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Talent Call flips for Flippo



Popular TV clown "Flippo" juggles three sharp knives during taping of Talent Call U.S.A. on Aug. 6

Ed Gidney's *Talent Call U.S.A.* continues to expand its horizons, bringing in performers from all walks of show business. Two years ago Gidney debuted with a line-up composed almost exclusively of karaoke singers. Since then instrumentalists, comedians, and magicians have gained a place in the limelight. "Flippo" the Clown has also appeared on ABC-TV, Nickleodeon, and the Cartoon Network.



Grupposo suggests guidance counselors review scholarship applications next year

ABMI Board Vice-President Kevin Grupposo suggested at the July board meeting that high school guidance counselors first review all applications for the ABMI \$1000 Scholarship next year.

Grupposo said that a proviso could be included on the blank applications stating that the completed application must be read by the guidance counselor before sending it along to ABMI.

The suggestion was prompted by a discussion about the disappointing quality of this year's applications. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno agreed that such a stipulation could help improve the standard for future submissions.

In other business, Board Secretary Earl Pearlman asked why the revenue from Verizon keeps going up. Station Manager Patrick Fleming said it may be due to customers switching from Comcast to Verizon, or the Verizon rates themselves going up. Board President Jereme Cooper noted that more Verizon lines have been installed near Talbot Farm.



In new business, Fleming showed the Board the rough sketch for the "wrap" that will be applied to the van by Key Signs of Millis. Pearlman asked what will be on top of the van. Fleming said, "Nothing." The platform from the old van will not be put on top of the new van, because the new riser for the camera tripod goes as high as eight feet.

Saraceno reported a tied vote for the scholarship. Board Member John Lee had been unavailable for a vote for over a month. Cooper decided to withdraw his (Cooper's) previous abstention and to cast a vote to break the tie. The winner was determined to be Franklin Reese of Bellingham.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

Noon & 8pm The Mass Factor

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

4pm & 8pm The Garage

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm Strictly Business

2pm Train Time

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

Noon & 6:30pm - Real Estate Roundtable

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

check our website for complete daily listings

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

2012 CONCERTS ON THE GRASS in Mendon

Two fun bands helped make the Mendon portion of Concerts on the Grass series a success. The Infrac-tions (right and below) brought rock and the Brass Connection (lower two pics) blew their own horns.



Brian Stratton and his Infrac-tions have headlined at ABMI concerts in both Bellingham and Mendon.



"It's like a vacation spot," commented one band member after the Infrac-tions show on Aug. 8. The Mendon Town Beach has now hosted ABMI shows for over a decade. Beach Director Dan Byer called the concerts, "The highlight of the season."



Chris Baird (on trom-bone second from left) led Brass Con-nection in a spirited rendition of the "Carl Yastrzemeski" song Aug. 15. Horn play-ers tend to love the mellow acoustics of the town beach, with its natural reflective surfaces of grass, trees, and water.





King's Row on Something Special

Wayne Lima of the popular singing group King's Row recently appeared on *Something Special*, the ABMI talk show hosted by Linda Trudeau.

The show was taped Aug. 16 and appeared Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Aug. 17-19 on the ABMI Public channel.

Something Special airs every weekend at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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
Tue. Sept. 4, 2012
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. 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.
3. Our public channel is always streaming live on our web site at 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 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. Check the abmi.org website for access to our archiving feature, where you can find previously played shows.



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