

Fourth Quarter 2023 News Maker segments report WZRV/WFTR.

News Maker segments feature interviews with community and organizational leaders about events that benefit the communities' citizens and are for the communities.

Each segment runs twice weekdays for 2 minutes at 8:30 a.m. and full interview airs at 12:30 p.m.

Monday October 2, 2023- Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Sharon Baroncelli

Discussed- What to expect and what is available at the October 7 edition of the annual Autumnfest celebration at Shenandoah County Fairgrounds. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday October 3, 2023- Blue Ridge Hospice Music Therapist Leigh Jenks

Discussed- The inaugural Blue Ridge Hospice Fundraiser for their music program. The bands and soloists that will be performing and the services the funds from event support. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday October 4, 2023- Chain of Checks fundraising effort representative Barry Lee

Discussed- The four different nonprofits that will benefit from the fundraising effort in 2023. The kickoff of the fundraising effort golf tournament. How to apply to benefit from the annual fundraising effort. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday October 5, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones

Discussed- Full funding being allocated by the Warren County Board of Supervisors for Samuel's Public Library. This was a highly contested issue by a vocal part of the community asking for sanctions to be placed against the library due to LGBTQIAS+ issues. Todd confirmed the funding was decided on by the board. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Friday October 6, 2023- Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative Communications and Events manager Preston Knight

Discussed- National Cooperative Month, the benefits of being a member of a cooperative. What cooperatives provide and how they support the communities they serve. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Monday October 9, 2023- Front Royal Community and Tourism Manager Lizi Lewis and community representative Michael Whitlow

Discussed- The 51st annual Festival of Leaves celebration on historic Main Street Front Royal. The new events and expansion into two days of celebration and how to get involved with the event. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday October 10, 2023- Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter Executive Director Robyn Miller

Discussed- The annual Battlefield Half Marathon run walk fundraiser for Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter. Volunteer opportunities for helping with the event. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday October 11, 2023- Founder and Director of Winchester Frontier Days and Rodeo John Flood

Discussed- The return of the Old West, New West, Wild West Days event in Middletown Virginia. What to expect at the Frontier Days event including special guest Country Recording Artist Ryan Jewell. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday October 12, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones

Discussed- October weekend events in one of the busiest weekends in Warren County and fire prevention week safety tips. A reminder to be kind and patient with visitors to the area as October weekends brings increased traffic to view the leaves on the Skyline Drive Shenandoah National Park. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Friday October 13, 2023- Warren County Department of Social Services Job Developer Meghan Bowers

Discussed- A November 2 job fair that will help people find work and how to get involved both offering services and or on the job hunt. A Halloween event offered at the Department of Social Services as well. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Monday October 16, 2023- Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Managing Director of Communications and Public Relations Casey Hollins

Discussed- Vegetation management to prevent power outages and how cooperative members can help in the effort. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday October 17, 2023- American Red Cross Account Manager Lisa Wilt and Caz Zuckerman

Discussed- The annual blood drive to honor former Winchester Mayor Charles Zuckerman who donated over 38 gallons of blood over his lifetime. Caz explained her father's commitment to giving blood and her mother's giving nature. How to set that appointment to honor the Zuckerman's. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday October 18, 2023- Battle of Middletown's Cedar Creek Foundation Administrator Ashley Sonntag

Discussed-The 159 commentative of one the last and major battles of the Civil War in Middletown Virginia. What to expect at the reenactment event and how the funds raised by the event are used to enhance the Battle of Cedar Creek grounds. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday October 19, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones and Director of Tourism Joe Petty

Discussed- The developments of the newly created department of tourism for Warren County and what influx of visitors into the valley in the fall of the year. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Friday October 20, 2023- Frederick County Sheriff Lenny Millholland

Discussed- The recent rash of swatting incidents and bomb threats to local schools (Statewide occurrences recently). How they affect the community and law enforcement and fines and punishment for such actions. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Monday October 23, 2023- Warren Coalition Community Outreach Coordinator Celeste Brooks

Discussed- The despite need to support food pantries in the area and a short term food drive. Collection box locations and how to help. Supporting the

upcoming Royal Broadcasting Camping for Hunger campaign. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday October 24, 2023- Community Partnership Leader for Community Housing Partners Energy Solutions Everett Brubaker

Discussed- What Community Housing Partners can do for a home energy savings like weatherproofing and insulation installation for free. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday October 25, 2023- Blue Ridge Hospice Chief Strategy Officer Jason Parsons

Discussed- Changes coming to Blue Ridge Hospice by way of an upgraded logo and tagline and the new services being offered by the hospice. 2 minutes at 8:30 9 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday October 26, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones

Discussed- Warren County's upgraded website and new logo. Also, the competition between Warren County Government center and Fire Departments to fill the Royal Broadcasting Camping for Hunger bus. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Friday October 27, 2023- Shenandoah County Sheriff Tim Carter and Deputy Stephen Jarboe

Discussed- A review of National Teen Driver Safety Week and how to protect your teen while driving. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Monday October 30, 2023- Candidate for 32nd District House Seat Madelyn Rodriquez

Discussed- Rodriquez's concerns when it comes to Frederick County and how she plans to tackle those issues if elected. 2 minutes at 8:30 4 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday October 31, 2023- Olive Branch Food Pantry Director Marsha Bowden and Kiwanis Club Pancake Day Chairperson Jim Kuntz

Discussed- The beneficiary of the bi-annual Kawanis Club Pancake Day Olive Branch Food Pantry and how they support those in need. How the funds from Pancake Day will be used to expand the pantry. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday November 1, 2023- Pastor James Boyette of Living Waters Christian Church

Discussed- An event that includes food and warm clothing for anyone in need regionally. The need for volunteers before, after, and during the event. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday November 2, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones and Warren County Voter Registrar Matthew Reisinger

Discussed- A review of early in person voting in Warren County. How the voting process works and what Matthew does specifically and when to expect complete results from the November 7 general election. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Friday November 3, 2023- Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative President and CEO Greg Rogers

Discussed- The 10 local non-profits that benefited from the Cooperative's operation round up where Cooperative Members round up their bills to the next dollar. How non-profits can apply for the next round of funds. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Monday November 6, 2023- Heroes on the River Combat Veterans Group Founder Adam Packham

Discussed- A three-day Veterans Day hike for combat veterans and future events for Heroes on the River. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday November 7, 2023- Able Forces Foundation Founder Skip Rogers

Discussed- The annual Adopt a Warrior Family to assist them through both Thanksgiving and Christmas helping with food, gifts, and even decorations for the holidays. How to get a family in need on the list of recipients. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday November 8, 2023- Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Communications Manager Les Sinclair

Discussed- The difference between a food bank and food pantries and how they work together to feed those in need. The best ways to help in the effort including supporting food drives like the annual Royal Broadcasting Camping for Hunger Campaign. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday November 9, 2023- Warren County Voter Registrar Mathew Reisinger

Discussed- Election Day the aftermath. When complete results are expected when officials take office and what happens when overzealous poll workers interfere with voters like when it happened on election day in Warren County this year. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Friday November 10, 2023- Front Royal Warren County Congregational Community Action Project (C-CAP) Executive Director Joanne Koszyk

Discussed- Preparation for the 15th annual Royal Broadcast Camping for Hunger Campaign to stock food supplies for those in need. How the need is greater than ever this year with SNAP benefits being cut after COVID-19 benefits stopped. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Monday November 13, 2023- Royal Broadcasting President Owner and CEO Andrew Shearer

Discussed- The 15 years of Royal Broadcasting's Camping for Hunger Campaign and how it supports Front Royal Warren County Congregational Community Action Project (C-CAP) through citizen's support by food and monetary donations. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday November 14, 2024- Dominion Ridge Academy Student Coordinator Carrie Hill

Discussed- The invaluable packing and sorting help from students of Dominion Ridge Academy during Royal Broadcasting's annual Camping for Hunger Campaign. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday November 15, 2024- Frederick County Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Branch Partner Manager Jacob Matz

Discussed- How Campaigns like Royal Broadcasting's annual Camping for Hunger supports Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and Food Pantries across the region and how important the community's support is. How the need is greater than ever due to COVID benefits ending. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday November 16, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones and Warren County Assistant Fire Chief Gerry Maiatico

Discussed- The friendly competition between Warren County Government and Warren County Fire and Rescue in gathering food and necessities for the annual Royal Broadcasting Camping for Hunger Campaign. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Friday November 17, 2023- Frederick County Sheriff Lenny Millholland

Discussed- The recent efforts by the Frederick County Animal Control unit and their rescue of 11 horses in the county. Preparations and support of the upcoming youth camp. 2 minutes 7 minutes at 12:30.

Monday November 20, 2023- Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Communications and Public Relations Managing Director Casey Hollins

Discussed- The ways that Rappahannock Electric Cooperative is helping Cooperative Members save energy and devices available to help. Bill arrangements for those falling behind on payments. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday November 21, 2023- Regional Salvation Army Captain Ann Hawk and Community Dinner Chairperson Jason Neal

Discussed- The need for volunteers to ring bells at the Red Kettles around the region and the upcoming Community Dinner scheduled for the annual Thanksgiving meal. 2 minutes at 8:30 9 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday November 22, 2024- Front Royal Warren County Congregational Community Action Project (C-CAP) Executive Director Joanne Koszyk

Discussed- The success of the annual Royal Broadcasting Camping for Hunger Campaign and a thank you to the community for their support and final food amount and monetary donation figures. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Monday November 27, 2023- Front Royal Warren County Chamber of Commerce Director President Niki Foster

Discussed- The annual Christmas celebration and parade the following weekend. How to enter the parade and what to expect at the celebration downtown Front Royal. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday November 28, 2023- Front Royal Kiwanis Club Members Bill Powers and Pancake Day Chairperson Wayne Barber

Discussed- The December Pancake Day which is one of the Kiwanis Club's biggest fundraisers. Where funds from the event will go and how to volunteer for the event and become a Kiwanis Club member. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday November 29, 2023- Blue Ridge Hospice Family and Support Services Manager Susan Calley

Discussed- The events planned to help the community cope with loss and relieve stress in what can be a tough time at Christmas for some people. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday November 30, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones and Warren County Deputy Emergency Coordinator Brian Foley

Discussed- The National Weather Service's Winter Weather Spotter's Training course to be held in Warren County. Donations of clothing for the upcoming Tim Tebow sanctioned Night to Shine event in Warren County for people with disabilities. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Friday December 1, 2023- Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative President and CEO Greg Rogers

Discussed- Scams targeting electric customers, the dangers of generators and registration for students involving a trip to learn about government procedure. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Monday December 4, 2023- Warren County Department of Social Services Job Developer Meghan Bowers

Discussed- An upcoming resource fair with representatives from several public service groups offering information on their services. This also includes health screenings as well. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday December 5, 2023- Blue Ridge Singers Artistic Director and Conductor Dr. Jeffery Alban

Discussed- The upcoming series of Christmas Concerts schedule changes and how to become a member of the Blue Ridge Singers. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday December 6, 2023- Clarke County Sheriff Tony Roper

Discussed- The recent accomplishments of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office. Reaching Full Accreditation, being recognized by FEMA, FBI, and Sheriff Roper's upcoming retirement. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday December 7, 2023- Warren County's Director of Technology Todd Jones and Deputy Emergency Coordinator Brian Foley and Public Workers Director Michael Coffelt

Discussed- How the county prepares for any inclement weather conditions and if there is a need for independent snowplow operators. How to handle snow and travel. Todd just wants snow. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Friday December 8, 2023- Handley Regional Library Systems Director John Huddy

Discussed- The 110-year history of the Handley Library the architecture, and attributes offered as they head into their 110th year. 2 minutes at 8:30 9 minutes at 12:30.

Monday December 11, 2023- Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Managing Director of Communications and Public Relations Casey Hollins

Discussed- The launch of a money saving and energy saving marketplace being offered by the Cooperative. Types of money saving options. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday December 12, 2023- Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Sight Manager Karen-Beck Herzog

Discussed- The quarterly virtual meeting of groups that are involved with Cedar Creek and Belle Grove. The meeting is open to the public allowing their input on Park boundaries, management, and procedures. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday December 13, 2023- Winchester Police Chief Amanda Behan

Discussed- The Chief recent appointment to the Board of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. How she feels about the appointment and what it entails. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday December 14, 2023- Warren County's Director of Technology Todd Jones

Discussed- The forthcoming debut of the Warren County new website and a tease of some of the County's plans in 2024. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Friday December 15, 2023- Frederick County Sheriff Lenny Millholland

Discussed- A holiday scam warning and an update on the 11 horses recently rescued by the Frederick County's Animal Control Unit. A merry Christmas wish from the Sheriff of Frederick County to everyone. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Monday December 18, 2023- Saint Luke Community Clinic Executive Director Vicki Davies

Discussed- The return of the holiday open house at Saint Luke Community Clinic and services they offer and how to support the clinic. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30.

Tuesday December 19, 2023- Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Executive Director Brad Veach and Winchester New Year's Eve Celebration Chairperson Cory McKnight

Discussed- The upcoming New Year's Eve Celebration in Winchester and how Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival is helping with the celebration. As well as the following day five K run at The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday December 20, 2023- Shenandoah Valley Music Festival President and Executive Director Dennis Lynch

Discussed- The recent awarding of a record amount of money raised by the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival Guild and how to join the Guild. A tease of the upcoming summer concert season. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday December 21, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones

Discussed- Warren County welcoming the newly elected officials taking office January 1 and what to look forward to in 2024. A holiday wish to everyone from Warren County. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

Friday December 22, 2023- Shenandoah County Sheriff Tim Carter

Discussed- A look back at 2023 at the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office and hopes for 2024 a look forward to a possible National Accreditation. A thank you to his staff and a Merry Christmas wish to everyone. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Wednesday December 27, 2023- Blue Ridge Hospice Vice President of Thrift Operations Anthony Crosen

Discussed- The 20 years of Blue Ridge Hospice Thrift Shops and how it has expanded over the years to support Blue Ridge Hospice. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

Thursday December 28, 2023- Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones

Discussed- The accomplishments of the past year by Warren County's Government and a salute to those that do their job every day without a thank you or recognition. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30.

Friday December 29, 2023- Royal Broadcasting President, Owner, CEO Andrew Shearer

Discussed- The past year what is in store for 2024 at WZRV/WFTR the River 953 Fox Sports Radio 1450 and a happy holiday wish to the communities. 2 minutes at 8:30 4 minutes at 12:30.