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ISSUE – Health

WMRA News Story:

July 22

'Vax The Valley' Campaign Comes To Augusta County by Rnadi B. Hagi

Over the next three Saturdays, venues in Staunton, Fishersville, and Waynesboro are hosting 'Vax the Valley' events put on by the Central Shenandoah Health District and Augusta Health. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story:

August 30

COVID-19 Transmission High in Augusta County and Across Virginia by Bob Leweke

Across the state, and in all of the WMRA region, the community level of transmission of the virus is again high, meaning there are more than 100 new daily cases out of 100,000 people averaged over the last seven days.

WMRA News Story:

September 9

COVID-19 Temporarily Shuts Down In-Person Classes In Bath Co. by Randi B. Hagi

Bath County Public Schools have shut down in-person instruction through September 17 due to COVID-19. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story:

September 14

The COVID Effect: Longer Waits, Delayed Surgeries by Randi B. Hagi

As COVID-19 cases spike again, some local hospitals report longer wait times for admittance, and they're delaying elective surgeries. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story

September 15

UVa - MBU Program For Autism And Developmental Disabilities by Randi B. Hagi

The University of Virginia and Mary Baldwin University are teaming up to train future healthcare professionals to work with children who have autism and other developmental disabilities. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story

September 18

Western State Improving After Admissions Shutdown bt Randi B. Hagi

Conditions for staff and patients at Western State, the state-run psychiatric hospital in Staunton, are improving following a partial shutdown of admissions ordered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story

September 20

RMH Feels The Strain From COVID Spike by Randi B. Hagi

At a press conference Monday morning, Sentara RMH in Harrisonburg reported hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are up, and most of those patients are unvaccinated. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi has more.

WMRA News Story

September 22

The Importance Of Contact Tracing by Randi B. Hagi

With COVID cases on the rise, local health officials want to remind those who test positive that working with case investigators to notify their close contacts is both safe and important. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story

September 28

Harrisonburg's Free Clinic Opens In Its New Home by Calvin Pynn

Harrisonburg's free clinic closed at the end of 2020. Nearly one year later, its successor has a permanent home, and it's meeting pent-up demand. WMRA's Calvin Pynn reports.

ISSUE – Art & Culture:

WMRA News Story:

July 19

New Charlottesville Exhibit Takes Page From Little Free Libraries by Randi B. Hagi

The Little Free Libraries, those book-sharing boxes that have popped up all over the world in the last decade, have inspired another open-access method of sharing media: miniature outdoor art museums, such as the one now on display outside The Fralin Museum of Art in Charlottesville. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story:

July 29

Kansas Rocks The Valley by Chris Boros

American progressive rock giants Kansas are celebrating their 47th anniversary with a concert Saturday night (July 31, 2021) as part of the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival in Orkney Springs.

ISSUE – Society

WMRA News Story:

July 2

Behind The Scenes At The Shenandoah Valley Produce Auction by Randi B. Hagi

If you live in the Shenandoah Valley and you enjoy fresh veggies, there's a good chance that the tomatoes, green onions or squash on your plate came through the Shenandoah Valley Produce Auction. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story:

July 6

StoryCorps in the Valley: Turning Dark Times Into Beautiful Moments by Chris Boros

As part of WMRA's partnership with StoryCorps in the Shenandoah Valley and Central Virginia, we're sharing a conversation today between Mark and Cynthia Lorenzoni who own the Ragged Mountain Running and Walking Shop in Charlottesville.

WMRA News Story:

July 13

StoryCorps in the Valley: Children of Shenandoah by Chris Boros

As part of WMRA's partnership with StoryCorps in the Shenandoah Valley and Central Virginia, we're sharing a conversation between Lisa Custalow and Bill Henry about the formation of the Children of Shenandoah.

WMRA News Story:

July 20

StoryCorps in the Valley: New Tribe Rising by Chris Boros

As part of WMRA's partnership with StoryCorps in the Shenandoah Valley and Central Virginia, we're sharing a conversation today between René White from the Lumbee Nation and Chris White, who traces his ancestry back to Cherokee, co-founders of the Native American Church of Virginia.

WMRA News Story:

August 2

Bath County Pools Restoration Is Back On... Again by Bridget Manley

After years of falling into disrepair, plans to rehabilitate the Warm Springs Pools in Bath County are back on, according to the owners. WMRA's Bridget Manley reports.

WMRA News Story:

August 11

Charlottesville Start-Up Helps Make Public Spaces More Accessible by Randi B. Hagi

For people with mobility issues, just having equipment such as a wheelchair isn't always enough to get around in the world if stores, restaurants, and parks aren't set up to accommodate them. One startup based in Charlottesville aims to fix that. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story:

Harrisonburg Debates Removing Police From Public Schools by Randi B. Hagi

Presenters at a public meeting Thursday night [Sept. 9] in Harrisonburg expressed opposition to keeping police officers in the city's public schools. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story

September 28

What's Holding Up The Mail In Charlottesville? By Randi B. Hagi

Some Charlottesville residents and businesses have been kept waiting on their mail for weeks at a time. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

ISSUE – Education

WMRA News Story:

September 16

Schools Try To Mitigate Spread Of COVID-19 by Randi B. Hagi

Now that most students in our area are back in classrooms, schools are having to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within their buildings. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

ISSUE – Environment

WMRA News Article:

August 5

StoryCorps in the Valley: Environmental Conservation by Chris Boros

As part of WMRA's partnership with StoryCorps in the Shenandoah Valley and Central Virginia, we're sharing a conversation today between John Hutchinson from The Valley Conservation Council and Kate Wofford from Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley, two conservationists who talk about their careers, the environmental milestones they've achieved, and projects they're currently undertaking.

WMRA News Story:

August 20

Bald Eagle Released In The Valley by Randi B. Hagi

The Wildlife Center of Virginia released a rehabilitated bald eagle in Grottoes on Thursday. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

WMRA News Story:

September 30

Mountaintop Hawk Watch by Randi B. Hagi

Each fall, the Rockfish Gap Hawk Watch assembles at the top of Afton Mountain to collect data on migrating birds of prey that pass overhead. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.

ISSUE – Science

WMRA News Story:

September 12

Driving On The Moon With Earl Swift by Chris Boros

When you think of the Apollo moon missions, Apollo 11 probably comes to mind immediately - when Neil Armstrong was the first person to step foot on the moon. But the later missions, where astronauts drove on the surface, made more discoveries than the previous landings, yet they're often overlooked.

WMRA News Story:

September 13

JMU Biologists Patent Device To Uncover Shrews' Clues by Rnadi B. Hagi

Biology faculty at James Madison University have patented a new device that allows them to study the behavior of some of our tiniest local mammals. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.