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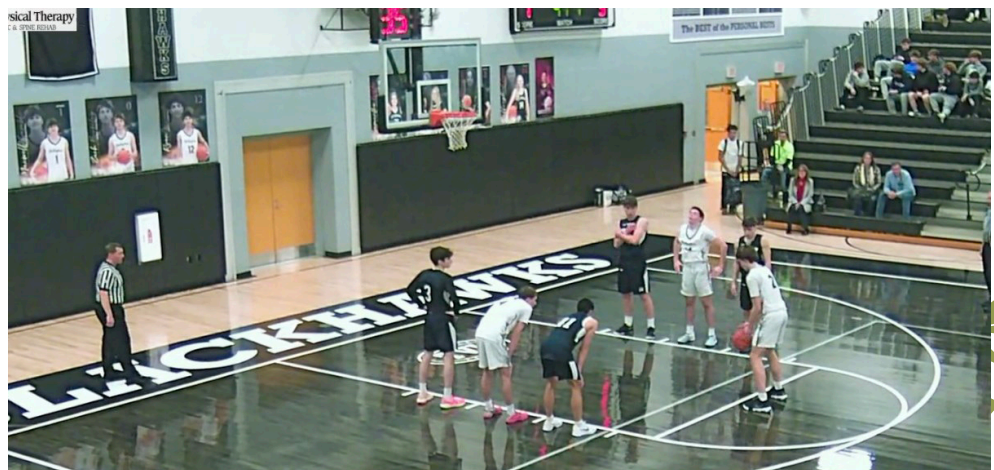
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Tri-Valley League Sports Net

Hopkinton Community Access (HCAM) News Director Tom Nappi recently launched a series that takes a comprehensive look at the various sports activities of schools in the Tri-Valley League.

ABMI debuted *Tri-Valley League Sports Net* in January. Please consult program listings at abmi8.org for latest episodes.



Board Mulls Increasing Scholarship Amount and Number of Awards

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on Jan. 8 Board Member Diane Mela Souvanna wondered whether the scholarship award might be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The Board decided to table the discussion until next meeting.

In other business, Station Manager Patrick Fleming told the Board that the capital payment check from Verizon had arrived. That brings the capital payment amount up to match the Comcast payment amount. Additional Verizon payments of the same amount will be sent annually for the next three years.

Board Member Earl Pearlman asked about the term period for the bank CD. Fleming said eight months. He said ABMI collected \$32,000 in interest last year



and should collect just about the same amount this year.

Fleming said the equipment for the hi-def upgrade should be arriving later in the week.

Fleming said once the equipment arrives they will be setting up training sessions. The first \$20,000 of the upgrade has been paid. The next payment of \$20,000 will pay off the balance.

Souvanna asked about the intern situation. Production Coordinator Tyler McMinniman said a pause has been put on interns for the time being. It has been difficult for interns to be available when we need them, due to class schedules and lack of transportation.

Fleming said the Treasurer's Report for Oct. 2024 covered the items for Michael Legge's show that usually come up annually.



REGULAR SHOWS- ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES-
10:30AM & 7PM

TVL SPORTS NETWORK -
1PM & 8M

MENDON SELECTMEN
9PM

TUESDAY

CONCERTS ON THE GRASS
10AM

BOWLING FOR SCHOLARS
3PM & 9PM

WEDNESDAY

MENDON TOWN EVENTS
7PM & 11PM

THURSDAY
BELLINGHAM TOWN EVENTS
3PM & 8PM

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

ST. BLAISE SUNDAY MASS
8:30AM & 6PM

BOWLING FOR SCHOLARS
NOON & 9PM

DUNGEON OF DR. DRECK
10 PM

Lights, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

Singers harmonize during Bellingham Middle School Fourth Grade Concert in January.



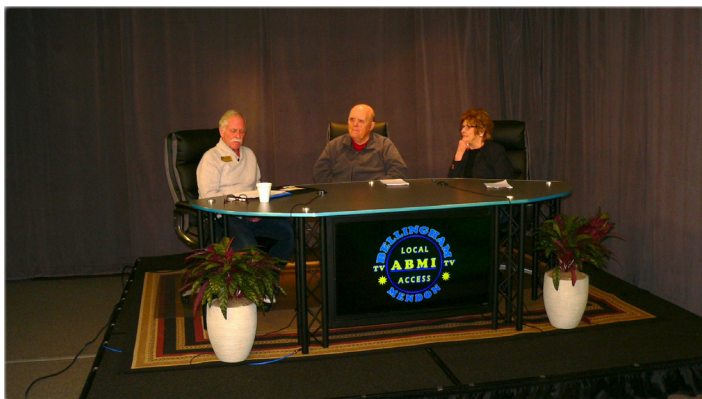
Bowling for Scholars recorded the 11th Episode of its second season recently at Sparetime Recreation in Whitinsville.



**The BHS Girls Basketball team battles Med-
way in Dec. 10 game at the Bellingham gym.**



**The Mendon Minstrels perform holiday
program at Mendon Senior Center**



**David Dunbar (left) of Bellingham Council on Ag-
ing chats with Jim Fitzpatrick and Kay Page dur-
ing Feb. 11 shoot of Public Service Announcement
on Age and Dementia.**



**The BHS Boys Basketball team lines
up for February game vs. Medfield**

\$1,000 Scholarships Available for Class of 2025

ABMI is once again offering \$1,000 Scholarships for students who reside in Mendon or Bellingham and will be attending college in the fall of 2025

Students graduating high school in 2025 can apply online at Bellingham High, Nipmuc Regional, or Blackstone Valley Tech.

The award recipients for 2024 were Madison Elliott of Bellingham and Michael Byrne of Mendon.

Elliott is currently a freshman at the University of Connecticut. Byrne is also a freshman at UConn.

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PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47

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EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

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*Next Meeting
to take place
virtually by Zoom
Wed. March 12*

directions to studio

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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. 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.

