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Vets' Oral History Project Debuts on ABMI-TV



Marjorie Turner Hollman, a freelance writer and personal historian, serves as host of two ABMI-TV shows: Strictly Business, which focusses on local commerce, and now the Bellingham-Mendon Veterans Oral History Project.

First show with guest Linda Calderiso airs Sept. 3

ABMI-TV's newest show, *Bellingham-Mendon Veterans Oral History Project*, premiered Tuesday, Sept. 3. Produced and hosted by Marjorie Turner Hollman, a freelance writer and member of the Association of Personal Historians, the *Oral History Project* focusses on veterans recollections of the times they served in the armed forces. "A number of my colleagues mentioned having volunteered to collect veterans' oral histories," says Hollman. "When I looked into what was involved, I realized that ABMI already had practically all the resources I might need to start a project here in the Bellingham-Mendon area." In addition to airing the interviews on ABMI, copies will be sent to the Library of Congress to become part of the national Veterans Oral History Project. "I've completed two interviews so far," says Hollman, "and I am actively looking for the next veterans willing to share their military experience with me. I do a pre-interview with each person to get acquainted, go over all the forms the Library of Congress requires to ensure these interviews become part of the permanent record, then create a basic script that we follow for the interview." The *Bellingham-Mendon Veterans Oral History Project* airs every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m and 9:00 p.m. on Comcast Ch. 8 and Verizon Ch. 47.



ABMI Board Votes to Approve Budget For New Show Produced by Hollman

At their July 9 meeting the ABMI Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the budget for a new show to be produced by freelance writer and personal historian Marjorie Turner Hollman.

The show will be called the *Bellingham-Mendon Veterans Oral History Project*.

Station Manager Patrick Fleming said Hollman would like to produce the new show based on interviews with veterans from the armed forces.

Hollman attended the meeting. She told the Board she would also try to get grants from the local cultural councils.

The Board informed Hollman that a budget is available for crew food, coffee, and administrative costs such as mailing.

Board Member Brian Sutherland motioned to approve the new program. Board Vice-President Jereme Cooper seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

In other business, Board Secretary Earl Pearlman inquired about a figure in the Treasurer's Report that appeared to have a typo. It was checked out and the correct amount was subsequently emended to the report.

Fleming informed the Board that landscapers will be doing a lot of work on the yard around the station.

Cooper asked how the recent BHS Graduation shoot went in the gym. Production Coordinator Erik Fischer said it went well.



Sutherland asked if it would help to get a pop-up tent. Fischer said it probably wasn't necessary.

Cooper asked Publicity Director Steve Saraceno about the Northeast Conference for the Mass Alliance. Saraceno said the conference went well: he took a lot of interesting workshops and met with other public access people from across the country. He also spoke with the lighting director for *ABC Evening News with Diane Sawyer* who gave a seminar on new trends and techniques in lighting at the network level.

Board President Tracy Aicardi asked how the Concerts on the Grass series was progressing. Saraceno said the shows had been well-received. He noted that Middlesex Bank was currently advertising the July 10 concert on its digital sign by Route 126.

The Board agreed that the amount of detail in Fischer's Production Coordinator's report was satisfactory.

Aicardi asked what happened at the Talent Show at Macy School. Fischer said it was not technically a talent show. In any event, the tape could not be cable-cast because some children in the background did not want to be shown.

Cooper asked about the credit roll for a recent concert shoot. Fischer said he stayed late to re-do the credits before taking off on his well-deserved vacation.

Fleming said he planned to get a strain relief cable for one of the cameras to help out with the summer concert coverage.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

Noon & 2pm
North Uxbridge Church

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6:30pm - Victory
Assembly of God

1:30pm & 9pm - Bellingham-Mendon
Veterans Oral History Project

3pm & 8pm - 30 Odd
Minutes [8pm LIVE!]

WEDNESDAY

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

4pm & 8pm
The Garage

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something
Special

Noon & 6:30pm - Real
Estate Roundtable

10pm - The Dungeon
of Dr. Dreck

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11

Concerts on the Grass 2013

Mark Rogers (front row, 2nd from right) brought his Westwood Swing Band to the Bellingham Town Common July 24.



Frank Morse (far right) and his band, Morse Code, rocked Bellingham for the second straight summer July 10. Morse Code's two sets featured an eclectic selection of classic rock.

ABMI Volunteer Greg Gomes performed yeoman duty on roving camera throughout the series of eight shows.



Below left, Justin Fleming is all a-glow about the Morse Code concert July 3. At right, the crowd at the first-ever Mendon Kids Night finds someone they can look up to -- namely, Trevor the Games Man, whose antics complemented The Infractions performance July 31.





***Lurking in the Trees* Looks at Longhorned Beetle**

A half-hour documentary about the Asian Longhorned Beetle infestation, *Lurking in the Trees*, will be cablecast Mondays at 10 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. throughout September. The Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources produced the show to raise awareness of the threat to trees in the Worcester area and beyond.

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8

PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47

EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98

EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41



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*Next Meeting
Tues. Sept. 10, 2013
6:15 p.m.*

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

1. You can post free notices for your non-profit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at abmi8@comcast.net. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
2. All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at abmi8.org. Taped public meetings and special events are also available for viewing in the Archive section at our site.
3. DVD copies of ABMI shows are available for \$15.75 per copy. We have shows going back as far as 1985, so if there's a blast from the past you'd like to see again, call us at 508-966-3234.
4. ABMI encourages interested volunteers. Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
5. Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Erik Fischer are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.
7. Live town meetings generally run on the town government channels.



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