! We opened with bare bulbs and no ceiling in our lobby and other common areas; with hand-me-down furniture and what I always called a “Mickey-Mouse” phone system; a mish-mash of playback decks including VHS, ¾”, and Hi-8; and only one field camera, a Hi-8. But, as directed, we were functional.

Ten years later, we have ceilings and modern lights, fresh paint inside and out, a real telephone system, digital playback, five nonlinear edit booths, a

small meeting room, and an equipment storage room. We have seven Canon digital field cameras and all the accompanying equipment. While you will still find some ancient things from the 1980s, such as the green chairs in the studio and much of our back office furniture, most furniture is of fairly recent vintage.



There are many people to thank, in fact so many I fear leaving someone out, but the City of Erie, both Administration and Council, has been a

major key to our continued success through its support at critical times, and through our designation as the nonprofit to benefit from provisions of the franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable. Other major players with funding of capital and equipment replacement grants are, first and foremost, Time Warner Cable, the Erie Community Foundation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and National City Bank.

There will be more about our history at our Open House and Annual Membership Meeting on October 25th, so please come. You should receive your invitation within the next week or so, and please remember to RSVP.

Notice of Election

At the Annual Meeting on October 25th, there will be an election by the membership of one Trustee for a three-year term. The position is currently vacant. Nominations will be accepted from the membership, provided that the nominee is *an active member of CAT; consents to being nominated; submits a short written biographical summary of his or her qualifications by October 20th; and is present for the election.* Each individual member has one vote, to be cast in person. Each organizational member has one vote, to be cast in person; however, there may not be more than one elected representative from any one organization. Membership dues must be up to date in order to cast a vote.

The following criteria for Trustees are stipulated in CAT's by-laws:

1. Trustees must have the knowledge and dedication necessary to fulfill CAT's purposes and to direct its activities;
2. Have the interests of cable subscribers represented on the board;
3. Avoid conflicts of interest;
4. Foster excellence, diversity, objectivity, service, and equality in public access operations and programming.

Notes & Reminders

New Programs

Watch for our new programming, coming up just before the November 4th election. We will produce our usual Access to the Candidates program, to air between October 20th and November 4th. In addition, we are doing a series of programs with the League of Women Voters called "A Conversation with...." The conversations will be separate interviews of the three Congressional candidates, Phil English, Kathy Dahlkemper, and Steve Porter. It is expected that Porter will run a write-in campaign and the League of Women Voters wanted him to be interviewed in that eventuality. That programming will run in the last week of October.

Program Submission Deadlines

Please don't forget: The soonest your program can run on our channel is seven days after you submit it for cablecast.

Parking Lot News

We are no longer renting spaces to Hungry Howie's Pizza, so you may park in any space at any time, including the spaces on the east side of the short barrier, with one exception. Remember that we share the west parking spaces with FastSigns during daytime hours Monday through Friday. However, when we are very busy, they are understanding if we need those spaces.

Holidays

It's never too early to plan for holiday programming. Please turn in related programs as far in advance as possible, but no later than one week before. We are cramming in leftover vacation days and at times will be short-handed.

Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving

November 27, 28

Christmas

December 25, 26

New Years

January 1, 2

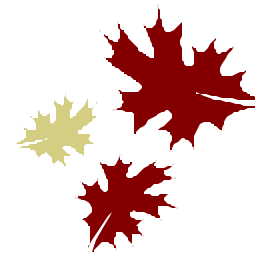
Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Evenings Mon—Thurs
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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This Month's To Do List

- ✓ RSVP for the soiree on October 25th
- ✓ Nominate a board member
- ✓ Check submission dates on programs
- ✓ Catch CAT political programs