

WTDK-FM

January - March 2021

Issues & Programs Report

Program: Mid-Shore Focus
Airs: Sunday mornings 7-7:30am

ISSUE: Fighting Crime/Training Police Dogs

Airdate: Sunday, January 3

Spoke with JC Richardson on Delmarva K9 in Pittsville about their obedience classes for dogs and how they train police dogs. Delmarva K9 supports April's Animals, a weekly public affairs segment on 102.5 WBOC about dog and cat adoption.

ISSUE: Supporting Children with Catastrophic Illness

Airdate: Sunday, January 10

Spoke with Wayne Littleton from the Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By The Sea about how the pandemic has affected them. The Children's House By The Sea is a respite home for critically ill children and their families in Ocean City, MD. The pandemic has forced them to resort to virtual fundraising events instead of live fundraising events.

ISSUE: Youth Programs

Airdate: Sunday, January 17

Spoke with Shaun Boyle of Clan Rince Irish Dance about their new youth programs. We also discussed Shaun's 10 year tour with Lord of the Dance. In addition to youth and adult Irish step classes, Mr. Boyle plans to offer Mommy and Me classes at some point in the near future.

Airdate: Sunday, February 7

Spoke with Dale Webb, President of Henlopen Pop Warner about their 2021 football and cheer season. Registration would soon open for divisions within the Pop Warner organization. The pandemic had halted the 2020 season, and this year they are hoping for a bigger and better season. Pop Warner is a youth athletic organizations for little ones thru age 15, boys and girls.

Airdate: Sunday, March 21

Spoke with Maria DeMetrio from Downtown Bridal about a regional not-for-profit prom called "Rewrite The Stars". This event is open to 2020 graduates and the class of 2021. The event is set to take place on three dates, May 10, 11, 12 at the Kylan Barn in Delmar, MD. The event is to give recent graduates and seniors the prom that they have always dreamed about. In addition to dancing, a grand march, and photos, the participants will also have the opportunity to play games and win prizes.

ISSUE: Connecting with Seniors during the pandemic

Airdate: Sunday, January 24

Spoke with Sandi Johnson, also known as Sunshine The Clown. Sandi has a big heart for the elderly, and has been devastated by the way the pandemic has cut-off connections between

families and their aging loved ones. Sandi has started a not-for-profit program called Balloon Buddies. Businesses or families/individuals can adopt a nursing home and send Balloon Buddies to the residents. The goal of this program is to help cheer up all the nursing home residents.

ISSUE: Humane Society

Airdate: Sunday, January 31

Spoke with Megan, events coordinator at the Humane Society of Wicomico County about some of their featured pets available for adoption. We also discussed other ways in which the community can support the Humane Society.

Airdate: Sunday, March 14

Spoke with Megan from the Wicomico Humane Society about the many ways to help the shelter. One volunteer opportunity that is available for ages 18-up is dog walking. She stated that when the weather is good, volunteer dog walkers show up, but when the weather is not so good, there is no one there to help. The shelter is looking for dependable individuals that will help the dogs get some exercise and playtime! We also talked about some of the residents available for adoption like Santana, Petey, Kosher and Cheetos. These sweet dogs need a forever home.

Airdate: Sunday, March 28

Spoke with Megan, events coordinator from the Humane Society of Wicomico County about their need to expand and grow their facility. They have not expanded their facility since the early 1990's. They were brainstorming ideas on how they could raise enough money to add on to their complex. We also discussed their upcoming Community Yard Sale and Market.

ISSUE: Medical/Kidney Donation

Airdate: Sunday, February 14

Spoke with Terri Barnes of the Double T Foundation about their upcoming charity plunge. This is the 2nd year for the Double T Foundation plunge. The organization hoped to recruit at least 25 people to take part in this fundraising event set at the Indian River inlet near Bethany Beach. The Double T Foundation is a non-profit organization which creates awareness of how to be a living donor. They also help pair living donors with those that need a kidney.

Airdate: Sunday, February 28

Spoke with Terri Barnes of the Double T Foundation to see how their plunge event went. We discussed the mission of the Double T Foundation, and how they plan to expand their reach in 2021. The Double T Foundation helps pair those that need a kidney with living donor. It is also their mission to create awareness of how you can be a living donor by doing something as simple as giving blood.

ISSUE: Community Involvement

Airdate: Sunday, February 21

Spoke with Bill Christopher, President of the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce about their upcoming events in Dorchester County. The pandemic has cancelled many of the scheduled events, but Mr. Christopher is hopeful that things will take a turn for the better this year. One event that is huge in Dorchester County, the yearly National Outdoor Show had to be cancelled this year. We spoke about some of the things that Dorchester County has to offer.

ISSUE: Support for Women and Youth

Airdate: Sunday, March 7

Spoke with Steve Frene from the Berlin Chamber of Commerce about their GO GREEN event during the month of March. This charity event raised funds for a local organization that supports women and youth.

Several businesses in town participated by selling shamrocks for their store windows. We also touched base about some of the events, the town hopes to bring back in 2021, now that the pandemic has calmed down.