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COMMUNITY ISSUES & PROGRAMS REPORT

4th QUARTER 2019

**The following issues have been identified to be of concern
in the viewing areas in and around Roanoke/Lynchburg VA:**

- 1. Charitable and Civic Activities**
- 2. Consumer**
- 3. Crime**
- 4. Education**
- 5. Health**
- 6. Minority**
- 7. Politics**

WSLS-TV

LOCALLY PRODUCED/BROADCASTED PROGRAMS

WSLS 10 Virginia Today	5:00-7:00AM, M-F	News Format
WSLS 10 AT Noon	12:00-12:30PM, M-F	News Format
WSLS 10 AT 5:00PM	5:00-5:30PM, M-F	News Format
WSLS 10 AT 5:30PM	5:30-6:00PM, M-F	News Format
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WSLS 10 AT 7:00PM	7:00-7:30PM, M-F	News Format
WSLS 10 AT 11:00PM	11:00-11:30PM, M-F	News Format
WSLS 10 Virginia Today	6:00-8:00AM, SA-SU	News Format
WSLS 10 AT 6:00PM Weekend Edition	6:00-6:30PM, SA-SU	News Format
WSLS 10 AT 11:00PM Weekend Edition	11:00-11:30PM, SA-SU	News Format

WSLS-10 4th Quarter 2019 Public Service and Community Involvement

John Appicello:

10/19/19 – Cavalier Classic High School Band Competition

Announcer

12/17/19 – 1st and 10 Player of the Year Banquet

Emcee

Rachel Lucas:

10/18/19 – Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Meeting

Secretary

10/21/19 – Shred-A-thon

Volunteer

Brittney McGraw:

10/3/19 – Radford University

Guest Speaker

10/21/19 – Shred-A-thon

Volunteer

11/1/19 – Hollins University

Guest Speaker

11/7/19 – Junior League Roanoke Valley Stocked Market

Volunteer

12/11/19 – Roanoke Valley Gives PSA

Talent

John Carlin:

10/2/19 – Junior Achievement Interview of Outstanding Entrepreneur

Interviewer

10/3/19 – VBR Grand Fondo Bike Ride Interview

Volunteer/Interviewee

10/4/19 – Sarcoidosis Support Meeting

Recruitment Volunteer

10/8/19 – Junior Achievement Interview of Outstanding Entrepreneur

Interviewer

10/9/19 – Sarcoidosis Focus Group

Volunteer

10/13/19 – VBR Grand Fondo

Participant/Sarcoidosis Ambassador

10/15/19 – Saint Francis Service Dogs Board Meeting

Board Meeting

10/16/19 – Straight Street Human Trafficking Event Planning Meeting

Volunteer/Auctioneer

10/25/19 – Straight Street Human Trafficking Event

Volunteer/Auctioneer

11/4/19 – Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame

Emcee

11/6/19 – Illuminights Promo Shoot

Talent

11/9/19 – Veterans Parade

Host

11/11/19 – Sarcoidosis Support Meeting Creation

Volunteer

11/13/19 – Associated Press Board Meeting

Board Member

11/13/19 – Public Relations Society Awards

Emcee/Award Winner

11/19/19 – Saint Francis Service Dogs Board Meeting

Board Meeting

11/21/19 –VBR Board Meeting

Board Member

11/25/19 – Roanoke Hospitality House

Created and starred in Donation Video

12/9/19 – Sarcoidosis Support Meeting

Volunteer

12/11/19 – Saint Francis Service Dogs Board Meeting

Board Meeting

Patrick McKee:

11/9/19– American Cancer Society Planning Meeting

Volunteer

11/16/19 – Cattle Barrons Ball

Volunteer

12/3/19– American Cancer Society Banquet

Volunteer

12/10/19– American Cancer Society Planning Meeting

Volunteer

Lindsey Ward:

11/19/19 – American Education Week-Sharon Elementary

Volunteer Reader

Megan Woods:

12/2/19 – Radford University Communications Class

Guest Speaker

Jenna Zibton:

10/7/19 – Junior League Board Meeting

President Elect

10/8/19 –30 Days of Hope Promo Shoot

Talent

10/8/19 – Virginia School Board Association Media Honor Roll – Roanoke City

Award Winner

10/8/19 – Virginia School Board Association Media Honor Roll – Roanoke County

Award Winner

10/20/19 – Junior League Meeting

President Elect

10/21/19 – Shred-A-thon

Volunteer

10/21/19 – Junior League Investment Advisory Board

Volunteer

10/29/19 – Komen Pink Promise Luncheon

Emcee

11/4-12/3/19 – 30 Days of Hope – Ongoing segments

Talent

11/4/19 – Junior League Board Meeting

President Elect

11/7/19 – Junior League Roanoke Valley Stocked Market

Volunteer

11/8/19 – Veterans Parade

Host

11/15/19 – Junior League Community Advisory Board

Volunteer

11/17/19 – Junior League Meeting

President Elect

11/21/19 – American Education Week-Lincoln Terrace

Volunteer Reader

12/2/19 – Junior League Board Meeting

President Elect

12/15/19 – Junior League Meeting

President Elect

12/21/19 – Johnny Casa 5K/5 Miler

Emcee/Runner

Charitable and Civic Activities

Name of Story: Goshen Parade Feel Good Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: PM
Duration: 0:45
Brief Description: In your feel-good moment of the morning, a follow up to a story we first told you about here on 10 news. A tiny town in Rockbridge County became the site of a big Christmas parade to help a little boy dealing with a debilitating disease. Goshen's Christmas parade benefitted 2-year old Cole Kidd, who can't move on his own. Mark Cline, Parade Organizer: "It's really heartfelt, and it's all about the healing. These people are here to help this little child, and you can imagine what this is doing for the family." The parade raised more than \$8,000 and they are still collecting donations for the family.
Name of Story: Veteran Homelessness Funding Date: 12.30.19 Newscast: 12p Reporter: PM
Duration: 0:30
Brief Description: Virginia is receiving roughly \$900,000 to help reduce veteran homelessness. The Danville redevelopment and housing authority is getting over \$26,000 for 5 housing units, while Roanoke is getting over \$25,000 for 5 units as well. In a joint statement Virginia Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine said "We're pleased to announce this funding to help those who have served get access to safe and affordable housing"
Name of Story: Family Loses 2 Dogs After Fire Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 5p Reporter: CA
Duration: 1:30
Brief Description: Taylor Okes and her mother lost two dogs in a fire earlier today. She was in Roanoke Christmas shopping when the fire broke out. The cause is still undetermined, but the fire is believed to have started in the kitchen. On the tailgate of a truck outside the home, family and friends sifted through old family photos pulled from the house. The house belonged to Taylor's grandmother and was purchased by her mother after her grandmother died.
Name of Story: 30 Days of Hope Recap Date: 12.17.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 1:15
Brief Description: 30 Days of Hope was a huge success! We featured 31 children this year and had an overwhelming response! More people than ever reached out to Depaul Community resources. They've had over 600 emails and more than 80 phone calls with people asking how to foster and adopt the children we've shown you this year. Calls came from all over the country and some international as well including Australia and Canada.
Name of Story: Troutville Fire Go Fund Me Date: 12.24.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 0:55
Brief Description: A Troutville family lost their home over the weekend to a fire. The community is rallying to help the family before Christmas. The Troutville Volunteer Fire Department found flames shooting from the roof when they responded to Gravely Ridge Drive on Sunday. We're told a husband, wife, and their two daughters lived there, but thankfully weren't hurt. A battalion chief said it took about 30 minutes to put out the fire, but crews remained on the scene for several hours. Brandon Golla said "It's absolutely heartbreaking really when you show up and you know the devastation and the damage and the struggles you know that the family is going to have to go through. Especially this time of year. It's pretty rough". A Go-Fund-Me account to help the family has raised close to \$30,000 of their \$50,000 goal.

CONSUMER

Name of Story: Volvo Dublin Latest Date: 10.25.19 Newscast: 5a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 0:47
<p>Brief Description: Breaking news overnight, thousands of Volvo employees in the New River Valley could be back on the job soon. This comes as Mack Trucks announced they reached a tentative agreement with the United Auto Workers union.</p> <p>The new four-year agreement would cover about 3,500 employees at six facilities, including the one in Maryland that makes engines and transmissions for the trucks at the Volvo plant in Dublin. With the agreement the U-A-W will end its strike at 9a this morning.</p> <p>The company expects to have its industrial system ramped up to full production in several days. as we reported earlier this week 3,000 people were laid off from the Volvo plant in Dublin.</p> <p>When full production resumes in Maryland, the Dublin workers should be returning to work.</p>
Name of Story: Danville New Jobs Date: 10.25.19 Newscast: 5p Reporter: CA
Duration: 0:52
<p>Brief Description: Over 700 full time jobs. An investment of nearly 58 million dollars. That was the announcement Friday from Governor Ralph Northam in the packed lobby of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.</p> <p>Governor Ralph Northam (D) Virginia: "We were not happy when we heard IKEA was leaving, 300 people would lose their jobs. We were able to contact Morgan Olson. We knew they were looking for a facility, and things just worked out."</p> <p>Danville Vice Mayor Lee Vogler believes Friday's announcement is a testament to the comeback happening in the city.</p> <p>Lee Vogler Danville Vice Mayor: "The first decade of this century was tough. That's when we went through a lot of disruption and the loss of textile and tobacco. This decade was about rebuilding our city through those workforce training programs that were specifically mentioned today". A worthwhile payoff for a decade of hard work.</p>
Name of Story: Cloudfit Announcement Date: 10.25.19 Newscast: 5:30p Reporter: ML
Duration: 1:30
<p>Brief Description: Cloudfit software a new tech company has come to the hill city thanks to Pittsylvania County native and Cloud pioneer, Caroll Moon. The year-old company's customer base includes, Fortune 500 companies and federal customers of the Department of Defense. Carroll Moon Chief Technical Officer said, "The cloud that everyone is talking about is the enterprise cloud where companies are moving things from their data centers to Microsoft data centers and Microsoft's data centers."</p> <p>The company hired 90 people already and hopes to bring 13 more people on board in the next three years.</p> <p>Caroll Moon/ Chief Technical Officer: "It's more than about just technology it's about helping people. And that's what the talent factory we have is about and you'll hear more about that as we go along of trying to provide jobs to high school students and college students and career changers."</p> <p>This is expected to make a \$69 million economic impact. Megan Lucas, CEO Lynchburg Business Alliance said, "Including everything from the building to the employees to the services that the employees are going to need: retail services, real estate, and so much more."</p> <p>Cloudfit will move into the historic glass building on Church Street that's been sitting empty for 12 years. Construction inside should be finished by mid-2020.</p>

CONSUMER

Name of Story: Money Monday Holiday Tipping Guide Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: PM
Duration: 1:05
Brief Description: In Money Monday, gift giving can bring stress during the holiday but so can deciding who in your life you should give a tip to and how much. Who to tip and how much comes down to three things; how often you use the service, how much you can afford and then, etiquette. It's proper to tip people who give you services, such as hair dressers, garbage collectors and personal trainers. It's not considered in good taste to offer cash to a teacher, and some workers aren't allowed to take cash, such as postal workers, though you can give them a small gift or food item worth less than \$20. Next, think about people who provide regular services. According to the Emily Post Institute, a babysitter or nanny should receive one week's pay, and a gift from your child. Your hairdresser would get the amount of one service, a daycare provider: \$25-70, lawn care person: \$20-50 and trash or recycling collectors: \$10-\$30 each. Finally, the longer your relationship with that service provider, the nicer your gift could be.
Name of Story: Winter Home Savings Tips Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: BM
Duration: 1:15
Brief Description: One quick and easy way to save energy is to turn down your thermostat. Dial the temperature back by ten to fifteen degrees whenever you're away from the house for a long period of time. Keep warm air inside with weather-stripping and draft blockers around doors and windows. Use caulk or expandable foam sealant to fill bigger openings around windows. And insulated outlet covers keep drafts out for just pennies apiece. Paul Hope Home Editor with Consumer Reports says "Don't waste money heating crawl spaces and other unused parts of your house. Uninsulated ductwork does just that. It's worth hiring a pro to wrap ducts with insulation. Dirty furnace filters reduce air flow and can lead to pricey repairs. During the cold season, check your furnace or heat pump filters monthly. An inefficient furnace or boiler uses more energy to work harder. It's worth hiring a pro to come once a year to tighten electrical connections, inspect valves, and lubricate moving parts, all of which will help the system work more smoothly." A wood-burning fireplace can keep you toasty when it's lit, but over 90-percent of the heat they generate can go out the chimney - along with heated air from the room. Consider retrofitting it with a more efficient gas insert, or with an EPA-certified wood fireplace insert.
Name of Story: Last Minute Shopping Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 0:45
Brief Description: We're in the final stretch for holiday shopping and retailers are still trying to entice you to spend money with them and it appears to be working. A mid-season report on holiday spending suggests it's even better than predicted, but retailers are still dishing out deals for last minute shoppers. There's another little trick you can try to save even more. Sara Skirboll with Retail Me Not says "Shop around. put things in your cart and leave your website. If you are logged in, I can almost guarantee you'll get an email in your inbox saying we saw you abandoning your cart here is a 10%-off code on us" Additionally, gift cards are still the gift of choice among so many shoppers this holiday season.

CRIME

Name of Story: Louisa Missing Family Date: 10.25.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 0:48
Brief Description: FBI and state police continue to search for 14-YEAR-OLD Isabel Hicks from Bumpass. She's believed to be traveling with 33-year-old Bruce Lynch, in a silver blue Toyota Matrix. He's a known acquaintance of the family. The teens friends call her Izzy Shae. Blake Saylor says, "We miss you very much and we want you to come home, you are my best friend. Please contact me whenever you can. I'm still your big brother and I love you forever, and I just need my best friend back". Lynch is considered to be armed and potentially dangerous. Do not approach them if you see them, just call the police. Investigators believe they may be camping in the woods.
Name of Story: Lobo Perez Cause of Death Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 12p Reporter: PM
Duration: 0:30
Brief Description: The death of a Radford University student that was in police, has been ruled an accident. According to Roanoke medical examiner 18-year old Aris Lobo Perez died from opioid toxicity compounded by acute and chronic asthma. As we've reported; Lobo Perez died on September 14 th after university police arrested him on campus the day before and charged him with public intoxication.
Name of Story: Roanoke County Vehicle Thefts Date: 12.17.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 0:30
Brief Description: Roanoke county says cars are being broken into in the Labellevue area off 460 in Bonsack. A gun was stolen from one car. They ask everyone to lock your cars, hide your valuables, and never leave a gun in an unlocked vehicle. As a 10 News investigation found earlier this year... Dozens of guns are stolen in the Roanoke valley every year and police say they are being used in crimes.
Name of Story: Soering Deported Date: 12.17.19 Newscast: 12p Reporter: PM
Duration: 1:12
Brief Description: Jens Soering, the son of a German diplomat returns to Germany after spending 33 years in prison. Recently paroled; he was convicted in the 1985 murders of his girlfriend's parents Derek and Nancy Haysom in Bedford County. Which he claims he didn't commit. Soering and Canadian Elizabeth Haysom, were dating UVA students at the time of the murder and were paroled in November and deported to their home countries. If not paroled, they would have spent the rest of their lives in prison. Soering was serving two consecutive live sentences and Haysom had 60 years remaining for a 90-year term. Jens Soering said, "I've had wonderful, wonderful friends in America. A lot of them police officers. And that's the only reason I'm here. Because so many police officers came forward, investigated this case, found out the truth, and they let me go."
Name of Story: Buena Vista Missing Man's Wallet Found Date: 12.23.19 Newscast: 12p Reporter: RL
Duration: 0:35
Brief Description: Breaking news on Buena Vista man missing since June. Police say they found his wallet Sunday in the Panther Falls area and they believe it belongs to Chad Austin because of the items inside. They also believe that it was placed there later, because the area had already been searched and the wallet had not been damaged. They hope to find the person responsible for placing it there. The reward has increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

CRIME

Name of Story: Michael Brown Update Date: 12.24.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ

Duration: 1:00

Brief Description: We're learning more about what was going through Michael Brown's head while he was on the run for nearly three weeks, wanted for murder in Franklin County.

In an email posted publicly in the "Justice for Michael Brown Support Group"; the marine says the support is what kept him going as he sat in the woods, cold, alone, and in his words "suffering". At one point he admits he didn't think his life would last very long. In the email he also cites a story from 10 News, where we spoke to a sociologist about the support we were seeing for him saying Brown had 'instant celebrity status'.

Here is that clip (Dr. Neal King/Sociologist: " I think you should expect support for anyone on the lamb for very long." KING: "We are all moths to the flame of celebrity.">)

In the email Brown wrote that it made him wonder if that was actually true. Brown also claims he looked in on the group every day while on the run. His email goes on to thank his supporters.

EDUCATION

<p>Name of Story: Danville Class Buckets Date: 10.25.19 Newscast: 6p Reporter: CA</p>
<p>Duration: 0:46</p>
<p>Brief Description: Emergency buckets are helping give students and teachers in one local school district some peace of mind. All Danville public school teachers have had a bucket for about a week now, thanks to Gods Pit Crew. They are filled with a bible, water, snacks, and first aid supplies.</p> <p>One teacher at Galileo High School says they've been especially helpful for students since the active shooter drill there.</p> <p>Michelle Larking/English Teacher: "As soon as the buckets came, they asked us, 'What's in the buckets?' We opened the buckets and went through and show them and they were relieved that we had those things. They were especially interested in the tourniquet. They were getting very creative and thinking, 'What can we use as a tourniquet if we didn't have one?'"</p> <p>A grant from the Womack Foundation allowed God's Pit Crew to provide the buckets.</p>
<p>Name of Story: Lynchburg Education Task Force Date: 12.17.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ</p>
<p>Duration: 0:40</p>
<p>Brief Description: The Lynchburg task force on education meets today. The Programming and Collaboration Opportunities Subcommittee meets tonight at 6 at Extra Solution Staffing on Oakley Avenue.</p> <p>Yesterday, the talent management subcommittee came up with an ambitious plan. They want to create an anonymous teacher survey to get an idea of what they're going through in the classroom.</p> <p>Questions will include student misbehavior, support from administration staff, and retention to find out if teachers want to stay and for how long.</p> <p>The task force says the answers will provide a road map for the future.</p>
<p>Name of Story: UVA Historical Building Date: 12.30.19 Newscast: 530p Reporter: BM JC</p>
<p>Duration: 0:49</p>
<p>Brief Description: A campus building will soon be a historic Virginia landmark. Campbell Hall at the University of Virginia is fairly new. It was built in 1970 and is home to the University's School Architecture. The large L-shaped building, constructed primarily of concrete, glass, and red brick; houses studio spaces, classrooms, and seminar rooms and much more.</p> <p>Ila Berman, the VA School of Architecture's Dean - "we're thrilled because first this building is one of the most important works of architecture, one of the most Significant works at the university as a while & the university is known for being the academical village of Thomas Jefferson."</p> <p>Due to the building's unique design there is no designated "front door". Back in 2008 the university added some upgrades. There's now a south wind and tower to connect the school of architecture to the rest of the university with a series of passages.</p>

HEALTH

Name of Story: Vaping and Lung Disease Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: PM
Duration: 0:30
Brief Description: E-Cigarettes significantly raise the risk of chronic lung disease. That's according to the first long-term study on the health effects of vaping. Researchers tracked more than 32,000 Americans over a 3-year period. They found e-cigarette users increased their risk of asthma, emphysema, and COPD by one-third regardless of other tobacco use. The highest risk of lung disease was among people who smoked tobacco and vaped.
Name of Story: UVA Kidney Transplant Date: 12.23.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 1:00
Brief Description: A Virginia woman is celebrating her first anniversary of receiving a kidney transplant by giving back to the hospital that helped save her life. 30-year-old Jess Davis was diagnosed with Alport syndrome, a genetic condition that causes kidney disease, hearing loss and eye abnormalities. A family friend donated his kidney to save her life. She's now a peer support mentor, helping facilitate relationships between doctors and patients at the University of Virginia. Davis, transplant recipient "at the heart of it what you learn in this experience is what matters is people "to just go from nothing to everything world crashing is a lot to go through alone and no one should have to go through something like this alone". The peer mentor support program is still in its early stages and relies on volunteers.
Name of Story: I Have the Flu What Should I Do Date: 12.23.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 1:00
Brief Description: If you wake up in the morning and feel the sudden onset of aches, chills and fever you know something isn't right; but is it the flu? According to Cleveland Clinic there are some signs what you're fighting is more than the common cold. Classic flu symptoms include fever, aches, chills, tiredness and a sudden onset. It's important to recognize the symptoms early on. Because there are anti-viral flu medications available that can help with the symptoms of influenza. However, these medications are only effective if you get them within the first forty-eight hours of symptoms. Because the flu is highly contagious, it's best to call your doctor before heading out into the public. Aside from taking anti-viral flu medications, doctors say rest is the most important thing you can do to speed up your recovery. Also drink plenty of fluids and take over-the-counter pain relievers such as ibuprofen and acetaminophen to help with pain.
Name of Story: Measles at Airport Date: 12.26.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 0:52
Brief Description: Health officials warn of measles exposure at five U.S. airports. Health officials at the Richmond International Airport are investigating a possible measles exposure. Officials also say there are possible exposures at the Austin-Bergstrom International, Chicago O'Hare, Denver, and Los Angeles International Airports. The measles virus spreads through coughing and sneezing and can live in the air for up to two hours. The symptoms can include a high fever, cough, runny nose, pink eye and a red, splotchy rash. Dr. Mark Escott, Interim Health Authority for Austin Public Health: "It's important to remember that measles can be a deadly disease. Immunization remains the best protection against measles and other vaccine preventable diseases." If you have been to any of those airports within the past two months and have those symptoms. See a doctor immediately.

MINORITY

Name of Story: Rozdilski Town Hall Date: 12.24.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 1:15
Brief Description: Controversy continues over a verdict in a local trial. A Campbell County teen was found not guilty of killing EC Glass high school student, Drey'on Browley; and hurting another student in May. That led to a heated, well-attended town hall meeting in Lynchburg. The verdict stirred up controversy in the community because of the all-white jury. Commonwealth Attorney Bethany says the African-American jurors were stricken from the list because they said they couldn't be fair or impartial, if picked. Organizers of the town hall say they are planning another meeting next month.
Name of Story: Premature Lights Display Date: 12.24.19 Newscast: 6p Reporter: ML
Duration: 2:15
Brief Description: Born Premature, 7-year-old Vaden Fitzgerald loves ducks. Vaden's 9-foot tall "irregular" ducky stands out with purpose on his parents' yard because it raises money for people that are in the NICU. Vaden's mom, Karen, developed HELLP syndrome, it causes serious complications with high blood pressure during pregnancy. The Fitzgerald's moved to the Lynchburg-area from South Carolina where 1 of 6 babies are born premature. In Virginia, it's 1 of 11 babies. Karen wants to use her experience to help families in Lynchburg and Roanoke who have babies in the NICU. The family needs \$200 for their online fundraiser to create care packages that'll include onesies.
Name of Story: Disabled Rockette Date: 12.25.19 Newscast: 11p Reporter: BM
Duration: 0:30
Brief Description: When you think of New York at Christmas time, you can't help but think of the Radio City Rockettes. This year the famous dance ensemble made history when they featured a physically disabled dancer for the first time. 22-year-old Sydney Mesher was born without a left hand and is the first visibly disabled dancer to take the stage. The professionally trained dancer performs just like the rest of the cast, making only a few adjustments in the Christmas spectacular.
Name of Story: Celebrating Kwanzaa Date: 12.26.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: MW
Duration: 1:23
Brief Description: today is the first day of Kwanzaa, if you're not sure what it is the Legacy Museum in Lynchburg is inviting you out to learn more and celebrate with them. Sheron White choreographer with the Kuumba Dance Ensemble in Lynchburg has organized the Kwanzaa dance. Legacy museum's free Kwanzaa holiday celebration is tomorrow night 5- 7 at the Miller Center and includes arts and crafts, live music like the drums you heard and saw earlier and dancing. Don't go anywhere because coming up we are breaking down the symbolism surrounding Kwanza.
Name of Story: NY Hanukkah Stabbing Date: 12.30.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: PM
Duration: 0:41
Brief Description: Five people were stabbed in an attack at a rabbi's home in New York during a Hanukkah celebration over the weekend. New York's governor is calling it an act of domestic terrorism. The suspect has been arrested after someone saw his license plate number. This incident caps a week of anti-Semitic attacks throughout New York City. Where police report at least six incidents targeting the Jewish community. New York police are now deploying more officers to Jewish houses of worship in various communities as they warn people to stay on high alert.

POLITICS

Name of Story: 2 nd Amendment Mont Co Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 0:55
Brief Description: The discussion over gun rights is set to continue this week. More localities could discuss second amendment sanctuary status, pledging to resist future gun laws in Virginia. The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors could vote on the issue today. The proposed resolution says the county reaffirms its duty to uphold the Constitution of the United States and Virginia and will not propose or enact laws that erode constitutionally protected rights and principals. The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will also take up the issue tonight at Central Gym. The Franklin County attorney is scheduled to address a resolution Tuesday and the Vinton town council is lined up to consider the status tomorrow night.
Name of Story: Impeachment Latest Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 12p Reporter: PM
Duration: 0:50
Brief Description: The house of representatives will vote this week on articles of impeachment against President Trump. Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer is telling majority leader Mitch McConnell, if it passes, he prefers a full senate impeachment trial. That could include witness testimony not heard in the house and new documents. Schumer's request came in a letter to McConnell. The New York Democrat called for at least four witnesses to testify, including acting White House Chief of staff Mick Mulvaney. The other witnesses would be former national security advisor John Bolton, senior advisor Robert Blair and office of management and budget official Michael Duffey. McConnell has made it clear he is coordinating any impeachment trial with the White House, which may make Schumer's request less likely to be approved.
Name of Story: Troy Beasley Murder Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 5p Reporter: JC
Duration: 0:45
Brief Description: Today, a jury heard the frantic 911 call after a Lynchburg man was shot in the head. The trial for Troy Beasley started today, the 33-year-old is charged with several felonies and for allegedly killing Andra (Andrea) Watson. According to today's testimonies; a group of people were gathered at a house party on the 11,000 block of 18 th street, when Beasley became upset over an altercation with two cars and said he was going to get his gun. Jurors heard from surviving victim Shanay Skinner, who testified she was shot in between her eyes in April last year. Watson was shot in the ear; Skinnners' injuries have left her visually impaired. The trial will continue tomorrow.
Name of Story: Rasoul New Bill Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 5p Reporter: LW
Duration: 0:35
Brief Description: A new proposed bill is looking to help domestic violence victims secure housing. The bill was introduced by Delegate Same Rasoul in the 2020 session of the Virginia house of delegates. Rasoul says the bill prevent landlords from denying housing victims because their credit history. The Virginia fair housing law currently protects tenants from being denied based on their sex, religion, race, or family status. But Rasoul says the new bill will amend the law to include victims of domestic abuse. The bill is set to be heard in 2020.

POLITICS

Name of Story: Roanoke City Gun Debate Date: 12.16.19 Newscast: 11p Reporter: SD
Duration: 1:20
<p>Brief Description: It was an overflow crowd in Roanoke City Monday night as another large group of gun supporter rallied for sanctuary status. 21 people signed up and one by one they pled their case.</p> <p>Maynard Keller/Sanctuary Supporter: says, "it's not really about gun control, it's about controlling ordinary citizens and their access to guns."</p> <p>Roanoke's city council hasn't considered a resolution, supporters have just been coming out on their own. Virginia Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax made a surprise appearance to honor Senator John Edwards and says he's in agreement with the Governor and Attorney General.</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax/(D) Virginia says, "I'm committed as lieutenant governor on those goals of keeping Virginians safe and I think there's a lot of support around the commonwealth for that." Virginia Democrats in control of both chambers are proposing gun control reform that many in our area are opposed to. Sanctuary supporters who made their second council appearance are some of them. But Lieutenant Governor Fairfax said despite the second amendment sanctuaries, he's committed to moving forward.</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax/(D) Virginia said, "so there are people in the commonwealth who want us to do some common-sense things to keep our communities safe, so I think that's what we need to focus on and have some thoughtful, respectful discussion."</p> <p>The meeting wrapped up after nearly four hours with council sharing their same sentiments as before. Council as a group does not feel the need to act at this point and they support the constitution. That was to the displeasure of supporters in the room.</p>
Name of Story: Smoking Age House Funding Bill Date: 12.17.19 Newscast: 6a Reporter: JZ
Duration: 0:45
<p>Brief Description: Federal lawmakers appear poised to raise the national smoking age, to match the drinking age. A group of top senators agreed to raise the federal tobacco sales age from 18 to 21 according to multiple people involved in the talks.</p> <p>That includes e-cigarettes and other vaping devices. A number of states; including Virginia, already raised it to 21 by state law.</p> <p>Lawmakers are attaching the change to the must-pass series of bills to avoid a government shutdown. The house is expected to vote on spending agreement today. The senate would need to pass it by Friday to dodge a partial government shutdown. With bipartisan support, the bill appears likely to pass.</p>