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ABMI Upgrades Control Room



Technicians from Access A.V. in New Hampshire came down to the studio for several days in February and March to help upgrade the Broadcast Pix control room system. Workers installed a new MICA 100 HD 8-input switcher (see photo, p. 3), several Marshall Dual 7-inch rackmount monitors, and two Dell 27-inch 1080p LED monitors (pictured below). Also installed was a Blackmagic broadcast quality record/playback deck (see p. 3). It is the first major control room upgrade since ABMI went digital over a decade ago.



Fleming Tells Board of 'Wish List' For New Equipment and Upgrades

Station Manager Patrick Fleming told the ABMI Board of Directors at their meeting March 8 that he has a 'Wish List' detailing new equipment and improvements intended for the studio. The list will be presented during the upcoming contract negotiations with Verizon and Comcast.

Board President Nick Russell asked whether the meetings for the new contract with Verizon are being recorded. Fleming said the meetings are not recorded, but minutes may be taken.

In other business, Russell asked Production Coordinator Jeff Paul about *In The Spotlight* producer Don Keller. Paul said Keller is still producing shows from time to time.

Russell asked about the new iTunes purchases for the video bulletin board. Fleming explained that it was about time to get some new tunes in the rotation.

Board Secretary Diane Mela Souvanna asked whether Michael Legge is still



producing *The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck*. Paul said yes.

Russell commended Publicity Director Steve Saraceno for the \$3,000 sponsorship Saraceno recently secured from Middlesex Savings Bank. The sponsorship will fund two shows in the Concerts on the Grass series this summer -- one concert in Bellingham and one in Mendon.

Saraceno told Board Member Sue Carlson that he had spoken to *Mendon Town Crier* editor Jane Bigda with regard to publishing station updates in the paper. Saraceno said Bigda is open to the idea -- but she will only publish the updates if there is room in the paper. Saraceno said he also spoke with *Bellingham Bulletin* editor Pam Johnson, who stated similar terms.

Saraceno told Carlson that he had spoken with *Real Estate and Beyond* producer Mike Shain about advertising in the *Mendon Town Crier*. Shain's budget replenishes in April at which point Shain will decide.

Carlson suggested contacting Taft Library to see if they might want to shoot a program at the studio. Saraceno said he would contact Andrew Jenrich.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am
Train Time

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

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

10am & 4pm - Phy-
sician Focus

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
Bellingham Sports Special

2pm & 8pm
Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

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

Host Linda Trudeau holds up a St. Patrick's Day doily made Joanne Guzowski, the wife of guest Ed Guzowski, during Feb. 15 shoot of *Something Special*.



Winter was tough this year on the ABMI mailbox, repeatedly whacked by snowplows. The box now stands in a different -- hopefully more protected -- location.

Engineers from Access A.V. worked long hours installing the Blackmagic Design and MICA 100 units (lower photo) for the Broadcast Pix upgrade in February.



Realtor Leo Fantini checks the teleprompter during his segment on *Real Estate and Beyond*, recorded Jan. 25

ABMI Scholarship Applications Now Available

ABMI is offering two \$1,000 scholarships this year, one to a Mendon resident and one to a Bellingham resident.

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 Williams Way. They will also be posted on the Bellingham High School website.

Deadline for submission is May 21.

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. April 12, 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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