

The Accessory

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Concerts on the Grass



26th Annual Concert Series Organized by ABMI

Kids Nite kicked off the 2016 ABMI-TV Concerts on the Grass series at the Bellingham Town Common July 6 with appearances by longtime favorites Trevor the Games Man and children's songwriter and performer Wayne Potash (see photos, p. 3).

The traditional folk duo Yankee Notions took the stage July 13 following an hour of free pony rides, as did the classic rock band Morse Code a week later on July 20. This latter show also featured a short presentation of "Bollywood" dance technique by Bollycize, a local exercise facility.

The early Beatles tribute band Studio Two comes to the Common for the second straight year on July 27, with pony rides at 6:00 p.m. "Those four lads are quite a sight with the crazy haircuts and those suits," says Publicity Director Steve Saraceno. "And they play pretty good, too!"

On Wednesday, Aug. 3 the series moves to Mendon Town Beach with a performance by Quintessential Brass. Aug. 10 the Jesse Liam Band comes to Mendon to play some pop favorites. And on Aug. 17 the series concludes with cool L.A. style jazz from the Brad Ellenberg Quintet. Pony rides are offered from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Board Taps Cooper for President; Other Board Officers Also Chosen

The ABMI Board of Directors selected new board officers at the June 12 meeting.

Jereme Cooper of Bellingham was named Board President. Earl Pearlman of Mendon took over as Vice-President. Tracy Aicardi of Bellingham was appointed Treasurer and Diane Mela Souvanna accepted the position of Secretary.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for longtime board member Bob Carlson of Mendon, who passed away in May. Carlson had served several stints as Board President in his nearly two decades of association with the station.

In other business, Cooper said the packet of hard-copies of the various monthly reports no longer needs to be sent to the board members. The online versions will now suffice. Souvanna and Pearlman agreed.

Cooper asked if the new portable lights were good. Station Manager Patrick Fleming said the stand works well,



the lights run on batteries, are dimmable, and don't get hot.

Cooper asked if the BHS graduation had been covered. Fleming said yes, the ceremony took place indoors even though there was no rain.

Cooper asked how the Bellingham Memorial Day Parade went. Production Coordinator Jeff Paul said there was a big lull after the first vehicles, then the parade moved to the Common.

Cooper asked, "What is BV Cats?" Paul said it was the name of a fundraiser for a cat shelter. Paul made a PSA for the group and covered the fundraiser at Imperial Chevrolet in Mendon.

Fleming said the signature card at the bank must be updated by Aicardi and Cooper.

The Board agreed that checks of \$1,000 and below need only one signature.

Fleming's salary review was tabled until the next meeting.

Cooper asked who Christopher Huckins was. Fleming said Huckins was the new accountant who took over for Bill Bissonette.

Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said a video studio in Waltham may be donating some equipment to ABMI.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am & 4:30pm
Train Time

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

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

1:30pm & 4:30pm - Wicked Good Food

7pm & 11pm - Paul in the Pit

WEDNESDAY

10pm & 4pm
Physician Focus

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

2pm & 8pm
Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

10am & 4pm - Chef's Table

11am & 5pm - Something Special

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon 47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11



Concerts at the Bellingham Town Common

Free pony rides supervised by staff from Ridge Valley Stables in Grafton drew large crowds of kids and parents. Ponies will also be at the August shows in Mendon.



Children's performer Wayne Potash got the kids going with interactive play during Kids Nite on July 6.

Trevor the Games Man (far right with striped hat) loaded up his parachute for an "explosive" performance July 6 for Kids Nite.



Marilyn Floyd sings lead for the classic rock band Morse Code, July 20.



Real Estate and Beyond Debuts on ABMI

Longtime volunteer producer Mike Shain is back with a new real estate show to be cablecast weekly on the ABMI public channel.

The new show, *Real Estate and Beyond*, will air in the 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. time slot on Thursdays.

The show will also stream at those times on the home page of the website abmi8.org.

Shain is the former producer of *Real Estate Roundtable*, which aired on ABMI.

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. Sept. 8, 2016
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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