WCML-TV

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Form BC 126 PTA 11-13-75
June 1954

NON-COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CH 6

Date first licensed 10-14-76(#257)

Call letters WCML-TV

Station location ALPENA, MICHIGAN

Name of licensee CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location State Rte.#33,approx. 9 mi. N. of Atlanta, Mich.(BP 10-11-73)

Main studio location Anspach Hall, Cent. Mich. Univ., Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (BP 10-11-73)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPET-416	10-11-73	Ch-6	V-100kW	Unl.	12-11-73
AH: 1470'	MSL: 2409'	82-88	A-15.1kW		4-11-75
CP for new Educ. TV station.					
BPET-416	1-21-74	Call letters assigned.			
BPET-416 (2)	6-5-74	New obstruction markings.			
EBSA	1-21-74				
BMPET-839	2-18-75	MP(BPET-416) to chg trans. & ant.			12-11-73 4-11-75
BMPET-847 (1)	8-11-75	MP(BPET-416) To extend completion date to			2-11-76
WIRE	11-13-75	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. WCML-TV program test accord. Sect. 73.629 rules and CP BMPET-839. Advise when operation commences under this authority.			
BLET-394	10-14-76	Ch. 6	V. 100 kW	U	10-1-79
AH: 1470'	MSL: 2409	82-88	A. 15.1 kW		
Lic(BPET-416) for a new station					
BRET-790601KG	9-21-79	Renewal Of License (S)			10-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~WEM~~ WCMU-TV

Name CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
CH-6 (PO c/o William J. Grigalunas, Anspach Hall, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48858)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-416 Received Filed PRESS: PN REC'D: PN Recd	9-20-71 9-30-71 10-4-71 OCT 13 1971 10-18-71 10-28-71	CP for new Educ. TV on: Freq.: Ch-6, 82-88mcs ERP: Vis. 100kw, Aur. 15kw HAAT: 1472 ft. Hrs. of Oper.: Proposed Satellite of Station WCMU-TV, Ch-14, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. TL: State Rte. #33, 9 mi. N. of Atlanta, Mich. (45-08-17 84-09-44) SL: Anspach Hall, Cehtral Mich. Univ., Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Trans.: GE TT-530-G Ant.: GE TY-60-E REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.685 OF THE RULES. Atty.: Alan C. Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Engr.: Cohen and Dippell	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION	10-11-73

HEW application filed 9-30-71 - to Roy Stewart 10-12-71.

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCML-TV

Name CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
CH-6 ALPENA, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-839 R & F PRESS:	1-8-75 1-13-75 FEB 11 1975	MP(BPET-416) to chg. type trans. to RCA TT-25FL and type ant. to RCA TF-5CM. Atty.: Alan C. Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	2 18-75
BMPET-847 R & F no fee required PRESS:	2-28-75 5-7-75 30 JUL 1975	MP (BPET-416, as mod.) to extend completion date Atty: Alan Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	8-11-75 L 1-6-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCML-TV

Name CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
CH-6 Alpena, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLET-394 R & F no fee required PRESS:	11-6-75 11-6-75 22 JAN 1976	License to cover (BPET-416, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: Suzanne Meyer (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	L 10-14-76
BRET 790601KG R & F PN REC'D PRESS	5-17-79 6-1-79 6-1-79 '79 06 08	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY.: ALAN C. CAMPBELL {DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON}	GRANTED	9-21-79

About the History Cards …

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.