

# The Accessory

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## 2019 Concerts on the Grass Series Goes Over Big in Two Towns



The 29th Annual ABMI-TV Concerts on the Grass series presented several popular performances this year in both Bellingham and Mendon. Above, the classic '80s rock band Vinyl Echo wowed the crowd at Mendon Town Beach on Aug. 7. Earlier in the summer the Jesse Liam Band brought their blend of contemporary pop to the Bellingham Town Common the night of July 24. For more on the concert series, see page 3.



# Surbey and Columbo awarded \$1,000 ABMI-TV Scholarships

Mendon resident Lauren Surbey and Bellingham resident Joseph Columbo will collect \$1,000 scholarships this fall upon successful completion of their first semester in college.

The ABMI-TV Board of Directors voted to award the two incoming freshmen the scholarships upon careful review this summer of several applicants from both towns for the awards.

Surbey, a 2019 graduate of Nipmuc Regional High School, will be attending Emerson College this fall. She plans to major in Writing, Literature, and Publishing.

Columbo, a 2019 graduate of Bellingham High School, plans to attend the University of Hartford. He will major in Filmmaking.

For the past several years Columbo has volunteered at ABMI-TV. He served as crew member and cameraman for the Concerts on the Grass series, where he worked the portable camera



and helped to set up and break down the equipment used for recording the concerts. Columbo also shot various events at local schools and around town, which were later edited down into productions cablecast on ABMI.

"It just goes to show that volunteering can pay off," says Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, who notified both happy applicants that they had won the scholarships. "Joe Columbo came down to the station at 10 Williams Way one day to check out the facilities. Our production coordinator at the time, Jeff Paul and I gave him a tour of the studio and learned of his interest in filmmaking. We let him know that we would be glad to work with him to help train in the areas of his particular interest -- whether in front of the camera or behind it. And now Joe is a high school graduate going off to study filmmaking in college. And with a scholarship to boot! I call that a cable access success story!"

Both Columbo and Surbey will receive their \$1,000 checks upon presentation of passing grades from their first fall semester.



## 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

#### WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm  
Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - Local  
General Coverage

#### THURSDAY

10am & 9pm  
Local Spring Sports

2pm & 8pm  
Real Estate & Beyond

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-  
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Lo-  
cal Spring 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***

**Diane Petit (guitar) leads the bluegrass band Ocean State Ramblers into another tune Aug. 14 at the Mendon Town Beach.**



**Free pony rides for the kids were offered at both Bellingham Town Common (above) and Mendon Town Beach for the concert series.**

**Concertgoers enjoy the sunset at the Mendon Town Beach during the Ocean State Ramblers show Aug. 14.**



**Wayne Potash performs his "Penguin Song" July 3 during Kids Night at the Bellingham Town Common.**



**The Wild Beyond made their debut appearance July 10 as opening act for the classic rock band Morse Code.**



## ***ABMI-TV Offering Two Scholarships For 2020 Graduates***

ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for 2020. 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, 2020. 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  
Mon. Sept. 9, 2019  
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](mailto: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](http://abmi8.org). Recorded 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 Tyler McMinniman 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.

