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Regular NSCC/NSAC meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at CTV. The next meetings are December 2 and January 6 at 7 p.m.

Above - the control room crew. Pictured from left are Brittni Marczewski, Kevin Schmitz, David Schulte, Ben Hanson and Ian Cobb.

Below - the crew in CTV's studio. Pictured from left are C.J. Luck, Ted Aspnes, Mary Jo McGuire, Ben Kasper, Tom Woods, Maureen Anderson, John Rusterholz, Barb Wills, Jarame Berneche, Keith Flanagan and Justin Surrency.

At left - the crew at the Roseville Library. Pictured from left (back row) are Ellen Anderson, Teresa Renneke, Neil Blageo, Norm Good, Ken Simonson, John Sommer, Colin Anderson and Shannon Hunter. Those seated (front row) from left are Barb Haake and Lynn Redlinger.

Election Night coverage and party

CTV provided its annual Election Night coverage on Tuesday, November 2. The live coverage began at 8:30 p.m. and featured local results, analysis and interviews till 11:00 p.m. CTV also hosted an Election Night party at the Roseville Library. The public was invited to attend to enjoy snacks, talk with candidates, and watch the live coverage in person.

Ben Hanson served as the producer for this exciting night, and many volunteers assisted on the production crew. Many thanks to everyone who helped take make our Election Night coverage possible. In CTV's studio, **John Rusterholz** headed the results crew while **Mary Jo McGuire**, **Maureen Anderson** and **Justin Surrency** served as hosts. At the Roseville Library, **Barb Haake** and **Lynn Redlinger** interviewed candidates.

Election Night concludes a busy election season for CTV. The season began in mid-September with taping ***Candidates Speak Out*** segments. These segments offered each candidate an opportunity to present his or her views directly to the voters from CTV's studio for up to ten minutes. The segments were edited together by office to form ***Candidates Speak Out*** programs. These programs aired on CTV Channel 15 and were available for viewing on our website.

CTV would like to thank all of the candidates who participated in our ***Candidates Speak Out*** programs. And congratulations to this year's winners!

Patrick Cook wins MACTA award

Congratulations to CTV's **Patrick Cook** for receiving the MACTA PEG Staff Producer award for his outstanding service in community television throughout the years. MACTA (Minnesota Association of Community Telecommunications Administrators) recognized one staff producer from each leg of PEG (Public, Educational and Government) at its workshop on August 12. Patrick was selected in the public category, for his 19 years of excellent work in the public access community.

Patrick began at CTV in 1991. CTV didn't exist then; Group W was the cable company and ran the public access channels. Over the years, Patrick has helped many access centers and volunteers with the technical aspects of production.

Ben Hanson's farewell

CTV should not exist. I was hired as an intern in the summer of 2008 and joined the staff as a full-time producer in the fall of 2009. I was swept right out of college into an organization where I was told to produce videos for television. I was given some of the best equipment I could ask for and never had a person standing over my shoulder telling me what to do. I felt spoiled for two and a half years. My last day at CTV was on November 2, and I will never again have that much creative freedom. I cannot believe that a place like this exists.

Looking back at my experience with CTV, I realize that a majority of my time was spent asking questions. There were mountains of information to absorb from each staff member, and I barely scratched the surface. I asked questions every day; I had technical questions for **Patrick Cook**, editing theory questions for **David Schulte**, and questions about crappy 80s movies for **Kevin Schmitz**.

When volunteers asked me a question, I would sneak out the door, ask one of the professionals on staff, and then slink back in and confidently recite the information as if I had known it all along. I was always amazed by the overabundance of video-knowledge contained under this moldy, dilapidated roof. Every once in a while you should step back and recognize the value of the team that CTV has assembled.

I'm moving on from CTV, but not without my reservations. I have unfinished business here, and, if I were a ghost, I would haunt the bejeezus out of this place. While I will be working full time as a video producer for Game Informer, I will always be an email or phone call away from helping out with a shoot … as long as it isn't election coverage.

Ben Hanson as Hammond Groves, private eye, in "The Case of the Community Caper."

I will owe my entire professional life to CTV and its staff; you have all shaped me into the video producer and person that I am now. I cannot thank each one of you enough, especially Tim and David for giving that squirrely kid in plaid a chance. Appreciate what you have here at CTV, and I'll see you around.

- Ben Hanson

CTV wins an Emmy Award

CTV is thrilled to announce that, in addition to the three Hometown Video Awards and three Government Programming Awards it won earlier this year, locally produced programs won an Emmy Award and a Telly Award.

Emmy Award

The Case of the Community Caper, produced by **Shannon Hunter** and directed by **David Schulte**, won in the Community/Cable/Public Access - Entertainment category. The program was created for CTV's 2010 volunteer banquet. With CTV staff as its actors, ***The Case of the Community Caper*** follows a private eye as he investigates the disappearance of CTV's production truck. The Midwest Regional Emmy Awards ceremony was held on September 25 at the Pantages Theater in Minneapolis.

Shannon Hunter and David Schulte display their Emmy Award.

Nominations

Three local programs received Emmy nominations. ***Mental Wellness: MN National Guard 2010***, produced by **David Schulte** and **Kevin Schmitz**, was nominated in two categories: Military - Program/Special/Series and Community/Cable/Public Access - Edited Program/Health/Medical/Wellness. ***Pride in Achievement: The Irondale High School Experience***, produced by **Shannon Hunter**, was nominated in the Community/Cable/Public Access - Edited Program/Education category. ***Building a Heart - The Roseville Library Renovation Project***, produced by **Ben Hanson**, was nominated in the Community/Cable/Public Access - Edited Program/Government/Military category.

We are fortunate to have such talented volunteers and staff at CTV!

- Lori Pulkrabek

Election Night 2010

Special workshops

In addition to regular classes, CTV offers special one-time workshops on a variety of subjects. These workshops are specialized for different areas of production. Some of the workshops held this year include a combination workshop on Lighting and Audio and an Advanced Switcher workshop.

On November 22, we had a workshop on DVD Studio Pro, a high-end DVD authoring software tool that gives users the ability to create advanced menus and interactive systems into the DVD format. The lab setting, headed up by **Kevin Schmitz** and **David Schulte**, focused on giving specific one-on-one training for students based on existing projects and ideas.

CTV always has upcoming workshops, and you will find more information through our website at www.CTVNorthSuburbs.org, e-newsletters, and flyers posted at the station. If you have an idea for a workshop, perhaps on special training for a specific piece of equipment or better understanding of certain crew positions, please let us know. We are always willing to tailor our training for the volunteers and their interests.

- David Schulte

CG Workshop

When: Monday, December 13, 2010, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This workshp, taught by John Rusterholz, is designed to introduce the GenCG Character Generator that is used in the CTV studio and trucks. It covers the basics of graphic page creation, including font selection and sizing, backgrounds, page transitions and credits scrolling. Use of the CGX program is also covered. Sign up today!

"Like" CTV on Facebook!

If you are a Facebook user, be sure to "like" CTV North Suburbs to get updates and information about CTV and its events.

Channel, class and truck schedules are available at www.CTVNorthSuburbs.org.

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Must "C" TV

Channel 15

There is never a dull moment at CTV. There are many exciting events going on here, especially now. Another successful election season has come and gone. Now, on to our other exciting proceedings.

First is the sports season. Soon basketball and hockey will be beginning. Be sure to watch all of the action on CTV Channel 14. Watch games from Districts 623, 282 and 621. We also have college games from Bethel and Northwestern. Go to www.CTVNorthSuburbs.org for the Channel 14 schedule.

Next is the concert and holiday programming that will be occurring. The days leading up to December 25 will be full of holiday cheer. Music is always popular this time of year.

Holiday programming includes my favorite show: ***Santa Call-In***. Tune in on December 14 at 6:00 p.m. to see and hear Santa talk to children on the telephone. So boys and girls, get your lists ready and call in to tell Santa what you want for Christmas! Don't forget to tell your grandparents to watch. Even if they live out of state, they can watch us live on the web!

One last event that I am particularly eager for is the "big move." CTV hopes to be out of this building and into a new one within the next couple of months or so. Details will be coming as soon as we find out when and where. We will try to make it as smooth a transition as we can with minimal interruptions in programming. Please be patient with us as we begin this new and improved (ad)venture. Just think how much better it will be!

- Staci Skoog-Bownik

Channel 21

For my usual year-end, I would like to give everyone a reminder of the procedures for submitting outside productions. Hopefully, you have a production you would like to see aired on Channel 21. I also get many requests from outside producers to air their show on Channel 21, so I'm always in need of show sponsors. If you are willing, drop me an email that you would be available to sponsor a show.

A resident of our ten-city area may sponsor a show if it was produced by a non-resident of our ten-city area.

The standards for submitting an outside production and a locally produced tape are similar, but there are some important differences.

Each outside production must have a local sponsor. The sponsor must provide us with a home address, phone number, and signature on our Alternate Production Tracking Form, which can be found in the forms area of our website, www.CTVNorthSuburgs.org, or at our facility. The back of the form also lists the general policies for outside productions. A copy of the form is required with every submission.

If the show is submitted on DVD, it will only be kept at our station for three months from the date of submission.

That covers the essential differences for submitting an outside production. If you have any questions or need any additional information, you can always contact me at 651-792-7554 or email at tschultz@ctv15.org. I look forward to new submissions.

- Terri Schultz

Mark your calendar

Please note that CTV will be closed on the following dates for the holiday season:

Thursday, November 25, 2010, for Thanksgiving

Friday, Saturday and Monday, December 24, 25 and 27, 2010, for Christmas

Saturday and Monday, January 1 and 3, 2011, for New Year's Day

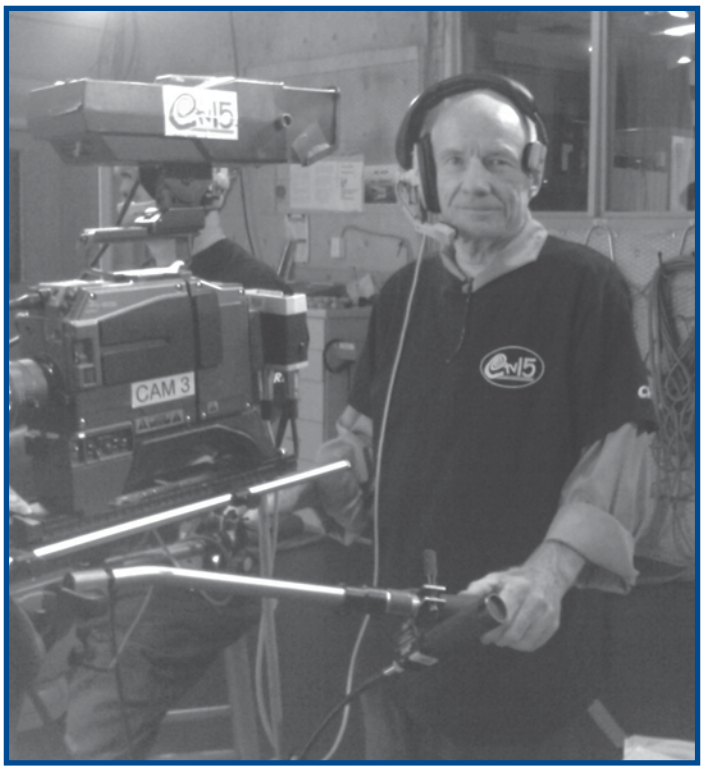
Volunteer Spotlight - Norm Good

Meet Norm, the high, long shot pro.

Norm Good came to CTV in the early '90s with the help of **Sandy Hughes**, an active volunteer at CTV and Como Zoo. He initially volunteered at Como Zoo and often came to CTV to help Sandy with a show called ***Como Zoo Presents***. One time when Sandy brought her show to the zoo to tape the wolf exhibit, she needed some extra help, so Norm, as a grip, helped **Dale Irving** with the camera. After that experience, he signed up for classes at CTV, became certified in several areas, and has been a regular volunteer ever since. At one point he even produced his own show called ***Issues Today***, including as his guests **State Senator John Marty** and **State Representative Mindy Greiling**.

Besides regularly volunteering for the ***A Tale of Ten Cities*** and ***New Brighton Now*** shows, Norm has enjoyed working on a variety of shoots, especially the Minnesota Harvest Horse Show at the Coliseum. And, at the city parades during the summer, Norm can be found creating those high, long, camera shots, from atop a twelve-foot scaffolding.

In addition to his volunteer work at CTV, Norm continues to volunteer at Como Park, primarily at the Conservatory and the Japanese Gardens. He also participates behind the scenes in the Zoo Boo, setting up and taking down the sets and props. And, when he is not volunteering locally, Norm enjoys traveling to Florida to visit his nine grandchildren, which probably involves a whole different type of volunteering.



Norm Good

FYI: Norm's favorite pizza is pineapple with Canadian bacon.

- Teresa Renneke & Margaretha Beach

Winter reminders

Winter is fast approaching and that means it's time for my annual request not to store CTV equipment in your car. Staff will be watching for extra cold tripods, cameras, cables, etc. As you know, metal and plastic can crack and snap when allowed to get cold.

As we come to the end of another year at CTV, you may be thinking about your volunteer hours. If you're looking for ideas on keeping your certification from expiring, feel free to email or call me! I may have some fun video projects for you to take on. For example: **Shannon Hunter** has scheduled basketball and hockey games for Mounds View, St. Anthony and Irondale high schools. We also continue to need help with ***Disability Viewpoints***, ***Santa Call-In*** and cable commission meetings. If you are available during the day, we can always use help with ***North Suburban Beat***. All of these shows are fun and a great way to learn production skills while working with staff. For current volunteer opportunities, you can also request to be put on our volunteer email list, like us on Facebook, or subscribe to CTV's YouTube account. To be put on our email list, send **Terri Schultz** an email stating that you want to be added to the list. Terri's email address is: tschultz@ctv15.org.

Do you know a nonprofit that needs to get their message out to the public? Please have that special nonprofit call me at 651-792-7513.

Finally, stay germ free, stay warm, and see you around!

- Tim Domke

Volunteer hours for programs submitted in July, August & September

Abeler, Miki	(6 Hours)
Alaqidy, Kirsten	(51 Hours)
Allen, Ethan	(63.5 Hours)
Allen, Heather	(3 Hours)
Alm, Dennis	(11 Hours)
Anderson, Ellen	(11 Hours)
Anderson, Colin	(42 Hours)
Anderson, Maureen	(258 Hours)
Anttila, Roger	(41 Hours)
Aspnes, Ted	(37 Hours)
Azar, M. John	(58 Hours)
Barte, Andre	(4 Hours)
Beaudry, Greg	(12 Hours)
Beaurline, Carla	(5 Hours)
Behler, Ryan	(2 Hours)
Bernardy, Kyle	(17 Hours)
Bernardy, Steven	(23 Hours)
Berneche, Jarame	(114.5 Hours)
Berneche, Mary	(9 Hours)
Bidwell, Rowan	(10 Hours)
Bigelow, Peter	(24 Hours)
Bisschosff, Barbara	(22.5 Hours)
Black, Scott	(4 Hours)
Blageo, Neil	(74 Hours)
Blood, Jim	(7.5 Hours)
Boie, Marco	(17.5 Hours)
Bollensen, Eric	(30 Hours)
Brady, Brian	(7 Shows, 38 Hours)
Brady, Dennis	(38 Hours)
Brady, Kathy	(5 Hours)
Brady, Pat	(5 Hours)
Brenny, Todd	(3 Hours)
Brookins, Carl	(70 Hours)
Brooks, Scot	(7 Hours)
Buenger, John	(89 Hours)
Call, Bridget	(5 Hours)
Carlson, Andy	(33 Hours)
Carlson, Bryan	(1 Show)
Christ the King Church	(14 Shows)
Conlon, Joe	(40 Hours)
Crandall-Weisman, Lynn	(16 Hours)
Dec, Michael	(2 Shorts)
DeRider, Kim	(18.5 Hours)
Doerrer, Dan	(10 Hours)
Dohrer, Kimberly	(5 Hours)
Dufour, Christine	(1 Hour)
Erbes, Jo Ann	(30 Hours)
Fasanya, Moses	(2 Shows)
Fick, Madelyn	(10 Hours)
Filiowich, Tim	(3 Shorts)
Flanagan, Keith	(156.5 Hours)
Foell, Justin	(33 Hours)
Fritz, Rae	(19 Hours)
Gehring, Dave	(10 Hours)
Gerten, Joan	(4 Shows, 7 Hours, .5 Short)
Gillett, Dan	(25 Hours)
Gitis, Sheldon	(4 Shows, 2 Hrs, 2 Shorts)
Good, Norm	(1 Show, 59 Hours)
Gray, Keith	(19 Hours)
Haake, Barbara	(14 Hours)
Hagberg, Ted	(6 Hours)
Haglund, Michael	(6 Hours, 1 Short)
Hall, Alexandra	(6 Hours, 1 Short)
Hammes, Nick	(6 Hours)
Hanson, Jim	(4 Hours)
Hart, Carol Ann	(6 Shows, 30 Hours)
Hart, Ellen	(6 Hours)
Hart, James	(6 Shows, 28 Hours)
Hasse, Kyle	(4.5 Hours)
Heisterkamp, John	(4 Hours)
Heitman, Cindy	(7 Hours)
Hildebrant, Linda	(1 Show, 3 Hours)
Hoffman, Paul	(7 Hours)
Hughes, Mark	(2 Shows)
Irving, Dale	(5 Hours)
Isiminger, Douglas	(3 Shows, 4.5 Hours)
Jepko, Jon	(1 Show)
Johnson, Aaron	(33 Hours)
Kaffine, Ken	(3 Hours)
Kasper, Benjamin	(13 Hours, 1 Short)
Kazeem, Paul	(3 Hours)
Kelner, Mitch	(3 Hours)
Kirchoff, Terri	(8.5 Hours)
Kolles, Joe	(7 Hours)
Krebsbach, Jacci	(30 Hours)
Krueger, Joseph	(1 Show, 3 Hours)
Krueger, William	(11 Hours)
LaBuda, Everett	(23 Hours)
Larson, Dave	(5.5 Hours)
Lauer, Lee	(4 Shorts)
Leo, John	(6 Hours)
Luck, CJ	(2 Shows, 2 Hours)
Lynch, Mark	(4.5 Hours)
Mans, Jacob	(5 Hours)
Marczewski, Brittni	(83 Hours)
Martin, Deborah	(16 Hours)
Mason, Ruth	(34 Hours)
Massec, Austin	(6 Hours)
May, Karen	(12 Hours)
McAnnany, Kevin	(1 Show)
Melander-Smith, Sheri	(17 Hours)
Melius, Robert	(6 Hours)
Mitchell, OraMae	(5 Hours)
MN Dept of Education	(1 Show)
Monroe, Jimmy	(27.5 Hours)
Moreno, Javier	(34.5 Hours)
Nebel, Jim	(3 Hours)
Nebel, Lori	(3 Hours)
Nelson, Melanie	(1 Show)
Nelson, Sue	(42 Hours)
Newton, Glen	(55.5 Hours)
Newton, Jo	(25 Hours)
Nicherson, Tom	(8.5 Hours)
O'Brien, Kevin	(9 Hours)
O'Brien, Riley	(9 Hours)
Ohono-Keya, Julius	(3 Hours)
Olsen, Dave	(1 Show, 53 Hours)
Olson, Dan	(1 Show, 2 Shorts)
Omokhodion, Fred	(1 Hour)
Opstad, Greg	(5 Hours)
Orfei, Angie	(4.5 Hours)
Otto, Jerry	(39 Hours)
Paulson, Gary	(11 Hours)
Perrault, Gary	(3 Hours)
Piorek, Bernie	(4.5 Hours)
Pirner, Ian	(37.5 Hours)
Powers, Justin	(4.5 Hours)
Powers, Wayne	(8.5 Shows)
Ranallo, Clarence	(34 Hours)
Redlinger, Lynn	(6 Shows, 116.5 Hrs, 5 Shorts)
Rippelmeyer, Timothy	(6 Hours)
Rivard, Duane	(4 Shows, 49.5 Hours)
Rongitsch, Rose	(1 Short)
Rosalez, Jeff	(5 Hours)
Rowekamp, Nathaniel	(6 Hours)
Rusterholz, John	(12 Shows, 226.5 Hrs, 1 Short)
Sapp, Tyler	(24.5 Hours)
Schlichting, Josh	(7 Shows, 1 Short)
Schmidt, Ashley	(8 Shows, 15 Hours)
Schneider, Jason	(1 Show, 41 Hours, 1 Short)
Schultz, Bob	(4 Shows, 18 Hours)
Seeger, Scott	(6 Hours)
Sheppard, Patrick	(8 Shows, 12 Hours)
Simonson, Ken	(49.5 Hours)
Sowden, Beth	(1 Show)
Stang, Patrick	(6 Hours)
Stepnick, Joey	(.5 Shows, 104.5 Hours)
Strand, Mike	(11 Hours)
Strong, Mark	(7 Hours)
Stuart, Dylan	(34.5 Hours)
Surrency, Justin	(1 Show, 60.5 Hours)
Swenson, Curtis	(4 Hours)
Thill, Randy	(6.5 Hours)
Thomas, Landon	(51 Hours)
Thompson, Ian	(7 Hours)
Trumper, Michael	(4 Hours)
Tschida, Caitlyn	(4 Hours)
VanAlstine, Vanessa	(3 Shows, 44 Hrs, 3 Shorts)
Vandergriff, David	(6 Hours)
Vannelli, Lynne	(5 Hours)
Venske, Michael	(5 Hours)
Wade, Angelique	(5 Hours)
Walsh, Bill	(2 Hours)
Wasserman, Bill	(3 Shows, 1 Short)
Weber, Kevin	(4 Hours)
Weisman, Eric	(4 Shows)
Wennberg, Dan	(1 Hour)
West, Scott	(2 Hours)
Wilcox, Robin	(1 Show)
Willman, Kevin	(28.5 Hours)
Wills, Barbara	(143 Hours)
Wolterstorff, Sid	(3 Hours)
Woods, Tom	(114 Hours)
Yohannes, Abdiwak	(6 Hours)
Zownirowycz, Mark	(6 Hours)

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Tuesday, December 14, 6 - 8 p.m.

Kids of all ages are encouraged to call 651-792-SNOW to talk to Santa and his elves!