

WMLU Issues List  
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## **ISSUE – Politics**

### **WMRA News Story: Vice Mayor Wes Bellamy Subject of Heated Charlottesville Council Meeting (3:26 min)**

12/6 Charlottesville City Council saw one of its largest turnouts in recent history as dozens of people showed up in support of... and against... Vice-Mayor Wes Bellamy. A meeting last night was the first since controversial tweets from Bellamy were outed by local blogger, Jason Kessler. Kessler is calling for Bellamy's removal from city council but as WMRA's Sefe Emokpae reports, there are many who would like to see him stay.

### **WMRA News Story: Virginia Results (2:00 min)**

11/9 Although Virginia voters favored giving Hillary Clinton the state's 13 electoral votes, Donald Trump has won the election and will be the 45th president. Voters split on the two ballot questions regarding amendments to the state constitution. And, Republicans will represent the 5th and 6th districts (still) in Congress.

### **WMRA News Story: Virginia Votes (9 independent stories, 1:00 min each)**

11/8 As Virginians voted on Election Day, WMRA heard from some of them at polling places around our region.

### **WMRA News Story: The City vs. County Political Divide in Rockbridge (6:20 min)**

11/7 In Rockbridge County, as in many others in Virginia, there is a divide between those who live in the county and those who live in the city. Those differences are laid bare during election season, with Trump signs dominating the county and Clinton signs prevailing in the city of Lexington. WMRA's Jessie Knadler talks to voters about the stark political divide expressed by the signs and how it's widened during what could be called the ugliest Presidential election in history.

### **WMRA News Story: Khizr Khan Speaks at UVa's Miller Center (1:27 min)**

11/2 Yesterday evening, the Miller Center at the University of Virginia hosted Gold-Star parent Khizr Khan for a conversation, and WMRA's Jordy Yager was there.

### **WMRA News Story: Latest Virginia Poll: Clinton Maintains 5-Point Lead Over Trump (7:50 min)**

11/2 The latest public opinion survey of likely voters in Virginia, conducted by a South Carolina research initiative led by political scientist Dr. Scott Huffmon, shows Democrat Hillary Clinton with a 5-point lead over Republican Donald Trump. Winthrop Poll Director Huffmon says, "With several negative 'October surprises' coming out and affecting both candidates, we have seen a tightening of the race in national polls. However, while Clinton's lead in Virginia has shrunk from its highest point, she still leads Donald Trump in the Commonwealth." Bob Leweke spoke with Dr. Huffmon about the results, just one week before Election Day.

***WMRA News Story: A Conversation with Republican Bob Goodlatte, 6th District Incumbent (7:50 min)***

10/25 Incumbent Republican Representative Bob Goodlatte, running for a 13th term in Congress, sat down for an interview with Bob Leweke to talk about his campaign. Leweke spoke with Kai Degner, Mr. Goodlatte's Democratic challenger, in September.

***WMRA News Story: French Perspectives on Our American Election (4:39 min)***

10/24 During her summer internship at WMRA Marguerite Gallorini, who is from France, has been exploring the differences, and similarities, between the ways that Americans and the French approach today's world. In the last few weeks, that's included the global refugee crisis, and how we view work and vacation time. Today, Marguerite has some insight on how the American presidential election campaign is being viewed from the French perspective.

***WMRA News Story: An Interview with Democrat Jane Dittmar, 5th District Candidate (7:50 min)***

10/11 WMRA continues our series of conversations with candidates for Congress with a focus on the open Fifth District seat. The Fifth District covers all or part of 21 counties east of the Blue Ridge, and includes the cities of Charlottesville, Bedford and Danville. It extends from the North Carolina border all the way up to northern Virginia near Manassas. The seat is currently held by Republican Robert Hurt, who is stepping down after this term. Jane Dittmar is the Democrat who would like to replace him.

***WMRA News Story: An Interview with Tom Garrett, Republican Candidate for 5th District (7:50 min)***

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## **ISSUE – Arts/Culture**

***WMRA News Story: Refugees Tell Their Stories Through Art (4:55 min)***

12/5 A top priority for many refugees coming to America is to learn English. But the ability to convey their own stories takes more time. WMRA's Miranda Bennett went to an exhibit of their art to see how some refugees in Charlottesville are communicating through drawing.

***WMRA News Story: A Film Festival Like No Other: The Super Gr8 Experience (5:00 min)***

11/16 The Virginia Film Festival may have wrapped in Charlottesville for the year, but the city of Harrisonburg is just getting ready to roll out its own red carpet. The 7th annual "Super Gr8" Film Festival will take place in town this Thursday and Friday. Emily Richardson-Lorente has the story.

***WMRA News Story: Virginia's History of Black Suffrage -- and Disenfranchisement (5:00 min)***

11/4 Through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Encyclopedia Virginia offers a thorough history of African American suffrage in the Commonwealth. With fresh charges by Democrats that Republicans are planning to intimidate minority voters in next week's election, WMRA's Sefe Emokpae sat down with some of the people behind the resource to learn more about the journey 'From Freedom to Disenfranchisement.

***WMRA News Story: Offerings from the 29th Virginia Film Festival (4:58 min)***

11/1 The 29th annual Virginia Film Festival starts this Thursday. More than 120 films will be screened over four days, in seven different locations around Charlottesville. WMRA's Emily Richardson-Lorente has a preview.

***WMRA News Story: Rwandans Bring Art, Music, and Healing to Virginia (4:42 min)***

10/27 It's 6,351 miles — as the crow flies — between Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, and Charlottesville. But last month, a small group of artists made that journey, and they've been delighting school children in the area ever since. WMRA's Emily Richardson-Lorente has the story.

***WMRA News Story: Shakespeare By the Book, and First Folio at UVa (3:04 min)***

10/18 If you haven't made it out to see it already, William Shakespeare's First Folio will be on display at the University of Virginia until the end of this month. WMRA's Sefe Emokpae tells us more about why the book is at Thomas Jefferson's university and what makes it such a big deal.

## **ISSUE – Society**

***WMRA News Story: The Role of Service Dogs (4:30 min)***

12/27 Service dogs, you may be surprised to learn, are not necessarily professionally trained -- and they can assist people with a wide variety of disabilities, including post traumatic stress disorder. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz reports.

**WMRA News Story: Charlottesville Commission Reports on City Statues (1:29 min)**  
11/11 For months, a debate has raged in Charlottesville over two controversial, historical statues and what they represent. WMRA's Jordy Yager has the latest.

**WMRA News Story: Police Sponsor Restorative Justice Retreat in Harrisonburg (1:24 min)**

11/9 This weekend a small number of police chiefs will come to Harrisonburg to discuss restorative justice best practices that aim to focus more on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large. That's fitting, as WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz reports.

**WMRA News Story: NORML Rallies in Harrisonburg for Pot Legalization (1:19 min)**

11/7 About fifty people gathered in Harrisonburg's Court Square Saturday afternoon supporting the local chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or "NORML" for short. As WMRA's Calvin Pynn reports, organizers were hoping to take advantage of Tuesday's election.

**WMRA News Story: Farmville's Private Detention Facility for Undocumented Immigrants (3:21 min)**

10/5 Farmville – the home of Longwood University, and site of this week's vice presidential debate. And also a private detention center for hundreds of illegal immigrants. Earlier this year, officials from the United States Department of Justice announced the department's decision to discontinue the use of private prisons for federal prisoners. But even under the new policy, immigration detention centers like the one in Farmville remain unaffected. WMRA's Sefe Emokpae gives us a closer look at the facility and how it operates.

## **ISSUE – Education**

**WMRA News Story: Protests Over MBU Co-Ed Decision (1:36 min)**

12/5 Mary Baldwin revealed last week that the University will begin enrolling men into a residential undergraduate program that will allow male students to live on the traditional women's campus. The news sparked outrage among some alumnae and students. WMRA's Jessie Knadler has the story.

**WMRA News Story: EMU Engineering, Partnering with NASA (1:28 min)**

11/21 Eastern Mennonite University has just begun offering an engineering degree -- but students are already making connections with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration -- better known as NASA. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz reports.

**WMRA News Story: More Programs - and More Men - at Traditionally Women's Mary Baldwin (4:47 min)**

10/21 In part two of our series about the changing face of single-sex education, WMRA's Jessie Knadler explores what Mary Baldwin University is doing, in addition to pushing for greater racial and ethnic diversity, to stay relevant and competitive in an increasingly co-ed world.

***WMRA News Story: At Mary Baldwin, a Focus on Diversity (4:44 min)***

10/20 Mary Baldwin College officially changed its name to Mary Baldwin University at the end of August, an event that also kicked off a yearlong celebration of the traditional women's college 175th anniversary. With so much history behind them, combined with the attempted closing in 2015 of fellow women's school Sweet Briar, the name change reflects a drive to stay competitive in an increasingly co-ed world. WMRA's Jessie Knadler went to Staunton to find out why this women's college still matters.

## **ISSUE – Environment/Energy**

***WMRA News Story: Keeping Mercury Out of the South River -- Will It Work? (4:53 min)***

12/14 The South River and South Fork of the Shenandoah River have struggled with a legacy of industrial mercury pollution since the late 1920s. This year, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has approved a plan to begin remediating and restoring contaminated riverbanks. WMRA's Kara Lofton reports.

***WMRA News Story: Opposition to Pipeline Voiced Again in Buckingham (1:22 min)***

12/13 On Monday night, more than 150 people packed into the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting. Most were there to voice their objection to the compressor station being sought as part of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

***WMRA News Story: Contractors Line Up at Expo for Atlantic Coast Pipeline (3:48 min)***

12/13 The Atlantic Coast Pipeline LLC hosted a construction expo in Fishersville on Thursday, December 8 to garner support and highlight employment opportunities for area workers in communities along the controversial project's route. WMRA's Jessie Knadler reports.

***WMRA News Story: Local Activist Recalls Days, and Cold Nights, at Standing Rock (4:30 min)***

12/8 The recent and ongoing Dakota Access Pipeline protests at the Standing Rock reservation have drawn activists from around the country, including from Harrisonburg. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz filed this report about one local protester's experience there.

***WMRA News Story: Signs of Life After the Rocky Mount Fire (4:29 min)***

11/3 In the second part of our look at the Rocky Mount fire, WMRA's Jordy Yager treks into the backcountry with park rangers to see the long-term effects of the second largest blaze to ever hit the Shenandoah National Park.

***WMRA News Story: A Look Back at Shenandoah National Park's Big April Fire (4:34 min)***

11/2 The Shenandoah National Park experienced its second largest forest fire in recorded history just six months ago. In the first of a two-part report, WMRA's Jordy Yager looks at how fire teams fought the 10,000-acre blaze and what it means for the park's future.

***WMRA News Story: Proposed Compressor Station in Buckingham Ignites Opposition (4:09 min)***

10/19 At last month's planning commission meeting in Buckingham County, so many people signed up to speak about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline that a second meeting was created just to continue the public comments. WMRA's Jordy Yager was there.

***WMRA News Story: Opposition to Atlantic Coast Pipeline Heats Up (4:19 min)***

10/3 The discovery of a natural gas pipeline rupture in Alabama on September 9th temporarily raised gasoline prices in Virginia and other mid-Atlantic and Deep South states, and also prompted worries about environmental contamination. That leak, plus the release of a new study that concludes the controversial Atlantic Coast Pipeline is not necessary, has emboldened protesters in Augusta and Nelson Counties. WMRA Reporter Jessie Knadler has the story.

## **ISSUE – Local Industry**

***WMRA News Story: Coming Soon... Staunton's Reactor Innovation Hub (5:09 min)***

12/2 Recently, The Staunton Downtown Development Association and the Staunton Creative Community Fund received grants to pursue the creation of a single location designed to help foster entrepreneurial ideas and the creation of new businesses in downtown Staunton.

***WMRA News Story: Poultry Workers and Supporters Rally in Harrisonburg (1:47 min)***

11/18 WMRA's Jessie Knadler attended Tuesday's rally of poultry workers, and filed this report.

***WMRA News Story: Poultry Workers Speak Out on Work Conditions (5:22 min)***

11/17 As Americans turn their attention to Thanksgiving preparations next Thursday, WMRA's Jessie Knadler talks to workers inside the poultry industry of Rockingham County. Some of them allege break-neck processing speeds, unsafe conditions and denial of benefits for injuries sustained trying to bring cheap poultry to consumers.

## **ISSUE – Health**

***WMRA News Story: Competing Health Claims Over Raw Milk (4:22 min)***

10/4 In Virginia, as in most other states, the retail selling of unpasteurized milk is illegal. However, it is legal in the state for cow owners to drink raw milk from cows they own. Whether or not drinking raw milk is a good idea or should be a matter of personal choice depends on whom you ask, as WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz reports.