

The Accessory

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ABMI Pays Tribute to Longtime Producer Larry Cibley with Encore of '90s Special



For well over a decade Bellingham's Larry Cibley (1933-2002) hosted the ABMI live call-in talk show "On the Line with Larry." Guests included such luminaries as Dick Clark and (pictured above) Steve Grogan and Ron Lippett. In the 1990s Cibley staged and directed a variety show featuring many town figures. It was called "An Evening with Larry Cibley and Friends." The two-hour production receives an encore cablecast the weekend of Jan. 23-25 at 2:30pm and 8:30pm each day.



Board Approves Bellingham Residents Berchtold and Soter as New Members

The ABMI Board of Directors voted unanimously to grant Membership to Bellingham residents Derek Berchtold and Mike Soter at the Jan. 8 meeting.

Berchtold said he is looking to help out on the production of live shows in the studio, as well as shoots using the mobile production van.

Soter plans to produce a weekly show focusing on sports, politics, and local news.

In other business, Board President Tracy Aicardi asked Station Manager Patrick Fleming how the recent *Santa's Elves Telethon* went. Fleming said the Telethon proved a success. Fleming stayed later than usual to help out newly-hired Production Coordinator Jeff Paul.

With regard to the repair of the heating system for the studio building, Fleming said the evaporator coil had been fixed.

Board Secretary Earl Pearlman asked whether Publicity Director Steve Saraceno had gotten in touch with the ABMI Scholarship winner, Aishwarya Bhadouria. Saraceno said yes, the Bellingham High School Guidance office helped track her down. Saraceno said he spoke with Bhadouria that very afternoon. She will be sending in her first semester grades from college, after which ABMI will send her a check for \$1,000.

Board Vice-President Jereme Cooper asked Saraceno to contact ABMI Producer Marjorie Turner Hollman to let her know that Cooper wants to purchase her book, *Easy Walks in Massachusetts*. Saraceno said he



would contact Hollman by email.

Pearlman asked whether Mendon has a video club. Saraceno told him yes, that Liz Wernig is its director. Pearlman asked why Bellingham's video club is directed by the ABMI Production Coordinator. Fleming explained that Bellingham High lacks teachers with video experience to supervise the club.

Aicardi asked Fleming whether the Telethon still solicits on-air donations. Fleming said yes. Cooper asked what organization distributes the gifts and donations. Fleming said he thinks distribution is managed through St. Blaise Parish.

In old business, Cooper asked Paul how things are going with the Production Coordinator post. Paul reported that things are going well.

Fleming commented that the station went through a week of glitches -- the heating unit, the SCALA bulletin board system, etc. -- but things are now running smoothly.

Bhadouria of BHS Wins Scholarship

Aishwarya Bhadouria of Bellingham was selected in December by the ABMI Board of Directors as recipient of the \$1,000 Scholarship for 2014.

Bhadouria graduated in June from Bellingham High. She is currently a freshman at Northeastern University.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

Noon & 8pm
Theresa's Real Estate Review

3pm & 7pm BHS Hockey

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 8pm
All Politics is Local

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

1pm & 7pm - 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

Telethon Kicks Off Winter Schedule at ABMI

ABMI's new Production Coordinator Jeff Paul directed the three-hour shoot of the Santa's Elves Telethon Dec. 2.



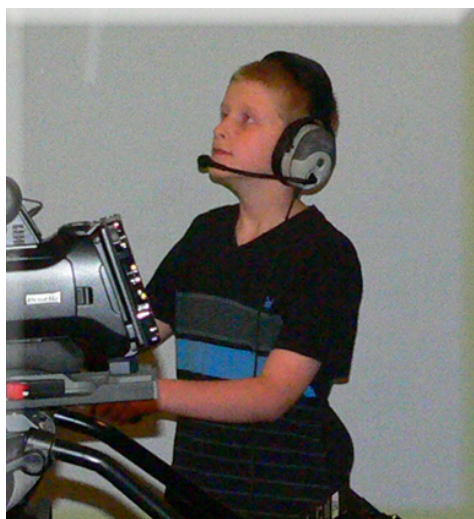
Linda Trudeau (red dress, standing) served as host of the Telethon, along with Lynn Ulsh (far right). The Bellingham Women of Today organized the event for the 28th straight year.

Bellingham Cub Scout Troop 100 hams it up in front of green screen during their Dec. 15 tour of studio. Below, *In The Spotlight* host Don Keller (far right) chats with sportswriter Ken Hamway (left) and Tim Huranga of Planet Fitness.



Carol Bogdanovich of the Bellingham Women of Today served behind-the-scenes, taking donation pledges over the phone.

Derek Berchtold Gains ABMI Membership



Derek Berchtold of Bellingham gained ABMI Membership at the Jan. 8 Board meeting. Story p. 2.

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

Thurs. March 5, 2015
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



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