

Issues & Programs Report

Program: On Delmarva
Airs: Sunday mornings 6-6:30am

ISSUE: Community Activities

Airdate: Sunday, October 2

Spoke with Jimmy Sweet about the Delmarva Shorebirds Halloween Movie Night and Trick or Treating event set to take place at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium on October 22nd. This event is a fun night out for all ages which features trick or treating on the concourse and the showing of The Ghostbusters movie.

Airdate: Sunday, December 18

Spoke with Carrie Samis, director of Main Street Princess Anne about their New Year's Eve Muskrat Dive. This event features oysters, FREE Smith Island cake, music, and the featured DIVE of the Muskrat. Marshall the Muskrat is a stuffed critter dressed in a tuxedo, and he has the honor of ringing in the new year.

ISSUE: Catastrophic Childhood Illness

Airdate: Sunday, October 9

Spoke with Wayne Littleton, director of the Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By The Sea about their upcoming prom for adults fundraiser, as well as the many events leading up to this event slated for February 4, 2023. The Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By The Sea is a non-profit organization that provides vacation getaways to critically ill children and their families free of charge. The prom event is one of their biggest fundraising events.

Airdate: Sunday, December 4

Spoke with Maria McEvoy, chairperson for the Jingle Balls Bash event set for December 17th in Ocean City. This womanless beauty pageant raises money for the Believe In Tomorrow Children's House by The Sea, and is one of the many events scheduled to promote their upcoming prom fundraiser in the new year. In addition to the pageant, a silent auction and 50/50 drawing would also be held. NOTE: The event was rescheduled for January 7th.

ISSUE: Developmental Disabilities

Airdate: Sunday, October 16

Spoke with Janine Lis of the Benedictine School about their upcoming golf tournament. The Benedictine School helps those with developmental disabilities live their best life in the community. It assists them with learning, finding jobs and thriving in everyday life. The Benedictine School is in Ridgely, MD.

ISSUE: Local Folklore

Airdate: Sunday, October 23

Spoke with Andy Nunez, local author and speaker about the many local legends and ghost stories on the Eastern Shore. Andy joined me on the show a few times throughout the month to share another story about the Delmarva area including those legends surrounding the Pocomoke Forest.

ISSUE: Wounded Warriors

Airdate: Sunday, October 30

Spoke with Jan Phipps of the Salisbury Elks about their upcoming Warrior Fest to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. This all-day November event would feature food, numerous bands, silent and Chinese auctions and more. This is one of the Salisbury Elks many events held throughout the year, but it is one that is near and dear to their hearts.

ISSUE: Toys for Tots

Airdate: Sunday, November 6

Spoke with Dena Holloway from Toys For Tots. She is the director in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Accomack Counties. We discussed the goals for the campaign this year and talked about the many ways people can donate during the season. We also discussed the many drop off locations and the type of items needed including items for older children in their early teens.

ISSUE: Childhood Cancer

Airdate: Sunday, November 13

Spoke with Laralyn Willey of the Cole Strong Foundation. The Cole Strong Foundation brings awareness to childhood cancer and holds fundraisers for other families that are dealing with cancer of a child. Cole Strong, the foundation's namesake is in remission, but his mother Laralyn wanted to do something more for others. We discussed their first black tie event set to take place in December.

ISSUE: Local Arts

Airdate: Sunday, November 20

Spoke with Mattie Smith, one of the principal dancers in the Nutcracker. The Nutcracker is an annual performance held the first weekend of December at Wicomico High School in Salisbury. It is under the direction of the Eastern Shore Ballet Theater and has become a favorite holiday event and tradition for many on Delmarva.

ISSUE: Clothing Drive

Airdate: Sunday, November 20

Spoke with Diana Poletti about the upcoming clothing drive for those in need at the Georgetown Library. Clothing Our Kids is a new event in Sussex County that has a mission to bring a new set of clothes including shoes, coats and accessories to children in need in lower Delaware.

ISSUE: Salvation Army

Airdate: Sunday, November 27

Spoke with the Salvation Army Dorchester County about their upcoming pro-wrestling event to raise funds for their Angel program. The angel program assists those in need of necessities throughout the year. It is also their opportunity to launch their red kettle campaign for the 2022 Christmas season.

ISSUE: Health Care

Airdate: Sunday, December 11

Spoke with Ryan Kirby about the AGH Penguin Swim. This annual New Year's Day event benefits Atlantic General Hospital. Hundreds of participants pay a fee to jump in the Atlantic Ocean on New Year's Day, and all money goes to AGH. The 29th Annual event was scheduled to take place once again in front of the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City.