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Mendon Senior of the Year 'Roast'



John Trainor (left) recently produced a humorous look at the 2016 Mendon Senior of the Year award, which he won this year along with Dick Grady.

"I was very surprised," John Trainor told the *Mendon Town Crier* earlier this month, after being chosen as co-recipient of the Mendon Senior of the Year award. "It's just not something you expect, but I feel honored."

Trainor also felt honored to be sharing the award with Dick Grady, a fellow member of both the Mendon Historical Society and Preservation Mendon. Trainor's short video about the award, *2016 Mendon Senior of the Year Roast*, captures the feeling of camaraderie and good cheer between Trainor and Grady in taking a humorous perspective on the award.

The ten-minute video premiered Sept. 18 before an enthusiastic audience at the Mendon Unitarian Church luncheon honoring the duo. The next day "Roast" was cablecast on ABMI-TV, where it will be shown periodically over the next month.

Trainor has produced several other documentaries looking at Mendon. Last year he shot a walking tour of Old Cemetery. He is currently working on a multi-episode video called *The History of Mendon*, with several installments already completed.



Board Votes in Sue Carlson; Station Purchases Fold-up Tent

The ABMI Board of Directors voted unanimously at their meeting Sept. 8 to select Sue Carlson to the Mendon board seat previously held by her husband, Bob Carlson.

Bob Carlson passed away in May after nearly two decades of service on the board for the station.

Board Treasurer Tracy Aicardi made the motion to select Sue Carlson, and Board Vice-President Earl Pearlman seconded

In other business, Station Manager Patrick Fleming said high school football will be covered this year by announcer Pete Royce, with volunteer Derek Berchtold and Production Coordinator Jeff Paul serving as crew. Pearlman asked whether Royce has a tent for protection from the elements. Fleming said the station recently purchased a fold-up tent and podium.

Fleming said the station has received the final capital funding payment from Verizon for the current contract.

Fleming said the sig-



nature cards for the checking account had been signed by Pearlman and Aicardi.

Fleming reported that a camera got broken at a recent Concert on the Grass in Mendon. Insurance covered everything but the deductible.

Fleming told the Board that Dave Cutler at South School may be covering some events during the school year. If so Cutler will send along copies of the productions.

Fleming said he recently purchased audio speakers for the studio. Also, the old backdrops were removed to make room for the new curtains.

Fleming said a two-dollar ground lift improved the image on the cable reception here at the station.

Fleming said Nick Russell of Lightway fixed the lag time on the archive stream.

Publicity Director Steve Saraceno handed out the 2016 Scholarship application submissions to the Board for review. Saraceno asked for votes to be sent by email within the next two weeks or so.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Fleming's salary review.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am & 4:30pm
Train Time

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

11:00am- The D.A. Show

12:30pm & 6pm - Vic-
tory Assembly of God

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

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

1pm & 7pm - Local
High School Football

10pm - The Dun-
geon 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

The metal band Destiny Never Dies went acoustic before a green screen for the Sept. 8 shoot of Jeff Paul's *Paul in the Pit*.



ABMI Board of Directors at Sept. 8 meeting: (l-r): Tracy Aicardi, Patrick Fleming, Diane Mela Souvanna, Jereme Cooper, Earl Pearlman, Sue Grady.

Destiny Never Dies as they appear onscreen: (l-r) Eric Eska, Eric Burton, Josh Druszyna, Philip Babbitt.



Jeff Paul directs the Destiny shoot, Sept. 8.



The Brad Ellenberg Quintet plays at the Mendon Town Beach Aug. 17.

\$1000 ABMI-TV Scholarships Available for 2017

ABMI-TV is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for one student from Bellingham and one student from Mendon in the year 2017.

Applicants must show a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications but need not plan to major in the subject.

Applications will be available at area schools as well as the ABMI studio at 10 William Way. This year applications will also be posted on the station website, abmi8.org.

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. Nov. 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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