

Li'l Ole Opry to feature 'Made in America' show

The public is invited to the Virginia's Li'l Ole Opry show on Saturday, August 10, at 8 p.m. for the "Made in America" show at Mathews High School's Harry M. Ward Auditorium. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m.

It's that time of year when we get to watch fireworks, have cookouts, and enjoy our American way of life in hometowns all across this great country! Join the Opry band and singers as they celebrate America, the American dream and the American way of life with great music by Merle Haggard, Martina McBride, Garth Brooks, Brooks and Dunn and many more.

With William Earl Sadler, Richard Smith, David Shuber, Sam Hogge, Lynda Smith, Jeff Long, Mike Gregg, Phil Johnson, Tracy Hill, Ralph and

Steve Motley, Walt Stillman, A.J. McKeen, Farren Winter, Betsy and Susan Ripley, and Adam Greve performing, this is a show you don't want to miss.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased in advance at Beach Bum BBQ and the Mathews Visitor Center in Mathews and at Marketplace Antiques in Gloucester. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on show night starting at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming shows: September 21, Richard Smith's tribute to Travis Tritt (Opry band and singers on first half); October 19, Tracy Hill (Opry band and singers on first half); November 23, gospel show; and December 7, Smith Family & Friends Christmas Show.

Music by the River will feature two bands in August

The Friends of Belle Isle State Park 2019 Music by the River series continues on the second and third Saturdays through August. The family-friendly outdoor concerts are staged in the waterfront picnic area at Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster.

"We urge folks to kick back and enjoy an evening at the park," said music committee co-chairman Robert Mason Jr. "We've got a variety of music lined up including some perennial favorites and some groups new to the Music by the River stage."

On August 10, The Michael Clark Band will entertain with blues and soul.

On August 17, Southern Grace will close the season with country gospel.

All concerts will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Picnics are welcome and there will be supervised activities for the children. A limited number of picnic tables will be available. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The shows are free; however, there is a \$5 parking fee payable at the park entrance. There will be free popcorn. Cold soft drinks and bottled water will be available for a minimal charge.

"Thank you to all of our sponsors," said music committee co-chairman Mary Ann Lansen.

Season sponsors include Anonymous-For Mom, Atlantic Broadband, Bay FM 101.7, Chesapeake Bank, Commonwealth Senior Living at Kilmarnock and Farnham, Dehnert, Clarke & Co. PC, Eugene Duffer Foundation, Friends of Belle Isle State Park, Rappahannock Record, River Country 107.5, Robert D. Fox, Sonabank, Tri-Star Supermarket, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, Michael Servetus Endowment Fund, Wealth Planning Solutions, Robert E. Walker, WIGO Country, WRAR 105.5, WNNND Windy 103.9.

For a complete schedule of park activities, visit virginia-stateparks.gov, or call 462-5030.



They're off

"The Great Skiff" race capped Family Boatbuilding Week on Saturday at the Deltaville Maritime Museum. Above, eight Wright skiffs, which were a stack of wood just six days earlier, leave the starting line on their maiden voyage on Mill Creek. The full race can be seen in this week's video on the Sentinel Facebook page. A shortened version of the video can only be seen by scanning the top corner oar lock image on the front page of this week's paper. (Photo by Ray Rose)

Bluegrass in Urbanna Saturday

Bluegrass and country music will be performed at the Urbanna Firehouse on Saturday, August 10, from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free but donations may be made to the fire department and auxiliary. Covered-dish snacks are shared at intermission.

'Filmore' to perform in Urbanna

The Music Under the Stars concert series will continue from 7 to 9 p.m. at Taber Park in Urbanna on Saturday, August 17, and will feature "Filmore."

There will be picnic tables available or bring your own chair, blanket and refreshments. Socialize and enjoy the music.

MHS class reunion set

The Middlesex High School Class of 1979 will host a reunion on September 14. Invited are the classes of 1976 to 1983. For those interested in coming, contact Wayne Jessie at 804-854-9340 or email wjessie59@gmail.com.



Another Wright Skiff

Participants in the 17 years of Family Boatbuilding Week at the Deltaville Maritime Museum have constructed 154 Wright Skiffs. Eight new boats were built last week. Above, Leanna Burrell of Deltaville watches as the skiff she commissioned is carried to the water for launching. Burrell said she built the skiff to honor her grandfather, Luther James Hackett, a Deltaville boatbuilder. She named her skiff "Clarice" after her mother and had the hull painted with ribbons commemorating family members who have succumbed to cancer. See the full video at Ssentinel.com and by scanning the oar lock image on the front page of this week's paper. (Photo by Tom Chillemi)



Come one, Come all!

Urbanna Founders' Day Celebration

Saturday, August 10, 2019
presenting
"Urbanna, the Town that Finally Was"
premiers at 11am at the
Woman's Club • 210 Virginia St.
preceded by Fife & Drum starting at 10am at the
Taylor Building and moving to the Woman's Club
where Colonial Baladeers will perform at 10:45am.
Enjoy some time in our colonial past to learn about
our founding fathers and meet some of
their descendants.



URBANNA FARMERS MARKET

August 10

Live Music
Something Different Duo
9a - 1p
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Open mic at Deltaville Library this Saturday

The Writers Guild of Virginia will host an open mic at the Deltaville Library on Saturday, August 10, at 11 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

"Writers who wish to read their work for the audience should arrive at 10:45 a.m. to sign up to be included in the program," said Jeanne Johansen, a member of the board for the Writers Guild. "Readers will be limited to one of the following: prose up to 2,500 words, five poems of no more than 50 lines each, or five haiku. No book chapters

please, unless they stand alone as independent stories.

The event is free and open to the public. "We invite all writers in the area to participate in the open mic. Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy the works written by the many talented writers living in this community," Johansen said.

The Writers Guild of Virginia is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to writers at all stages of their writing journey. For more information, or to join the Guild, visit its website at www.writersguildva.com.

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