

The Accessory

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25th Annual Concerts on the Grass Series Concludes with Two Shows in Mendon



A successful quarter-century of summer concerts organized by ABMI-TV finished up in early August with shows by the bluegrass band Southern Rail on Aug. 5 (above), and the horns of Brass Connection on Aug. 12 (below).

The Bellingham portion of the series took place at the Town Common during the month of July, with five Wednesday shows. "Good crowds, good music, and good weather this year," said concert organizer Steve Saraceno.



Bellingham Native Nick Russell Voted in as ABMI Board Member

Board Member Earl Pearlman asked Nick Russell about his background at the Sept. 10 meeting of the ABMI Board of Directors.

Russell, who grew up in Bellingham, told Pearlman that he had volunteered at ABMI since he was twelve years old or so. He now runs LightWay, which handles the station's website and other tech services.

Board Member Diane Mela Souvanna made a motion to appoint Russell to a Bellingham seat on the ABMI Board of Directors. Pearlman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Pearlman asked about the stipend paid to Liz Wernig. Fleming said it is for her work as the director of the Miscoe Hill MultiMedia Club. Fleming said there is a similar position at Bellingham High for the supervisor of Hawk TV.

Fleming reported that the Bellingham Fire Marshall came to the studio and told him that all businesses on the street are being inspected



for fire code. Fleming said he followed the checklist for such things as smoke detectors, fire-retardant on the studio curtains, and getting rid of old paint cans. One last item is to get each exit door numbered. Fleming said he will purchase some stick-on numbers from Home Depot. paint cans. One last item is to get each exit door numbered. Fleming said he will purchase some stick-on numbers from Home Depot.

Fleming said new portable lights are needed for the Concerts on the Grass coverage.

Souvanna asked Publicity Director Steve Saraceno about the continuing ed courses he may be signing up for. Saraceno said he sometimes takes classes at Assabet Regional, Keefe Tech, or Worcester Art Museum to enhance his work skills. Saraceno is hoping to take a course in Final Cut X this fall but hasn't signed up for anything as yet.

Souvanna asked Production Coordinator Jeff Paul how his show *Paul in the Pit* is going. Paul said he hopes to download some YouTube footage for use on the show. It has been a challenge to find live guests for the show.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am & 4:30pm
Train Time

1pm & 5:30pm
Melissa's Menu

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6pm - Vic-
tory Assembly of God

1:30pm & 9pm - The Garage

7pm & 11pm - Paul
in the Pit

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 8pm
Books of Our Time

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Con-
certs on the Grass

10pm - The Dun-
geon 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

ABMI at the Mendon Town Beach

Members of the bluegrass group Southern Rail harmonize during their show Aug. 5.



Hunter, Tyler, and Alex Carvalho manned The Camo 3 during the Taft Library Great Cardboard Boat Race Aug. 13.

Below, Snack Shack workers stand at the ready for customers during the Aug. 5 concert by Southern Rail. Prior to the show free pony rides were available for the kids (far below).



Trombonist Chris Baird of Brass Connection played the "Yaz Song" for the fifth year running!

Cardboard Boat Race Video Debuts Sept. 18



Publicity Director Steve Saraceno has been covering the Taft Library's Great Cardboard Boat Race since 2002. His latest production debuts on the ABMI Public Channel (Ch. 8 Comcast, Ch. 47 Verizon) Friday, Sept. 18 at 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

"This is the first year I used a GoPro as one of the cameras," says Saraceno. "I got some nice underwater shots -- and the kids really helped out by capsizing a lot!"

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. Nov. 12
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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