

# News Makers

January 3, 2022 - March 31, 2022

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

Each segment runs twice weekdays at 2 minutes are at 8:30 a.m. and full interview airs at 12:30 p.m. Full interview segments are various length.

**Monday January 3, 2022-** The United Way of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Senior Director of Advancement Elise Stine-Doliner

Discussed: United Way's impact grants for the Northern Shenandoah Valley how to apply, deadline for applying and how it's decided who receives the grants. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

**Tuesday January 4, 2022-** Valley Health Director for Community Health Jason Craig

Discussed: COVID-19 testing locations and the fact that Frederick, Warren, Shenandoah and Page Counties' Hospital Emergency rooms cannot perform COVID-19 test. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30.

**Wednesday January 5, 2022-** Front Royal Edward Jones Office Representative Bret Hrbek

Discussed: Preparation and registration for the Edward Jones 5 K race for Education. Supporting scholarship funds for Edward Jones and the Warren Coalition. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30.

**Thursday January 6, 2022-** Shenandoah County Extension Agent Carol Nansel

Discussed: Restarting a 4-H Chapter specifically for the Fort Valley area. New leadership and what 4-H has to offer young people in Fort Valley. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30

**Friday January 7, 2022-** Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative President and CEO Greg Rogers

Discussed: The incentive to go with paperless billing at Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative. Also the end of the COVID-19 moratorium billing encouraging customers who are behind to make arrangements. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and half minutes at 12:30

**Monday January 10, 2022-** Valley Health Population and Community Health Officer Dr. Jeffery Feit

Discussed: Not using hospital emergency rooms for COVID-19 test. Also spoke on using specific COVID-19 testing sites and where they are. Talk about home COVID-19 test kits efficiency and where you can get them. 2 minutes 7 minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday January 11, 2022-** Shenandoah Arts Council Executive Director Lisa Sipp

Discussed: Opportunities for local artist to have their work displayed in Old Town Winchester's Walking Loudoun St. Mall for a year then have their work moved to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley to be displayed. An opportunity for artist for all ages. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and half minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday January 12, 2022-** Spay Today of Charles Town West Virginia Coordinator Angie Pearson

Discussed: Low cost spay and neuter services available throughout the valley from their network of veterinarians. We also spoke about how veterinarians can join the network. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and half minutes at 12:30

**Thursday January 13, 2022-** Front Royal Warren County Women's Resource Center Chairperson of the Dare to Dream Grant Program Joey Waters.

Discussed: The grants that are available for women in Warren County for either continuing education, starting a new business or helping a young business. We also spoke on the application process for the grants and deadline for applying. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Friday January 14, 2022-** French and Indian War Foundation Marketing Managing Director Tony Elar.

Discussed: The efforts to refurbish George Washington's Winchester Fort Loudoun. A fund raiser and French and Indian War reenactment to be held in honor of George Washington's birthday February 22. 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Monday January 17, 2022-** Frederick County Economic Development Authority Marketing Manager Wendy May.

Discussed: The first ever Frederick County Restaurant Eats Week. The restaurants that were participating in the weeklong event and the incentive to take advantage of the weeklong celebration of food. Also spoke on voting for your favorite food and restaurant 2 minutes at 8:30 6 and half minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday January 18, 2022-** Wayside Inn and Larrick's Tavern representatives Tammy Keeler and Travis Ross

Discussed: A fundraiser for a family that lost their home in a fire. How an employee of Wayside Inn's Larrick's Tavern assisted in helping evacuate the family from the burning home. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday January 19, 2022-** Valley Health Population and Community Health Officer Dr. Jeffery Feit

Discussed: How we could help alleviate the pressure on health care workers who were inundated with the sudden uptick in COVID-19 cases. Things like testing and talking with your personal health care provider instead of going right to the hospitals. 2 minutes at 8:30 6 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Thursday January 20, 2022-** Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles representative Jessica Cowardin

Discussed: New technology being installed at the Middletown Interstate 81 weigh station that monitors interstate tractor trailers tires to insure they are safe for travel. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30

**Friday January 21, 2022-** Royal Broadcasting Operations Manager Lonnie Hill

Discussed: What goes into preparing a radio station for snow school closing and reporting on the conditions and how things have changed with the advent of computer technology.

**Monday January 24, 2022-** Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Senior Public Relations Specialist Brian Wolfe

Discussed: Scholarships being offered by Rappahannock Electric Cooperative for High School, university and trade school students. How to apply how they are awarded and application deadline 2 minutes at 8:30 4 minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday January 25, 2022-** The American Red Cross Executive Director for the Greater Shenandoah Valley Eric Anderson

Discussed: The blood crisis facing the nation and the best practice for us to help 2 minutes at 8:30 10 minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday January 26, 2022-** Lord Fairfax Health District Nurse Manager Leea Shirley

Discussed: Free COVID-19 testing being offered by Lord Fairfax Health District and Valley Health each Wednesday at the Front Royal Health and Human Services Complex on 15 Street through February 23. Talked about a possible extension of that service if warranted 2 minutes at 8:30 4 and half minutes at 12:30

**Thursday January 27, 2022-** Warren County Sheriff's Office Public Relations Officer Deputy Lieutenant Robbie Seal

Discussed: New equipment donated by the Front Royal Moose Lodge to help the Sheriff's Department protect seniors and children. The equipment keeps fingerprints and pictures of an individual in case they become lost or possibly kidnapped 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and half minutes at 12:30

**Friday January 28, 2022-** Royal Broadcasting Chief Meteorologist Kemper Miller

Discussed: Governor Youngkin's state of emergency declaration ahead of the projected weekend storm. Miller spoke on the impact and time table for our listening area. We also spoke on the new podcast feature Weatherwise for the public to use for weather related information 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Monday January 31, 2022-** William Huck Proprietor of C&C Frozen Treats and Organizer of a Special Olympics Fundraiser

Discussed: A fundraiser to send a local Special Olympics team to the statewide Polar Plunge at Virginia Beach February 5. The annual Polar Plunge benefits Special Olympics 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and half minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday February 1, 2022-** Executive Director of the American Red Cross for the Greater Shenandoah Valley Eric Anderson

Discussed: The ongoing blood shortage crisis and how we can help and recruitment for employment with the American Red Cross 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and half minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday February 2, 2022-** Executive Director of Front Royal Warren County Women's Resource Center Barbara Way

Discussed: Registration for the annual Women's Wellness Workshop presented by Women's Resource Center and the Front Royal Warren County Phoenix Project. We talked about what to expect at the event 2 minutes at 8:30 8 and a half minutes at 12:30.

**Thursday February 3, 2022-** The nonprofit Blue Ridge Wildlife Center Veterinarian Doctor Jen Riley

Discussed: How to help or should we try to help the local wildlife in the recently experienced bitterly cold weather. Also talked about the recent rabies report in Clarke County Virginia 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30

**Friday February 4, 2022-** Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative Communications Manager Preston Knight

Discussed: Openings on the upcoming August elections for the Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors in Frederick, Page and Southern Portions Augusta and Rockingham of the Cooperatives service area. How to apply and where to find applications 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30

**Monday February 7, 2022-** Edward Jones Front Royal Office Executive Bret Hrbek

Discussed: 100 years of Edward Jones celebrations planned through the year 2022 and how they serve the communities they reside 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday February 8, 2022-** Handley Regional Library Systems Executive Director of Friends of Handley Library Barbara Dickinson

Discussed: The Creative Women of Fisher's Hill special event focusing on three highly successful female from the turn of the century. The call for anyone with additional information on the women 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday February 9, 2022-** American Red Cross Executive Director for the Greater Shenandoah Valley Eric Anderson

Discussed: Recruitment for employment for the Red Cross. The difficulties the Red Cross have experienced and recovery from the pandemic as well as weather cancellations of blood drives. Also the ongoing blood shortage crisis 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and half minutes at 12:30

**Thursday February 10, 2022-** Warren Coalition representative Ryan Cabbage

Discussed: The We Love Our Community Event to celebrate Warren County. The event coincides with the We See You Warren County Campaign to bring awareness to the isolation

some people might be feeling recovering from and during the pandemic 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Friday February 11, 2022-** Shenandoah Community Capital Fund Business Coffee Hostess Katie Overfield-Zook

Discussed: The inaugural coffee or seminar to offer advice to new business owners and entrepreneurs from experienced business owners from around the Shenandoah Valley. This was the first of monthly meetings to be held to help other and new business owners 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Monday February 14, 2022-** Arline Link of Explore Art and Clay donating bowls for the annual House of Hope Empty Bowl Supper

Discussed: The creation of the unique bowls out of clay for the annual empty bowl supper to support men who are trying to turn over a new leaf at the House of Hope. The bowls are hand crafted and citizens are invited to help create them 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday February 15, 2022-** Warren County Rotary Club members Jean Plauger and Jen Avery

Discussed: A benefit bike ride to support Reaching Out Now and Cars Changing Lives. Spoke of the money saving benefit of early registration and incentives to ride. The lengths of the rides and who it benefits. 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday February 16, 2022-** Executive Director for the American Red Cross Greater Shenandoah Valley Region Eric Anderson

Discuss: Progress being made in battling the Red Cross National Blood Crisis. How we can continue to fight the crisis. Employment and volunteer opportunities with the American Red Cross 2 minutes at 8:30 12 minutes at 12:30

- Frederick County Sheriff Lenny Millholland

Discussed: The Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Frederick County Fire and Rescue hosting a Civilian Response Causality and Care workshop. The 4 hour course offers lessons on active shooter situations, first aid and comforting those facing those situations 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Friday February 18, 2022-** Chili Cook Off Organizer and head score keeper Kim Eckley

Discussed: A Chili Cook Off sanctioned by the International Chili Society and benefiting Camp Hope which provides free summer camp to children who otherwise could not attend a summer camp. Winning cooks at the cook off move on the national competition 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30

**Monday February 21, 2022-** People Incorporated Volunteer Services Coordinator Garrett Jackson

Discussed: People Incorporated offering free tax preparation and service for anyone in the Northern Shenandoah Valley who makes less than \$58,000 a year virtually. Hoping to do in person consulting after the pandemic. Also a call for volunteers to help 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday February 22, 2022-** Author of The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in a Time of Fentanyl and Meth Sam Quinones

Discussed: A presentation sponsored by Page Alliance for Community Action and Northwestern Community Services in Page County. Bringing awareness to and prevention of drug abuse and the importance of community support to fight the national drug abuse crisis 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday February 23, 2022-** Virginia Department of Transportation District Planner Brad Reed

Discussed: Several projects under review and open for public hearings for the public to offer input. Also spoke of future plans for a number of projects that are upcoming on the Virginia Department of Transportation's agenda 2 minutes at 8:30 10 minutes at 12:30

**Thursday February 24, 2022-** Executive Director of American Red Cross for the Greater Shenandoah Valley Eric Anderson

Discussed: Making progress in the national blood shortage crisis and the hiring of staff. Continued blood donations help and how and where to sign up to make an appointment to donate 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Friday February 25, 2022-** Front Royal Warren County Congregational Community Action Project (C-Cap) Executive Director Joanne Koszyk and Former President and consultant Larry Elliot

Discussed: C-Cap finalizing the deal with the Warren County Economic Development Authority (EDA) on the use of the open facility in Front Royal. Opening up C-Cap's ability to serve the community and clients and how it opens the need for volunteers 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Monday February 28, 2022-** Sara Van Huekelum and Teresa Burnett representing Savida Health

Discussed: The opening of a new Addiction Clinic in Page County in March. What they have to offer those struggling with addiction. Along other clinics that are currently open in Warren County and Shenandoah County 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday March 1, 2022-** Handley Regional Library Systems Winchester Branch Manager Adrienne Davis

Discussed: The Push Your Shelf Reading Bingo Challenge which rewards people to read more. It is a month long challenge at all three branches in the Handley Regional Library System 2 minutes at 8:30 8 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday March 2, 2022-** Friends of the National Rifle Association representative Tom Eshelman

Discussed: A fundraiser for Friends of the National Rifle Association to support youth gun safety courses and self defense courses for women. All funds raised by the Friends of the National Rifle Association are returned to the community 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30

**Thursday March 3, 2022-** Lord Fairfax Community College to become Laurel Ridge Community College Assistant Professor of History Michael St. Jacques

Discussed: A presentation being offered by the Community College on the ongoing struggle in the Ukraine. Professor St. Jacques is uniquely qualified to speak on the subject as he spent 3 years in the Ukraine as well Russia working for the United States Government. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30

**Friday March 4, 2022-** Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative CEO and President Greg Rogers

Discussed: The donations that were awarded to charities in all the various communities that are served by the cooperative in their Operation Round Up. A campaign where customers can round up their bills to the next dollar and the funds are given to charity. We also talked about customers becoming members of their board of Directors 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30

**Monday March 7, 2022-** Front Royal Warren County Congregational Community Action Project's (C-Cap) head of volunteers for the community garden project Fern Vasquiz

Discussed: The garden and the need for volunteers to work the garden 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday March 8, 2022-** Shenandoah Community Capital Fund Executive Director Debbie Irwin

Discussed: The Shenandoah Community Capital Fund honoring women in business in women's history month. We also spoke on the advice they give to help new business thrive in business 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday March 9, 2022-** United Real Estate Horizon Representative Gary Leake

Discussed: United Real Estate Horizon sponsoring the first Autism Speaks Golf Tournament recruitment for team players and sponsorship of the tournament. Also the need for volunteers for the event 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Thursday March 10, 2022-** 2 for 2 Foundation board member Linda Tyler and fundraising chairperson Shelly Lee

Discussed: The fundraising events for the 2 for 2 Foundation as they attempt to raise funds for an ice skating rink and pool facility in the region. They are also attempting to break two Genesis Book world records 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Friday March 11, 2022-** Warren County Director of Technology Todd Jones

Discussed: Ways to protect your personal information and avoid hacking 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Monday March 14, 2022-** House of Hope Board member and Warren County Rotarian Jen Avery

Discussed: The House of Hopes Empty Bowl Supper also the upcoming Bike Ride with Rotary event 2 minutes at 8:30 7 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday March 15, 2022-** Warren County Sheriff Mark Butler and Will Bryan

Discussed: The upcoming Warren County Football Camp 2 minutes at 8:30 10 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday March 16, 2022-** Warren County Human Society Executive Director Megan Bowers

Discussed: The St. Patrick's Day fundraiser for the Human Society Pup Crawl. We also discussed future fundraiser for the shelter 2 minutes at 8:30 6 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Thursday March 17, 2022-** Stephens City Baseball Club Coaching Coordinator and spokesman Guy Curtis

Discussed: The newly formed team and an upcoming golf tournament to raise funds for the team. The teams regional efforts and hopes for expansion 2 minutes at 8:30 8 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Friday March 18, 2022-** Historic Locke's Mill Manager Chris Damewood

Discussed: The reopening of the Historic Colonial Era Grist Mill after 2 years of being closed in Clarke County 2 minutes at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30

**Monday 21, 2022March** - Valley Health Marketing and Operations Manager Michael Wade

Discussed: Valley Health's community Wellness Festival weeklong event at Apple Blossom Mall. Talk of all the clinics and screenings being offered 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday March 22, 2022-** Lord Fairfax Community College to become Laurel Ridge Community College Coordinator of Student Life and Engagement Chris Lambert

Discussed: The job fair offered at both the Middletown campus and then the Fauquier Campus 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday March 23, 2022-** The American Red Cross Donor Recruiter Manager Lisa Wilt



Discussed: Blood donor recruitment and the need for donors to keep levels at their current levels. Making the official announcement that blood levels have gone from crisis level to vulnerable levels. 2 minutes at 8:30 8 minutes at 12:30

**Thursday March 24, 2022-** Blue Ridge Wildlife Center veterinarian Dr. Jen Riley

Discussed: The uptick of Avian Flu or Bird Flu in the region as well as the rabies cases. What can be done and how to protect our domestic birds 2 minutes at 8:30 7 minutes at 12:30

**Friday March 25, 2022-** 3 time Grammy Award Winner and performer at the Valley Bible Church Faith Love and Laughter event country music performer Linda Davis

Discussed: The upcoming concert that features Linda Davis and former Hee Haw performer Lou Lou 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Monday March 28, 2022-** Warren County Ruritan President Rick Logan and Secretary Chuck Brome

Discussed: The annual spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Ruritan Club scholarships 2 minutes at 8:30 5 and a half minutes at 12:30

**Tuesday March 29, 2022-** Warren County Technical Director Todd Jones

Discussed: The upcoming Warren County of board of supervisors meeting on the county budget. Where you can find the budget and comment on it. Todd has the latest information on the newly signed bill on car taxes in Virginia and the board's consideration of it 2 minute at 8:30 5 minutes at 12:30

**Wednesday March 30, 2022-** Shenandoah Apple Blossom Marketing Director Dario Savarese

Discussed: The 95 Shenandoah Apple Blossom being back in full bloom after a 2 year pandemic including 4 new events 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30

**Thursday March 31, 2022-** American Red Cross Donor Recruiter Manger Lisa Wilt

Discussed: The biggest blood drive of the year in honor of Virginia Tech the memorial blood drive and the need for donors on April 18 2 minutes at 8:30 6 minutes at 12:30