

WGBG-FM

July - September 2023

Issues & Programs Report

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

ISSUE: Community Involvement

Airdate: Sunday, July 2

Spoke with Ryan Weitzel, organizer of the Red, White and Boom 4th of July Event. This annual fireworks display is set at James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury, MD. Ryan highlighted the schedule for the night and spoke about some of the food truck vendors that would be in attendance.

Airdate: Sunday, August 6

Spoke with Zach Evans from the Wicomico County Fair set to take place August 17-20 at Winterplace Park in Salisbury, MD. Once again, the event will feature a pageant, fireworks on Friday night, the Maryland High School Rodeo, animal exhibits, bounce houses, 4-H competitions, food, crafters and live entertainment.

ISSUE: Housing

Airdate: Sunday, July 9

Spoke with Lauren Hitch, host of the Delmarva Home Show. This NEW online program was set to feature unique homes on Delmarva, as well as some historical locations and Bed & Breakfast establishments. The real estate show would highlight interesting homes on Delmarva. In the future, the show may be broadcast on local TV stations.

ISSUE: Community Heritage

Airdate: Sunday, July 16

Spoke with Holly Porter of the Delmarva Chicken Association about the Delmarva Chicken Festival. This event was retired in 2014, but they are bringing it back for one year only to highlight the 100th anniversary of the chicken meat industry on Delmarva. The one-day festival will take place Saturday, October 7th from 1-7pm at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium in Salisbury, MD and will feature vendors, crafters, food, entertainment, amusements, a chicken wing eating contest and a pageant.

Airdate: Sunday, September 10

Spoke with Andy Nunez, local author and storyteller about his recent Pirates of the Eastern Shore book which tells legends and tales of pirates and buried treasure on Delmarva. We also spoke about his upcoming Ghosts 4 of the Eastern Shore which covers true encounters of paranormal activity on Delmarva, as well as local ghost stories and legends.

ISSUE: Veteran Assistance

Airdate: Sunday, July 23

Spoke with Brandon and Steve from the Irreverent Warriors Foundation about their upcoming Silkies Hike. This event is open to veterans. It is a run/walk to increase awareness of veteran suicide. This event was set to take place in Rehoboth, DE.

ISSUE: Health Cancer Fundraiser

Airdate: Sunday, July 30

Spoke with Amy Worden about the Delmarva Rider's 3rd Annual Tucker Bike Benefit set for August 26th from 12-6 pm at the Pittsville Fire Department. This event features food, drink, silent auctions and a 50/50 raffle will benefit local bikers with cancer.

ISSUE: Arts/Entertainment

Airdate: Sunday, August 13

Spoke with Delmarva native and former American Idol finalist Jay Copeland about his upcoming role on Broadway. Jay graduated from James M. Bennett High School and Salisbury University here in Salisbury. He will be moving to New York to start rehearsals for the upcoming traveling show and a stint on Broadway. Jay wanted to take a moment to thank Delmarva for their continued support.

ISSUE: Financial Assistance

Airdate: Sunday, August 20

Spoke with Donte London from Move 4 Life and their upcoming 5K Run/Walk. Move 4 Life is a non-profit organization that helps low-income families stay physically fit. The organization provides a means to workout, participate in fitness classes and more. The Run/walk would be one of their big fundraisers. The event also features a fitness competition. It was set to take place in Federalsburg, MD on September 9th.

Airdate: Sunday, August 27

Spoke with Wayne Littleton, founder of Randy's Crew about their upcoming summer events. Randy's Crew is a new non-profit organization with the mission to help as many people and animals as they can. Upcoming events include a BBQ fundraiser and a Sports Show. Some of the organizations that will benefit from Randy's Crew are local humane societies, the Cat Connection, Pop Warner and local school lunch programs.

ISSUE: Community Athletic Competition

Airdate: Sunday, September 3

Spoke with Holly Gilpin, Director of Tourism for Dorchester County about their upcoming Iron Man Challenge set for September 16th in Cambridge. Participants would have to swim the Choptank River, run and bike. This competition pulls hundreds of people to the area, and it will be a huge benefit to local tourism.

ISSUE: Other

Airdate: Sunday, September 17

Spoke with Jennifer Evans and Rich Hutchins, organizer of the upcoming OC RV Show set for October 12th-16th at the Roland E. Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland. This event features recreational vehicles of all kinds including campers. Campgrounds and other recreational businesses would be in attendance.

ISSUE: Health & Welfare

Airdate: Sunday, September 24

Spoke with Stephanie McVey, organizer of the Draper Media Shore Living Expo set for Saturday, September 30th at the Wicomico Civic Center in Salisbury. This free event runs 10-4 and will feature everything that celebrates health, wealth and home. In addition to numerous vendors and crafters, the event will feature local TV and radio personalities and a full day of demonstrations and presentations.