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appreciation night was one swell shindig

Food and fun joined lights camera and action on December 9th for another of those great MTN family get-togethers. MTN celebrated its people power on that evening with a little thing called **MTN Appreciation Night**. The happenings happened in Studio A, where many MTN producers, board members, and staff gathered to eat great food from the **Aster Café** and mingle and converse and put on a TV show.

Hamil Griffin-Cassidy played video music on the dub rack, computer, mouse, and keyboard to snip together two sets of sweet MTN show clips. The party rocked out as these clips projected on the wall above the control room window. Then the camera and the action walked in as the party went live on TV. The live show was a ceremony to recognize two pillars of MTN, Engineer **Jim Derks**, and prolific MTN producer and former Board Member **Mark Engebretson**.

MTN Executive Director **Pam Colby** commanded the microphone to Master the Ceremonies. She first introduced Jim Derks, who has been working at MTN for 20 years. Derks said, "I've had so much fun – that's why I've been here twenty years. I'm looking forward to twenty more."



Colby recognized Engebretson's acumen at figuring out the ins and outs at City Hall while he served on the MTN board, and recognized him for his production work on great MTN shows like **The Prima Donnas** and **Rock and Roll Girl**. Engebretson said, "The board that was in place when I left was the most talented, most enthusiastic, and most energetic board that we had since I started, so I felt that it was okay for me to leave."

Engebretson went on to say, "I think MTN is great. It's the electronic soapbox. All the programs are great. The staff is just incredible. You couldn't find a more welcoming place than MTN. These people know what they're doing, and they are excited about helping people."

Brother Love closed the show with some of his keyboard magic, and kept the music rolling for the folks in the studio after the credits finished playing. MTN 17's regular Friday night line-up went back on the air, but the party continued in Studio A.

- John Akre

community tv conference coming to minneapolis

For four years running now, community media types from all over Minnesota have gathered for the Annual **Minnesota Community Media Conference**. The last three conferences have been held in St. Paul, but this year's conference will be in Minneapolis, at **Minneapolis Community and Technical College** on **February 17th and 18th**.

Featured at this year's conference will be keynote speakers **George Stoney** and **Sue Buske**. Stoney is a renowned documentary filmmaker who is considered by many to be the father of public access television. Buske is the president of the Buske Group, a consulting firm that has been working for public access organizations for many years.

The conference will also feature workshops on a wide variety of topics, from community news and website design to media literacy, promoting your program, and digital distribution. The conference runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Registration for both days of the conference is \$60 if paid before February 1, and \$70 after that date. Single day registration for either day is \$40 before February 1 and \$50 after.

For more information about the conference, visit the MTN web site, **mtn.org**, or the website of the Alliance for Community Media Midwest Region, **www.acm-midwest.org**.

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miss black usa visits mtn

Recently I had the privilege of meeting Miss Black USA, **Celi Marie Dean**, while she was here at MTN for the taping of the **Lemmy O Live** show. A 20 year old junior at the University of Minnesota, Celi competed against 23 other women on August 7th in Washington DC. In winning the title of Miss Black USA she received scholarship money and a trip to the Bahamas.



Celi has been doing pageants since the age of 6 and won her first pageant at age 8. That is when she first appeared on **Lemmy O Live** where she sang and was interviewed. She has re-appeared on the show throughout her career.

In her current role, Celi speaks to youth on the importance of getting a college degree. She also mentors a group of teens at **Farview Park** in North Minneapolis.

She will be traveling in the coming year and has many events planned, such as a couple of trips to Africa and a TV awards program.

African American women between the ages of 17-27 who are interested in participating in the Miss Black USA pageant can go to the website at **missblackusa.org**.

- Pam Colby

mtn is the place, mtn is the people

People may wonder, what is MTN? What is this thing called "public access?"

MTN is the place, the studios and equipment that can make a TV show. But it is also a network of producers. MTN supports your right to speak your mind by providing a venue for your thoughts. New (and old) ideas are welcome. We teach the understanding of media through the practice of media production.

We welcome you. Bring your stories along to share! We trust the power of your experience. Stop in for a tour, check out the classes, surf the web site. And then make your own TV show. Step right up, take your place, and put your face in front of the community through our channels. The goal of MTN is to reflect this community of Minneapolis on these cable

channels.

MTN reflects the community but it also builds community. It builds a community of viewers and a community of media makers.

MTN is open to all, including communities under-served by mainstream media outlets. MTN is an exciting place to be. This is a place of many dreams and visions, of spirit and varied experience. We learn from each other.

If you watch the channels, you will find local information, questions, passion, the arts, outrage, youth views, dance, language, music and more. If it is on MTN, it is probably something different. Check out the program schedule on page four, or on the web site, and be surprised.

- Doug Cain

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next mtn member's screening:

friday, march 10 at 7 p.m. in studio A

Bring something to screen or just come to watch. There is a 10 minute limit on all show clips.

Questions? Call John at (612) 331-8575 ext. 307.

mtn series program schedule

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| <p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Discover Islam 7:00 Islamic View 7:30 As Above, So Below 8:00 Monday Night Live 9:00 The Hemp Channel 9:30 Full Auto 10:30 Difference Makers 11:30 Heavy Metal TV</p> | <p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali American Media 6:00 Uthura 7:00 Leslie Davis Show 7:30 We the People 8:00 Altera Vista 9:00 The Nancy Boys 10:00 Drinking with Ian 10:30 Prima Doms 11:00 Rock and Roll Girl</p> | <p>MTN 16 5:00 Community Views 6:00 Somaliland America TV 7:00 MTN Community Events 8:00 Let's Learn to Get Along 8:30 Humanist Perspectives 9:00 Judy Corrao Show 9:30 Rainbow Flag 10:00 Irene on TV 10:30 Holistic Health Now!</p> | <p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:30 Fitness and Faith 7:00 Best of the Cities 8:00 Chinese News and Entertainment 9:00 Somali Democracy Center 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> | <p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali Watch 6:00 Oromia Regional State TV 7:00 Oromo TV 8:00 Hablando de Salud 9:00 Somali MaTV Network 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> | <p>MTN 16 5:00 Busho TV 6:00 Awude Ethiopia 7:00 Kev Koom Slab 7:30 Atheist Alliance 8:00 MTN Community Events 10:00 Undercover TV 10:30 The Marty Doogin Show 11:00 T.C. Muzique's Late Nite</p> | <p>MTN 16 5:00 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 5:30 MN at Work 6:00 Wayci TV 7:00 African Rendezvous 8:00 MTN Community Events 9:00 Somali Life</p> |
| <p>MTN 17 5:00 Spectator 6:00 Friendship Set to Music 7:30 Our Turn 8:00 Video Voices 8:30 Moving Forward 9:30 The Review 10:00 Democracy Now 11:30 Diet to End Diseases</p> | <p>MTN 17 5:00 WWA 5:30 30 Minutes with an Author 6:00 Republican Roundtable 6:30 Vets Visits On TV 7:00 Kinpride 7:30 Bi Cities! 8:00 Soap Factory Gallery 8:30 Creatures for Adoption</p> | <p>MTN 17 5:00 Variety Show 6:00 Bat of Minerva 7:00 On Transit 7:30 House Call 8:00 The Mary Hanson Show 8:30 Perils for Pedestrians</p> | <p>MTN 17 5:00 Lemmy O Live 5:30 From the Mic 6:30 TV Bookshelf 7:00 Mac's Showcase 7:30 Jazz Plus More 8:30 T.C. Muzique 9:30 Art Cunningham 10:00 Democracy Now 11:00 Time Warner Connections</p> | <p>MTN 17 5:00 Twin City Beats 6:00 Toad, Turtle and Whoever Else Shows Up 6:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 7:00 Purple Funk 7:30 MSP Sports 8:00 MBTV 8:30 Third Party Forum 9:00 Art Temple 9:30 MCLU Forum 10:00 Democracy Now 11:00 Body Rock</p> | <p>MTN 17 5:00 En Familia 6:00 Minneapolis Property Rights 7:00 American Talks Back 8:30 Atheists Talk 9:00 Somali Mai Community 10:00 Abyssinia 11:00 Cinema Apocalypse</p> | <p>MTN 17 5:00 Black Focus 7:00 Telling People's Stories 7:30 Strictly Seniors 8:00 ETBM 9:00 Lemmy O 9:30 Holding People Accountable 10:00 TBA 11:00 Fabulus Underground</p> |
| <p>MTN 75 5:00 Against All Odds 5:30 Living Word Church 6:00 New Vision 6:30 The Good News 7:00 Lovepower 8:00 Fire of Change 9:00 PRSPKTV on Life 11:00 Armed Forces News 11:30 Atheist Views</p> | <p>MTN 75 5:00 First Community Baptist 6:00 Search the Scriptures 6:30 Piercing Darkness 7:00 Pure Heart Clear Mind 8:00 Trinity Tabernacle 9:00 World Encounter 9:30 Christian World Today 10:00 Curtis Farrar Ministries 11:00 The Bible Speaks</p> | <p>MTN 75 5:00 Book of Acts 5:30 Hour of Restoration 6:00 Greater Friendship 7:00 Word of God 8:00 Hope Community Presents 9:00 Unheavened Bread 11:00 Healing and Victory Today 11:30 National Socialist Movement</p> | <p>MTN 75 5:00 Cornerstone Prayer Center 6:30 Tomorrow's World 7:00 Sword of the Spirit 8:00 Turn or Burn 9:00 Hear What the Lord is Saying</p> | <p>MTN 75 5:00 The Best is Yet to Come 6:00 Redeemed Life Church International 6:30 Bible Study Ministries 7:00 Walking By Faith 7:30 Prophetic Word 8:00 Greater Faith Church 8:30 Shalom Scripture 9:00 Help is on the Way 10:00 Truth of God 11:00 That Which Is</p> | <p>MTN 75 5:00 Light on the Gospel 6:00 Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Guest 7:00 Praise and Power Hour 8:00 Eagle Christian Church 8:30 Solid Rock Church 9:00 Hour of Power 10:00 Truth of God 11:00 Key to the Kingdom</p> | <p>MTN 75 5:00 Songs of Praise 6:00 Walking in the Light 6:30 Worldwide Outreach for Christ 7:30 Stand on the Word 8:30 One Day at a Time 9:00 The Hidden Truth 11:00 Farrankan Speaks</p> |

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