

Bethlehem Ruritan Club (1/23-2/2)

Bethlehem Ruritan JAM in Suffolk kicks off February with music from the Desert Dust Bunk on Friday night February 2nd. The band will play from 7:30 until 9:30. The concession stand will be selling a variety of food and refreshments. These monthly music events are free and open to the public and held at the Bethlehem Ruritan Clubhouse on Manning Road in Suffolk. For more info, 617-5955.

Courtland Ruritan Club (1/18-2/9)

The Courtland Ruritan Club will be sponsoring their annual Valentines Steak Dinner on Saturday February 10th at the Ruritan Building on Old Plank Road across from SA. Enjoy delicious grilled steaks, baked potato and side salad. Tickets are \$25, available at Nottoway House Furniture, Edwards Hardware or from any Courtland Ruritan. Drive-thru pick up will be held from 3:00 to 6pm.

FSA Chamber Scholarship (1/18-2/28)

The Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber is now accepting applications for the annual Donna C. McCollough Scholarship. This award is given each year to a graduating high school senior to be put towards expenses for advanced education for full or part-time study in a college, technical/trade school or their equivalent. Students must be a Franklin or Southampton resident. Application deadline is March 15th.

Ivor Athletics (1/18-2/28)

Sign-ups to play spring ball for Ivor are now underway! There'll be teams for T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Girls Softball and Boys Baseball. Ages four to sixteen are eligible to play. You can go online and complete a registration. Visit the Ivor Athletics Facebook page for the registration link. No in person registrations being held at this time.

Windsor Athletics (1/18-1/26)

Windsor Athletic Association announces registration for Spring Ball is now open! You can register online now at leagues.bluesombrero.com/windsoraa or you can come register in person on January 27th starting at 9am at the ballfield in Windsor! Please note that hats and jerseys are only included with 4u & 6u teams.

Eure Volunteer Fire Department (1/18-2/2)

If you love breakfast for dinner, then don't miss out on The Eure Volunteer Fire Department's pancake and sausage fundraiser. It'll be held on Saturday February 3rd from 4:30 to 7pm at Hall Ruritan Club in Eure. Donation amount only \$10 per plate. Eat in or take out available. For more info, see any Eure Volunteer firefighter.

Newsoms Athletic Association (1/18-2/3)

Sign-ups to play spring ball for Newsoms will be held on Sunday February 4th from 1 to 3pm at the Newsoms Ruritan Building. For more info, message the Newsoms Athletic Association page or see any Athletic association member. Sign-ups are also underway for Wakefield Baseball and Softball. Visit their Facebook page for the sign-up link.

Millswamp Longbeards (2/1/-2/8)

The Millswamp Longbeards will host their annual Banquet on Friday February 9th at the Southampton County Fairgrounds. The evening will include a catfish and barbecue dinner, silent and live auction, raffles and more. Get your tickets today by calling Larry Fowler at 757-617-9187. Proceeds benefit the chapter's events, student scholarships and more.

Hunterdale Volunteer Fire Department 9013 (2/1-2/9)

The Hunterdale Volunteer Fire Department is currently selling homemade sausage for \$5 per pound. You'll be able to pick up your sausage order on Saturday February 10th beginning at 11am at the fire department. Contact any department member today to pre-order. Any extra will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Woman's Club of Windsor (2/1-2/10)

The Woman's Club of Windsor is selling tickets for their annual Boston Butt fundraiser. These are slow-cooked pork shoulders with sides of baked beans and cole slaw. Tickets are \$35 for each butt and \$4 for each side, available from any club member or online at WCWindsor.square.net. Pickup will be Saturday February 10th from 4 to 6pm at the Windsor Community House.

Graz'n Acres Therapeutic Riding Center (2/1-3/1)

Graz'n Acres Therapeutic Riding Center will host their annual benefit dinner and auction on Saturday March 9th at the Regional Workforce Center in Franklin. Enjoy an evening of fun and "fundraising" to support the center's students with disabilities. The evening will include a buffet dinner, live and silent auctions, cash bar and tons of fun. Tickets are \$40 available by phone, 653-9615. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 1st.

Bethlehem Ruritan Club (2/10-2/16)

If you like live music in a casual, laidback atmosphere, check out the Bethlehem Ruritan Club JAMS. Held twice monthly at the clubhouse on Manning Road in Suffolk. The next JAM is Friday February 16th and features the Cold Blue Band. Get there early and grab a bite to eat from the concession stand. These music events are free and open to the public and start at 7:30. For more info, 617-5955.

Como Volunteer Fire Department (2/10-2/24)

The Como Volunteer Fire Department will have their annual Pork Barbecue Fundraiser on Saturday February 24th. Barbecue will be sold by the pound for \$11 along with half pound containers of Cole Slaw for \$4. No advance tickets are being sold, so get there early. Serving will be held from 2 to 5pm at the Como Firehouse.

Seaboard Lions Club (2/10-3/1)

The Seaboard Lions Club are sponsoring a benefit plate fundraiser for a couple local families in need on Saturday March 2nd. The Lions will be selling whole hog barbecue and chicken plates with all the fixins' for \$12. Proceeds benefit the Ben Cooper and Floyd Jenkins Families. Take out only from 10:30 until 2pm on March 2nd .

Ivor Athletic Association (2/17-3/15)

Ivor Athletics presents a St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Dance on Saturday night March 16th from Seven to Midnight at the Ivor Municipal Building. Come enjoy a fun night of fundraising with live music from Silver Street and Hickory Knoll. This is a BYOB event with setups provided. Tickets are only \$25, but going fast, so get yours today.

Conway Ruritan Club (2/17-2/29)

The Conway Ruritan Club's annual pork sausage fundraiser is underway. Members are selling two-pound bags of homemade sausage for \$10. Orders must be placed BEFORE Friday March 1st. Pick up will be March 9th. To place your sausage order, call John Robert Johnson at 252-396-3030.

Hunterdale Volunteer Fire Department (2/17-3/1)

The Hunterdale Volunteer Fire Department will have their annual spring Barbecue fundraiser on Saturday March 2nd. Barbecue will be sold by the pound or plate for \$10. Plates include baked beans, cole slaw, hushpuppies, and a dessert. No advance tickets being sold, so get there early. Serving will be held from 2 to 4pm at the firehouse.

Grace Memorial United Methodist Church (2/17-3/2)

Grace Memorial United Methodist Church in Sedley is having a Nixon's Barbecue plate fundraiser on Sunday March 3rd. Plates will include barbecue, fried fish, potatoes, snaps and hushpuppies for \$12.00. Drive thru and pick up only will be held from 11 until 1. For tickets, contact any Grace Memorial Church member.

Suffolk Public Library (2/17-3/1)

The Suffolk Public Library invites you to come run with Riptide on March 2nd at the Holland Ballfield. A fun day planned with booths featuring games and prizes. Get your face painted and your picture taken with Riptide, the Norfolk Tides Mascot and much more. The fun happens March 2nd from 1 to 4pm at the Holland Ballfield.

Isle of Wight Academy Athletic Association (2/24-3/8)

The Isle of Wight Academy Athletic Association is sponsoring a Captain Bob's Fish Dinner on Friday March 8th. Plates will include fried catfish, green beans, potatoes, and hushpuppies for \$12. Pick up will be at IWA from 4 to 7pm March 8th. For tickets or more info, contact any IWA Athletic Association member.

Ivor Volunteer Fire Department (2/24-3/8)

Get ready for the annual Ivor Volunteer Fire Department Sportsman Bash and Raffle, coming up Saturday March 9th. Bring the whole family. There'll be door prizes, kids prizes and activities, food and drink, and tons of raffle items donated by local businesses. Make sure you follow the department's Facebook page for updates.

Isle of Wight Parks & Recreation (2/17-3/15)

Registration is now underway for spring coed softball with Isle of Wight Parks and Recreation. Grab your bat, cleats and glove and get ready for a fun spring of coed softball. A mandatory coaches meeting will be held March 21st at Nike Park Rec Hall. Team registration underway until March 15th.

Severn-Pendleton Ruritan Club (2/21-3/2)

The Severn-Pendleton Ruritan Club will have their Beef Barbecue and Cake Auction on Saturday March 2nd. Serving will start at 5pm and the cake auction will begin at 6:00. The auction will be held at the Ruritan building – on highway 35 right there in Severn. If you'd like to place an order, please call 252-585-0411

American Legion Post #73 (2/21-3/3)

The American Legion Post 73 in Franklin will host their annual Spring Craft Show and Bazaar over the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd. Nine to Three both days. Highlights include metal and woodworking, springtime items, raffle for a \$500 Bass Pro Shops gift card, lunch and much more. Find some great crafts and help support veterans and their families throughout Hampton Roads.

Friends of Waverly Library (3/1-3/10)

Friends of the Waverly Library are sponsoring another Paint Night coming up on Monday March 11th from 5 to 7pm. A \$25 pre-paid registration fee is required, but that includes all project supplies and appetizers. Space is limited so make sure you sign up today. For details, stop by the Waverly Library.

Red Cross Blood Drive (3/1-3/11)

American Legion Post 73 on Armory Drive in Franklin will host a community Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday March 12th from 11:30 until 5:30. Save yourself some time by scheduling your donation appointment today. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter the drive code: **FranklinC**. The drive is sponsored by BonSecours Southampton Memorial Hospital. .

Boykins Baptist Church (3/1-3/14)

Boykins Baptist Church will be offering a Vacation Bible School Extension on Friday March 15th from 6:30 until 8:30 that evening. All kids in grades three through eight or invited to attend. Dinner will also be included. For more info contact the church office at Boykins Baptist.

Ivor Athletic Association (3/1-3/16)

Ivor Athletics is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day fundraising dance on March 16th featuring Silver Street. The dance will be held at the Ivor Municipal Building from seven to midnight. This is a BYOB event. Tickets are \$25, available at Ivor Furniture, Sassy Sisters, Faded Cottage and Jens Cut and Curl or through the Ivor Athletics Facebook page.

Keep Suffolk Beautiful Committee (3/1-3/15)

Keep Suffolk Beautiful Committee is organizing a River Cleanup Day on Saturday March 16th from Nine to Noon. Cleanup will take place at Constant's Wharf and Marina in downtown. Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to participate. Cleanup supplies will be provided, and Suffolk Fire and Rescue will be on hand to assist volunteers.

Robert Hill FOP Lodge (3/1-3/16)

The Robert Hill Senior FOP Lodge will sponsor a Captain Bob's Fried Chicken and Barbecue plate dinner March 16th. Plates will be sold for \$12 each and include fried chicken, barbecue, sliced potatoes, cole slaw and hushpuppies. Pickup will be from 4 to 7pm across from the lodge on Main Street in Courtland. For tickets, see any FOP Lodge member.

Smithfield American Legion Post #818 (3/1/-3/16)

The Smithfield American Legion 818 reminds you about BINGO night held each Thursday evening at the post. Doors open at 5pm and BINGO starts at seven. Refreshments are also available. Regular game jackpots are paying \$50 and Progressive games are over \$500. Stop by this week for fun, food and fellowship at American Legion Post 818 in Smithfield.

Bethlehem Ruritan Club (3/4-3/15)

The Bethlehem Ruritan Club welcomes the Dallas Band to their next monthly JAM event on Friday March 15th. These live music events are held twice each month at the clubhouse on Manning Road. You don't have to be a Ruritan member to enjoy - they are free and open to the public. Doors open at 5:30 - the band starts at 7:30.

Tidewater Ag & Research Station (3/8-3/21)

The Tidewater Ag and Research Station in Holland will host their 2024! Field Day on Friday March 22nd. This is a free event open to area farmers, industry and government agencies. Presentation topics will include row crop and soil fertility, cover crops and plant nutrition. Lunch will also be provided. The event runs from eight til' four.

Joyner-Gray-Yale Ruritan Club (3/8-4/12)

The Joyner Gray Yale Ruritan Club and Southampton Social Services are sponsoring the annual Child Abuse Prevention Golf Tournament on April 13th at Cypress Cove Country Club. Support this fundraiser by entering a team or through sponsorships. Complimentary barbecue plates will be served after the tournament. Sign up today and help support programs preventing child abuse in SOCO.

Boy Scout Troop 17 (3/6-3/10)

The Boy Scouts of Troop 17 will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner this Sunday, March 10th, from 5 to 7pm at High Street Methodist Church. Plates will include spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, bread and dessert for a \$12 donation. Eat in or drive will be available. Grab a great dinner Sunday and help support Scouting in our community!

Southwestern Elementary PTA (3/8-3/15)

The Southwestern Elementary PTA will host a Spring Market on Saturday March 16th from 10 til' 3 at Southwestern Elementary. Their spring market will feature a variety of vendors

offering crafts, handmade soap, candles, jewelry and several food trucks so you can grab lunch.

Red Cross Blood Drive (3/8-3/14)

Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a blood drive on Friday March 15th from 1 to 5pm at the firehouse. Help save a life and schedule your donation time today by visiting redcrossblood.org and enter the drive code: NVFD. Donors through March 24th will be entered into a drawing for a \$3,000 gift card from the Red Cross.

VFW Post 4411 (3/8-3/16)

VFW Post 4411 in Franklin will host a fun night of comedy featuring six hilarious comedians on Saturday March 16th starting at 7:30. Admission is only \$5 and the event is open to anyone 18 and older. Come have some fun and support veterans' programs in our community at this Comedy Night at the VFW in Franklin.

Shron United Methodist Church (3/8-3/22)

Sharon United Methodist Church in Yale is having a Brunswick Stew Sale on Saturday March 23rd. Only \$10 a quart for some delicious homemade Brunswick Stew. Pickup at the church from 5 to 7pm March 23rd. Keep in mind, presell tickets only for this fundraiser, so purchase yours today from any church member.

Keep Suffolk Beautiful Committee (3/18-3/22)

The Keep Suffolk Beautiful Committee will sponsor a Recycling Drive and tire amnesty day this Saturday at 800 Carolina Road. This is a free event for you to dispose of things such as old tires, electronics, batteries, household hazardous waste and many other items. The recycling drive runs from 9am until Noon. The location: 800 Carolina Road, that's just south of downtown.

Top Hand Foundation (3/17-3/22)

Top Hand Foundation in Emporia is hosting a spring vendor event on Saturday March 23rd from 10 until 3pm. If you're looking for a great Easter gift or you just want to enjoy browsing over a dozen vendors, don't miss this event. Bring the kids, they can visit with the Easter Bunny and enjoy concessions. Top Hand Foundation is located at 206 West Atlantic Street in Emporia.

Franklin Clean Community Day (3/15-3/22)

Help the City of Franklin Clean our community during the 2024 Hampton Roads American Cleanup! Taking place March 22nd and 23rd. Volunteers are needed to clean up roadways and community greenspaces throughout the city. Cleanup kits will be provided for all volunteers and participants. Sign up today and help keep Franklin clean!

Southampton County Clean Community Day (3/15-3/22)

Help Southampton County Clean our community during the 2024 Hampton Roads American Cleanup! SOCO's cleanup day will be Saturday March 23 from eight til noon. Volunteers are needed to clean up roadways and county greenspaces. Cleanup kits will be provided for all volunteers. Sign up today and help keep SOCO clean.

Isle of Wight County Clean Community Day (3/15-3/22)

Join Isle of Wight County Clean for the 2024 Hampton Roads American Cleanup on Saturday March 23rd. Volunteers are needed to clean up roadways, waterways, and county greenspaces. Cleanup kits will be provided for all volunteers. Sign up today through Public Works Office and help keep Isle of Wight County clean!

Sedley Baptist Church (3/23-3/26)

Sedley Baptist Church invites you to join them for the Sedley Community Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday March 27th. This event is for kids ages 5th grade and younger. Kids will enjoy an egg hunt, photo booth, crafts, and a snack. In case of rain, the event will be held March 30th.

Top Hand Foundation (3/15-4/1)

Top Hand Foundation in Emporia is sponsoring Spring Break Baseball and Softball Camps around the area. Camps are scheduled for April 2nd in Franklin and Emporia and April 3rd in Roanoke Rapids and Lawrenceville. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 day of. The camps are for kids ages seven to twelve.

Sedley Recreation Association (3/15-4/5)

Sedley Recreation Association presents their 2nd annual Spring Homerun Concert on Saturday April 6th at the Southampton County Fairgrounds. Enjoy live music from RT Johnson and Lovetribe, plus a Captain Bob's dinner. Tickets are on sale for \$40 but going fast, so buy yours today. Available from any Sedley Rec Association member. Proceeds will help with finishing the new ball field.

Beaver Dam Baptist Church (3/15-3/23)

Don't miss the two fun Easter events. Beaver Dam Baptist Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 23rd starting at 11am. The public is invited. And Sunday the 24th, Colosse (cuh-loss-eee) Baptist in Windsor will host their 2nd annual Easter Festival with food, a bounce house, egg hunt and more. The event runs from 2:00 until 3:30.

Winton Fire Department (3/25-4/6)

If breakfast sounds good for dinner, then be at the Winton Fire Department for their Pancake and Sausage fundraiser on Saturday April 6th. Adults eat for \$10, kids 6 to 10 eat for \$5 and under five are free. All proceeds benefit the Winton Fire Department. The fundraiser will run from 5 to 8pm at the fire house.

Red Cross Blood Drive (3/25-4/8)

Help save a life and sign up to give blood during the City of Franklin's Blood Drive on Tuesday April 9th. It will be held from 10 until 3 at the Franklin Business Center. All eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card by mail to the merchant of their choice! Schedule your donation time today at redcrossblood.org.

Franklin Shrine Club (3/25-4/8)

The Franklin Shrine Club invites you to their fundraising dinner at Fred's in downtown on Tuesday April 9th. You can enjoy a delicious dinner of ham, fried chicken and veggies for just \$10. You'll have the option to eat in or take out. No advance tickets needed. The dinner runs from 5 to 7pm.

Millpond State Park (3/25-4/11)

Enjoy the fun during PaddleFest coming up April 10th through 12th at Merchants Millpond State Park in Gatesville. This three-day festival will feature canoe tours of the millpond, hiking, games, and s'mores. Plus, kayaking classes... from beginner to intermediate. Reservations are required for all paddling and kayaking programs at the millpond.

Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society (3/25-4/12)

If you're a Civic War buff or simply interested in local history, join the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society for a Civil War Battlefield Tour on Saturday April 13th. The tour will held from 1 to 4pm and led by Kermit Hobbs. Cost is only \$20 for historical society members and \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

Bethlehem Ruritan Club (3/31-4/5)

The Bethlehem Ruritan Club welcomes the Roadhouse Band to their next monthly JAM event this Friday April 5th. These live music events are held twice each month at the clubhouse on Manning Road. You don't have to be a Ruritan member to enjoy - they are free and open to the public. Doors open at 5:30 - the band starts at 7:30.

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Air Date: 2.15.24 & 3.6.24

Time Aired: 12pm

Guest Name: MARSHAL RABILL

Organization: Franklin/Southampton Chamber

Topic Details: A Discussion of The DONNAG.

McGulough Chamber Scholarship

award for graduating H.S. Seniors.

It highlights grades, Community Service & leadership w/a \$500⁰⁰ award.

Deadline to apply is 3.15.2024

Interviewed By: DOUG MORAN

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Air Date: 2-16-24
Time Aired: 12pm
Guest Name: SHANISE HARRIS
Organization: Girl Scouts of Franklin & SOCO

Topic Details: Upcoming Cookie Sales Program
plus background & history of
the girl scout program. Volunteer
opportunities for adults to support
scouting, upcoming camps, and
where parents can sign their
daughters up for scouting were
discussed.

Interviewed By: DOUG MORSEAN

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Air Date: 2-19-24


Time Aired: 12pm

Guest Name: KARL HECK & KATRINA MANLEY

Organization: FSEDT-START-UP PROGRAM

Topic Details: A discussion of the start-up program/competition for new business start-up hopefuls in our community. KARL discusses how to enter, deadlines, and what the program offers. KATRINA discussed how winning start-up helped jump start her business & the amount of training received as part of the program.

Interviewed By: DOUG MORSEAN

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Air Date: 2-21-24

Time Aired: 12PM

Guest Name: KARL HECK + KENNY KENDRED

Organization: FSEOL-START-UP PROGRAM

Topic Details: This is the 3rd in a series of conversations with past winners of the start-up program/competition for new business startup hopefuls in our Community. Karl Heck of FSEOL details the criteria for entering and competing to win the competition, while past winner Kenny Kendred chats about the benefits of having won.

Interviewed By: DOUG MORSEAN

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Air Date: 2-28-24

Time Aired: 12pm

Guest Name: DAVID BURKE

Organization: SEABOARD LIONS CLUB

Topic Details: A discussion of an upcoming event
to assist 2 families in need
w/medical & other financial hardships.
The Ben Cooper & Floyd Jenkins Family
whole hog BBQ + Fried Chicken Fundraiser will
help with costly medical expenses for cancer treatment
as well as other medical + financial hardships.
The event will be 3-2-24 10:30 am-2 pm in
Seaboard, NC

Interviewed By: Doug Morgan

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Air Date: 3-8-24

Time Aired: 12pm

Guest Name: Sheriff Wyche & Shana Rollins - 911 Manager

Organization: Southampton County Sheriff's Office

Topic Details: A conversation about the Senior Citizen Call in program
This program, now in its 15th year connects seniors to
the sheriff's dispatcher on a regular basis for check-ins
Also, the sheriff's office will obtain a key to the seniors'
home if the senior can not be contacted after
several attempts when an officer will be dispatched to
the home of the senior for a safety check.

Interviewed By: Doug Morgan

Signed: Doug Morgan