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- DVD copies of shows available for \$15.75
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Marlana Patton of Peregrine Energy Group Discusses Electric Plan for Bellingham



Marlana Patton, the Vice-President of Community Programs for Peregrine Energy Group, spoke with host Lynn Scornavacca Jan. 26 to publicize the new electricity aggregation program for the town of Bellingham. The program affects the electricity supply part of the residents' electric bills. All National Grid and Eversource Basic Service customers will be automatically enrolled in the plan in March 2017. The interview will appear on ABMI through February.





Bellingham Women of Today Raise Over \$3K at Telethon

On the night of Tuesday, December 6, 2016 the Bellingham Women of Today held their thirtieth annual Telethon at the ABMI studio at 10 William Way in Bellingham, to help raise money for needy area families.

Over \$3,000 dollars were donated over the phones and in person, not to mention thousands of dollars more worth of toys brought in by local scouting groups and youth organizations.

Linda Trudeau once again served as host of the event. Featured were area performers, town politicians, local business people, and charitable service organizations. ABMI Production Coordinator Jeff Paul directed the show, with Derek Berchtold, Justin Fleming, and Kyle Fleming behind the cameras.





REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am & 4:30pm Train Time

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

10:00am & 3:30pm The Garage

11:00 am & 5:00 pm The D.A. Show

7pm & 11pm Paul in the Pit

WEDNESDAY

10pm & 4pm Physician Focus

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

2pm & 10pm - Local High SchoolSports

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm Strictly Business

2pm & 8pm Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

10pm - 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

Lights, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

Volunteer Derek Berchtold of Bellingham has covered numerous events for ABMI, including concerts, high school sports, and the recent Telethon.





Host Linda Trudeau (right) chats with Anagha Kumar during the Dec. 29 shoot of *Something Special*.

Scouting troops from Bellingham and Mendon came down to the studio Dec. 2 to donate gifts for the Santa's Elves Telethon.





Host Mike Shain interviews Naomi Herron (left) and Deborah Flanagan during the Dec. 29 shoot of *Real Estate and Beyond*.



Volunteer cameraman Kyle Fleming takes a break during the Telethon.

ABMI Board Votes to Award Two \$1,000 Scholarships

The ABMI Board of Directors voted at their Jan. 12 meeting to award scholarships to Mendon residents Sarah Tong and Alexa Mirageas, who had tied in the Board's voting for the award.

Tong is currently attending Boston University. Mirageas is a freshman at UMass Amherst.

In other business Mike Shain, producer of Real Estate and Beyond, was granted permission to purchase advertising for his show in the Bellingham Bulletin, with the money comingfrom his producer's budget for the current fiscal year.

Board Vice-President Earl Pearlman asked whether John Trainor's documentary, History of Mendon, Part 1 will be running for a while. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said the episode will run throughout January, after which Part 2 will be cablecast.



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Next Meeting Thurs. March 9, 2017 6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

- You can post free notices for your nonprofit 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.
- Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Erik Fischer are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
- 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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