

WMLU/WMRA/WMRY/WMRL Issues List

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**ISSUE – Art & Culture**

**Local play pokes fun at politics, consumerism, and media**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**March 2, 2023**

**A radio play written and produced by two Harrisonburg creatives premiered at Court Square Theater last weekend. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Local artists use their craft to promote inclusion and belonging**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**March 6, 2023**

**Twenty local artists are working on a public art project celebrating inclusion and belonging. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Harmonia Sacra hymn sings keep local history alive**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**March 27, 2023**

**A religious musical tradition spanning back two centuries is alive and well in the Shenandoah Valley. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**ISSUE – Society**

**Charlottesville man now missing for six months**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**January 5, 2023**

**It's been six months since a 60-year-old man went missing from Charlottesville without a trace. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Waynesboro Y director responds to mural vandalism**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**January 11, 2023**

**On Monday, we reported the antisemitic vandalism that residents in Waynesboro discovered at the YMCA. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi spoke to the organization's director and filed this report.**

**Communities, developers clash over housing proposals in Harrisonburg, Charlottesville**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**January 19, 2023**

**The public discourse surrounding two residential developments proposed in the region exemplifies the occasionally conflicting interests of builders, local governments, and residents. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Local Spanish-language science class goes subterranean**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**January 31, 2023**

**A group of local high schoolers got an exclusive tour of Grand Caverns last week. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Bridgewater College marks one-year anniversary of fatal shooting**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**February 1, 2023**

**The Bridgewater College community on Wednesday marked the one-year anniversary of a shooting that killed two campus officers. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Local author's book explores Virginian presidents and their homes**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**February 16, 2023**

**A Staunton-based author and archivist recently published a book about the presidents who were born in Virginia, and the historic sites that tell their stories. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Beverage businesses breathe new life into Virginia Metalcrafters building**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**February 20, 2023**

**A winery operation that plans to open a tasting room in Waynesboro this spring is just one of the beverage-based enterprises breathing new life into a historic building. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Charlottesville packs out community forum on gun violence**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**February 27, 2023**

**Charlottesville's new police chief held a community forum on Monday on the recent spate of gun violence. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

## **Local Ukrainians speak out about the toll of war**

**Calvin Pynn**

**March 3, 2023**

**Ukrainians living in the Shenandoah Valley gathered at the Veterans Memorial in Harrisonburg Thursday afternoon to share their connections to the conflict. WMRA's Calvin Pynn reports.**

## **ISSUE – Government**

### **Nexus continues to snub federal court orders**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**January 10, 2023**

**The Fishersville-based company Nexus could be forced to pay \$5,000 a day in fines for not complying with court orders in one of multiple ongoing federal lawsuits. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

### **State lawmakers work to remedy funding for local schools**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**February 7, 2023**

**Virginia lawmakers are currently working to ensure that local school districts do not face a shortfall in state funding. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

## **ISSUE – Environment**

### **Silo gas, tractor accidents, angry heifers: the hazards of farming**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**January 24, 2023**

**A group of Rockingham County farmers got together on Saturday for a program that aims to reduce work-related injuries. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

### **Master gardener gives talk on creating a bird-friendly yard**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**February 9, 2023**

**The Piedmont Master Gardeners gave a presentation in Charlottesville earlier this week on how to create a bird-friendly yard. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

### **Recycling board visits pollinator meadow at Shenandoah County landfill**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**March 15, 2023**

**An organization that's planting pollinator meadows on landfills has caught the attention of the Virginia Recycling Association. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

## **ISSUE – Education**

**Rockingham County community talks through conflicts over public education**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**March 13, 2023**

**Public education is a constant target in America's current culture war. Is it possible for people with deeply held, differing beliefs about the role of public schools to sit down and discuss them respectfully? One local school district is trying. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**

**Proposed lab school in Charlottesville wins education department grant**

**Randi B. Hagi**

**March 20, 2023**

**A proposed lab school for students in Charlottesville and central Virginia has won support from the Virginia Department of Education. WMRA's Randi B. Hagi reports.**