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# The Accessory

January 2011

## 24th Annual Holiday Telethon Raises Over \$4K for Needy Families



### Bellingham Women of Today Host Santa's Elves in Newly Renovated Studio

On Tuesday, Dec. 7 the local community gathered once again to assist the less fortunate.

"This telethon has been airing annually for nearly a quarter-century now," said ABMI Publicity Director Steve Saraceno. "And it's originated from this building every year since 1987. ABMI just puts on the telethon. The Bellingham Women of Today deserve the credit for organizing it."

ABMI Producer Linda Trudeau (above middle) served as co-host alongside longtime telethon organizer Lynn Ulsh. The live appearance of Santa Claus was arranged through the last-minute efforts of ABMI acting President Jereme Cooper.

See p. 3 for more photos  
of the festivities



# ABMI Board Votes to Split Scholarship Award Between Equal Vote-Getters

The ABMI Board voted at its monthly meeting Dec. 28 to award scholarships of \$500 apiece to Bellingham residents Jennifer Healy and Caitlyn Manning.

Healy is a freshman at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Manning is a freshman at Westfield State College.

Healy and Manning tied in the vote for what is usually a \$1000 scholarship award. After deliberation, the board decided to split the prize between the two equally worthy applicants.

In other business, Acting Board President Jereme Cooper asked Station Manager Patrick Fleming about the total cost of the heating repair. Fleming reported the cost to be \$5300. Board Member Brian Sutherland asked, "Do you feel comfortable with what was done?" Fleming said the system is "working great." It has a programmable thermostat. Also, the garage now has weather-stripping around the doors. Fleming has also insulated the drop box for the old Comcast office.

Cooper suggested that Production Coordinator Andrew White check in with the new volunteers to let them know what is going on at the station.

Fleming reported that the awning is fully installed and that there is a new panel in the ABMI sign out front.

Fleming informed the Board of the need for a snowblower in order to clear the walkways in front after a storm. Sutherland recommended a person he knows who refurbishes snowblowers.



The Board okayed the \$49 reimbursement of producer Jeff Belanger for the purchase of a virtual set for 30 Odd Minutes.

## *The Garage* debuts on ABMI Jan. 17

Steve Butler is a woodworking and design instructor at local high schools as well as colleges such as the Rhode Island School of Design. He recently decided to put down on video what he's been teaching in-person for over twenty years.

The result is *The Garage*, a half-hour show premiering on ABMI Monday,

Jan. 17 at Noon, 4pm, and 8:30pm.

Named after Butler's studio in Mendon (an old Mobil station on Rt. 16), *The Garage* explores methods of adapting old materials to new use and beauty. Butler uses only tools you might find in your average home workshop. The items he works on are commonly found in attics, yard sales, and eBay.

The format interweaves work segments shot in the garage with explanatory interviews. The first episode, "Breadside Table" was produced by Hopedale Cable 8.

"So far we've shot four projects," says Butler. "That works out to eight episodes."

*The Garage* also airs Tues. Jan. 18 at 1pm and 7pm, Wed. Jan. 19 at Noon and 9pm, and Thurs. Jan. 20 at 10am, 4pm, and 8pm.



### REGULAR SHOWS

#### Comcast Ch. 8

##### MONDAY

Noon, 4pm, 8:30pm  
The Garage

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

##### TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6:30pm - Victory Assembly of God

3pm & 8pm - 30 Odd Minutes [8pm LIVE!]

10pm - ETTV

##### WEDNESDAY

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

11pm - Horrorhost Network

##### THURSDAY

5pm & 8:30pm - Biz Buzz

##### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

1:30pm & 6:30pm - Real Estate Roundtable

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

*many more shows are scheduled daily*

*check our website for current listings*

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### 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**

# 2010 Telethon Runs Smoothly at...

Since 1987 the Telethon organized by the Bellingham Women of Today has been shot at the same building at 10 Williams Way. This year featured a newly renovated studio and control room for the event.



Sixteen-year-old volunteer Nicole Schilke of Bellingham chats with Santa on-camera. Schilke said, "I've helped out at every Telethon night since I was four."



Lynn Ulsh interviews two Bellingham Daisy Scouts prior to their gift donations. Ulsh has organized the Telethon for the past six years, as well as serving as on-air co-host.



Co-host Linda Trudeau (far right) joins Santa and the rest of the Women of Today in wishing local viewers a happy holiday season. Trudeau is producer and host of the longtime ABMI talk show, *Something Special*. Below, director Andy White (left) and volunteer Cameron Russell check out the proceedings on the new high-def monitor in the renovated control room.

## ...Renovated ABMI Studio





## ABMI Open House Visit Pays Off for Brother and Sister

*Raffle nets them two wins out of 5 total door prizes*

**John LaGreca (above right) and his sister Sara won big at the ABMI Open House Nov. 17.**

**John won the grand door prize of a new Blu-Ray player, while Sara won the raffle for a \$100 gift card to Best Buy.**

**ABMI MENDON CHANNELS**  
**Public Channel Verizon47**  
**Public Channel Comcast 8**  
**Education Channel Verizon 42**  
**Education Channel Comcast 98**  
**Government Channel Verizon 41**  
**Government Channel Comcast 11**



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**NEXT MEETING**  
Wed. Feb. 2, 2011  
6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

## 7 Things to Remember 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. We provide DVD copies of any ABMI show. The price is \$15.75 per DVD. Some of our recent shows can be viewed again under the Archive tab at [abmi.org](http://abmi.org).
3. Our public channel is always streaming live on our web site at [abmi8.org](http://abmi8.org). You no longer have to BE in Mendon or Bellingham to watch ABMI.
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 Andy White 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. Check the [abmi.org](http://abmi.org) website for access to our archiving feature, where you can find previously played shows.



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