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Concerts on the Grass 2017



Singer Marilyn Floyd directs the kids dance contest during the July 26 performance by the classic rock band Morse Code. The well-attended show concluded the Bellingham portion of the 27th Annual Concerts on the Grass series organized by ABMI. The month of July featured four scheduled concerts at the Bellingham Town Common: Kids Night on July 5 with children's singer Greg Cooney and stiltwalker Trevor the Games Man; the July 12 rain cancelled appearance by the Beatles tribute group Studio Two; the July 19 Quintessential Brass show which included free pony rides for the kids; and the July 26 appearance of Morse Code, led by Frank Morse.

The Concerts on the Grass series moves to Mendon in August for three shows at the Mendon Town Beach on Taft Avenue. The folk duo Yankee Notions appears Aug. 2 in a show sponsored by the Mendon Cultural Council; on Aug. 9 another duo named Knock on Wood appears with acoustic folk-rock; and the concert series concludes Aug. 16 with Brass Connection.

MENDON TOWN BEACH

Wednesday, Aug. 2 -- 6:30pm to 8:30pm **Yankee Notions** (folk) Kids Activity: free pony rides 6:30pm to 7:30pm *sponsored by Mendon Cultural Council*

Wednesday, Aug. 9 -- 6:30pm to 8:30pm **Knock on Wood** (acoustic folk-rock) Kids Activity: free pony rides 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday, Aug. 16 -- 6:30pm to 8:30pm **Brass Connection** (Herb Alpert plus) Kids Activity: free pony rides 6:30pm to 7:30pm



ABMI Board of Directors Select Nick Russell as Board President

Nick Russell of Bellingham first started volunteering at ABMI in 2003 as a 13-year-old. After graduation from college Russell remained involved with the station and eventually gained one of the Bellingham seats on the Board of Directors. At the meeting on July 13 of this year, the Directors unanimously elected Russell as Board President.

In other voting Diane Mela Souvanna and Tracy Aicardi both gained re-election to their Bellingham seats for three-year terms from 2017 to 2020.

Board Officer elections went as follows: Earl Pearlman was elected Vice-President. Souvanna was elected Secretary. Jereme Cooper was elected Treasurer. Russell was elected President.

All Board Officer terms are for one year.

In other business, Volunteer Appreciation Night was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Thursday Aug. 3 at Lowell's Restaurant.

Announcer Pete



Royce attended the meeting and informed the Board that he plans to cover the Blackstone Valley Tech - Nipmuc Regional High football game this fall. Board Member Sue Carlson asked whether children might "shadow" the sports announcers at some games this year. Royce said yes, they could announce the starting lineups with him.

Royce also told the Board that he will volunteer for coverage of the Santa's Elves Telethon this December.

Pearlman asked whether any major expenses took place in April. Fleming said a new tripod was purchased for \$3300. Russell asked about the number of cell phone bills. Fleming said the bills for various services are consolidated under one line item.

Russell asked how the equipment at the Mendon Town Hall is holding up. Fleming said he has been replacing things item by item as necessary.

Fleming told the Board that some subscribers had trouble getting ABMI on their cable boxes. New boxes from Comcast will fix the problem.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am
Train Time

Noon & 6pm - Mass.
School of Law

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

10am & 4pm - Phy-
sician Focus

1:30pm & 6pm - Cook-
ing with Georgia

7pm & 11pm - Paul
in the Pit

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm
Kev's Korner

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

THURSDAY

10am & 9pm
Concerts on the Grass

2pm & 8pm
Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

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

Children's songwriter and singer Greg Cooney (far right) returned to the Bellingham Town Common on July 5 for Kids Night.



Frank Morse belts out a vocal from behind the keyboards at the July 26 show at the Bellingham Town Common featuring his classic rock band Morse Code.

Free pony rides for the kids preceded the July 12, 19, and 26 shows.



Trevor the Games Man brought his long legs and crazy antics down to the Bellingham Town Common for Kids Night on July 5.



ABMI cameraman Derek Berchtold zooms in on the finalists for the July 26 dance contest supervised by Morse Code vocalist Marilyn Floyd.

ABMI Board Selects Two Winners of \$1,000 Scholarships

The ABMI Board of Directors selected Erin Umlauf of Bellingham and Marco Giannozzi of Mendon as scholarship winners after reviewing the 2017 applications at the May 11 board meeting.

Umlauf is a senior at Bellingham High and will be attending Emmanuel College. Giannozzi is a Nipmuc High senior and will attend Plymouth State University.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded upon successful completion of the first college semester.

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. Sept. 7, 2017
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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