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**ISSUE – Art & Culture**

**Winchester library to host democracy discussion Thursday**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**November 8, 2023 1:06**

**Now that the polls are closed and most of the ballots counted, civic engagement groups are hosting a discussion in Winchester this Thursday about what comes next. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Local author's book among those targeted at Samuels Public Library**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**November 16, 2023 4:54**

**The battle over LGBTQ books at the Samuels Public Library in Front Royal concluded last month with the library regaining full funding. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reviewed the would-be book banners' complaints and spoke with one of the targeted authors.**

**Virginia artist painting to raise funds for Nature Conservancy**

**Randi B. Hagi 1:33**

**December 4, 2023**

**A Virginia artist is selling paintings of wildlife to raise money for The Nature Conservancy. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Local ski resorts usher in the winter season**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**December 18, 2023 3:51**

**Ski resorts in the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains are opening up for the winter season. Despite a warming climate, you can still ski the southeast, as WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

## **ISSUE – Society**

### **Madison County wildfire spreads west over the weekend**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**November 6, 2023 1:39**

**Firefighters are still working to contain the Madison County wildfire. It expanded further into Shenandoah National Park and the Rapidan Wildlife Management Area over the weekend. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

### **Accused UVa shooter given more severe charges, fourth attorney**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 20, 2023 1:04**

**The man accused of killing three of his classmates at the University of Virginia last fall has been appointed a fourth lawyer in response to elevated charges. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

### **Harrisonburg wins grant to improve connections between Northeast and downtown**

**Randi B. Hagi 1:39**

**October 3, 2023**

**Harrisonburg is one of 15 cities across the country that was selected to receive a Community Connectors grant, which aims to repair the damage caused by infrastructure that divided communities. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

### **Police catch suspect in attempted Charlottesville abduction**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 5, 2023 1:19**

**A Charlottesville woman survived an attempted abduction on Wednesday evening, and police arrested a suspect on Thursday. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

### **State police investigate fatal officer-involved shooting in Strasburg**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**December 18, 2023 :54**

**A woman was shot and killed by a police officer in Strasburg on Sunday. The Virginia State Police are investigating the shooting, as WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Law of the land series: the Shenandoah County sheriff**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 10, 2023 5:08**

**This year, the top criminal justice positions of every county in Virginia are on the ballot – prosecutors and sheriffs. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reviewed several of those races in our broadcast region, and spoke with incumbents and challengers. This is the first report in a five-part series.**

**Albemarle launches on-demand microtransit vans**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 30, 2023 1:34**

**On Monday morning, Albemarle County launched a new on-demand public transportation system for two areas outside the traditional bus routes. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**A Harrisonburg family legacy continues at Creekside Farm**

**Chris Boros**

**November 9, 2023 6:33**

**The Barn at Creekside Farm in Harrisonburg is a shelter for antiques. Since 2016, the Cline Family, who bought the property in 1967, has been hosting monthly events for customers to explore refurbished goods.**

**Nexus dodges questions about subversive new business entity**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**November 14, 2023 6:31**

**While the company Nexus has been besieged by local and federal investigations, multi-million dollar lawsuits, and property foreclosures; another strikingly similar business has popped up – Subversivo, LLC.**

**A tale of friendship through school, resettlement, and social work**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**November 29, 2023 4:33**

**Harrisonburg is home to one of the six resettlement agencies that serve refugees coming to Virginia. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi spoke with two young people who have made their home here, and are now pursuing careers to give back to the community.**

**Union back on the ballot for Hershey employees**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**December 11, 2023 1:31**

**Workers at the Hershey Chocolate Company of Virginia in Stuarts Draft will vote for a second time whether or not to unionize. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

## **ISSUE – Government**

**Virginia election results: Democrats hold the Senate, retake the House**

**Bob Leweke**

**November 7, 2023**

**All 140 seats in the General Assembly were at stake in Tuesday's election.**

**We're compiling results and reporting here.**

## **ISSUE – Education**

**Harrisonburg program encourages new and growing childcare services**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 10, 2023 1:30**

**The city of Harrisonburg is using a portion of American Rescue Plan Act funds to spur the development and expansion of childcare providers.**

**WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Teaching English in the Valley with Skyline Literacy**

**Lily Arseneau**

**December 4, 2023 4:51**

**Skyline Literacy is a local non-profit in Harrisonburg that has been providing literacy and English language education for local adult learners for over thirty years.**

## **ISSUE – Environment**

**Hooting for owls with Jennifer Ackerman**

**Chris Boros**

**October 6, 2023 7:07**

**Charlottesville author Jennifer Ackerman has written a number of books about birds, and in her newest, she tackles the wise and mysterious owl.**

**Charlottesville gardener cultivates haven for native plants and pollinators**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 16, 2023 4:52**

**One local homeowner has joined the native plants movement. She's cultivating a wildlife oasis in her backyard. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Local conservation photographer honored at international exhibit**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 19, 2023 1:36**

**A Rockingham County resident was honored at the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibit in London earlier this month. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Wildlife Center tours region with children's black bear book**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 23, 2023 1:07**

**The Wildlife Center of Virginia is sponsoring a three-day children's book tour throughout the Shenandoah Valley and Charlottesville. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Northern Shenandoah region wins \$4 million recycling grant**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 31, 2023 1:21**

**Several localities in the northern Shenandoah Valley have received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to expand their recycling programs. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Industrial fire sends some contaminants into Middle River**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**December 6, 2023 :51**

**A recent fire at the AccuTec factory in Verona resulted in oily water washing into the Middle River, which the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is monitoring. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Discovering the lost Appalachian Trail with Mills Kelly**

**Chris Boros**

**December 7, 2023 7:37**

**For more than two decades hikers on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia walked through some of the most beautiful landscapes of the southern mountains. Then, in 1952, the trail was moved.**

**ISSUE – Health**

**Waynesboro health department reopens in new location**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**October 18, 2023 1:07**

**The Central Shenandoah Health District is reopening a clinic in Waynesboro after more than a year. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Augusta County wins federal grant for peer recovery support**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**November 20, 2023 4:33**

**An Augusta County program that provides an alternative to criminal prosecution for nonviolent people with mental health or substance abuse issues recently won a \$1 million federal grant. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**