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Santa's Elves Telethon Live Cablecast Tuesday, Dec. 4



The Bellingham Women of Today will once again team up with ABMI to help raise thousands of dollars in gifts and donations for needy area families during the Santa's Elves Telethon hosted at the studio Tuesday, Dec. 4. Presented by Linda Trudeau, a longtime host of the event, the Telethon features two hours' worth of greetings from area scouting groups, on-air donations from local community figures, holiday videos, and live performances. *(Photos from last year's Telethon: Above, a Bellingham Cub Scout pack donates some gifts. Below, host Linda Trudeau chats with Bellingham's Mike Soter.)*



Board Views Summary of FCC Actions Pertaining to Funding

The ABMI-TV Board of Directors reviewed at their Oct. 11 meeting a summary of the proposed actions by the FCC that threaten to severely curtail funding from cable providers for community public access stations.

Publicity Director Steve Saraceno distributed summaries of two pending FCC actions that will allow cable providers to deduct local expenses against the station's percentage of cable subscription income. Saraceno said it is of great importance to spread the word to both local and national political representatives that these actions jeopardize the financial viability of community access stations.

In other business, Board Treasurer Jerome Cooper asked Station Manager Patrick Fleming whether a scan converter had been purchased to fix the glitch in the SCALA video bulletin board image. Fleming said yes, the unit was purchased as part of the SCALA upgrade.



Cooper asked Saraceno how the upgraded system was working. Saraceno said that it is working well, although it took a few days to successfully upgrade the system.

Board Member Sue Carlson asked about the new supervisory position for the Miscoc Hill MultiMedia Club. Fleming said the new supervisor, Beth Gervais, had been given a lesson in Final Cut Pro. ABMI will also supply the club with another camera if needed. Gervais and Paul Schwab will split the stipend for supervisor.

Saraceno told the Board that he had talked to Ashland Cable about its payment policy for crew members. Saraceno said that Ashland pays about nine or ten people as contractors.

Fleming said he will meet soon with the Bellingham Town Administrator and the lawyer concerning contract negotiations with the cable provider.

Cooper made a motion to raise the per-game pay for announcer Pete Royce from \$75 to \$90 for "unlimited games through Dec. 2020." Board Member Tracy Aicardi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am
Train Time

11:30am & 5:30pm
- The D.A. Show

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

1:30pm & 6pm - Local
High School Sports

7pm & 11pm - Paul
in the Pit

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm
Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

THURSDAY

10am & 9pm
Local Fall Sports

2pm & 8pm
Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Lo-
cal Fall Sports

10pm - The Dun-
geon 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

Lights, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

Wes Callery (left) and Joe Cavallaro anchor a segment of Hawk News during a recent shoot for Hawk TV at Bellingham High School.



Nipmuc Football (right) defeated Northbridge Nov. 11 on their way to a Super Bowl appearance against Scituate at Gillette Stadium Dec. 1.

Below, crowd fills area outside of Fenway Park during the Boston Red Sox victory parade Oct. 31. Pete Royce's coverage of the event aired on ABMI.



Boston Police Officer Steve Horgan reprises his famous arms-high bullpen salute during Red Sox victory parade covered by ABMI announcer Pete Royce Oct. 31.



Host Linda Trudeau (right) chats with Bellingham Bulletin editor Pam Johnson during last year's Santa's Elves Telethon. Trudeau hosts again Tuesday, Dec. 4.

2019 ABMI Scholarship Applications

ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for 2019. One will be awarded to a Mendon resident and one to a Bellingham resident.

Scholarship applicants must reside in either Bellingham or Mendon. The only other requirement is a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications.

Applications are available at local schools and online. Deadline for submission is May 15, 2019. Winners will be announced following a vote by the ABMI Board.

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. Dec. 6, 2018
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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