

MTS lineup offers variety

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The Music in the Streets lineup for Friday offers an array of entertainment.

Travis Proctor starts the evening on the main stage before moving to the Turnage Theater for an 8:30 p.m. performance. Admission to the show at the Turnage is \$5 a person.

Travis Proctor is a solo acoustic musician who has performed at many North Carolina and Virginia fairs and festivals, including the Down East Festival, the Blooming Festival, the Hospice Regatta and the North Carolina Seafood Festival. He spent the last two winter seasons performing in Marathon in the Florida Keys.

A brief memorial will be conducted for C.J. Rudd, the son of Joel and Cindi Rudd. He attended Southside High School. Rudd died May 26, 2009.

Also scheduled to perform are The Deplorable Folly Players, Michael Pilgrim, The Shakedown with Jim Daniels, Gene and Gina, Burning Down Alliance, Jimmy Valley, Robin Potts and the Cat's Pajammers with Sandra Davis.

Former Beaufort County Idol performers Jonah Taylor, Amanda Rose and Tongia Holley are scheduled to perform, too. They will be followed by 12-year-old Angel Dotson.

Down East Rods & Classics members (and sometimes their guests) are scheduled to display their vehicles during the street festival. The Music in the Streets Shaggers also are expected to show off their fancy footwork Friday night.

Also expected to appear Friday night is Gray-Haired Granny, a UNC-TV personality and an author of children's books from North Carolina. Her appearance has been arranged by the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children. She is expected to read from her new book, "Charlie The Dimpled Dragon."

"We're just so excited to have her with us for the evening," said Lisa Woolard, executive director of the partnership. "And the message of her new book, 'Charlie The Dimpled Dragon,' is more important than ever. It actually promotes dialogue between adults and children about bullying."

"I'm thrilled to be able to come and entertain the children on Friday," Granny commented. "And since bullying is such a serious problem today, I want to do all I can to help children understand the importance of accepting others' differences and being kind. Plus, I'm delighted to give away 300 copies of 'Charlie The Dimpled Dragon' to the young ones."

Granny's two readings are set for 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Other nonprofits expected to have a presence at Music in the Streets are REAL Crisis Intervention and the Little Washington Sailing Club.

The street festival takes place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the third Friday each month from April through September. It is held the fourth Friday in October as a lead-in event to Smoke on the Water, held the fourth Saturday in October.

After Friday's event, other Music in the Streets events take place June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17 and Oct. 22.

Entertainers interested in performing during Music in the Streets events should contact Marc Brunon at Notes Cafe, 143 N. Market St., or by calling 252-940-4688. Any vendors or nonprofit groups interested in reserving a space (a 10-by-10 space), reserving a larger space or selling food at Music in the Streets events should call Beth Byrd, Washington Harbor District Alliance director, at 252-946-3969.