

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station WYNL-FM - Charleston, WV along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 7/1/18 – 9/30/18. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.					
DATE	ISSUE	PROGRAM	TIME	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
7/1/2018	WV Health Department	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	WV Health Department's Hepatitis A Epidemic. Commission President Kent Carper has further requested the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department to develop a plan of action to: Assist the public in understanding the Hepatitis A Epidemic and precautions they can take Address the issue of the First Responders and their agencies and what actions need to be taken to protect them
07/02/18	PEIA Taskforce		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Public employees Insurance Agency Taskforce is facing a deadline to come up with a way to end the annual cycle of premium increases and benefit cuts to the insurance plan that covers more the 200-thousand West Virginians. In a hearing last week, ideas for revenue streams included raising the natural gas severance tax, but legislators say a severance tax is too volatile, and a more diversified approach is needed.

07/02/18	RISE WV Flood Rebuilding Program		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>West Virginia National Guard's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. James Hoyer says there is progress being made with the RISE West Virginia flood rebuilding program. Hoyer said in a news release that there are 448 outstanding cases out of the original 451 cases reported. Of those, 128 cases require total reconstruction, 109 cases require some form of rehabilitation, 71 cases require a new mobile home unit, and 140 cases have undefined needs and are currently in the review process. RISE will focus on case management reviews now with construction assignments and quality control. Kanawha County has 91 of those outstanding cases.</p>
07/02/18	Black Lung		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>A new report suggests the rules and regulations to fight black lung disease might not be enough. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine report points to the increase in the number of black lung cases since regulations were put in place in 1969 as not doing enough to protect miners. A ten-person panel visited coal mines in West Virginia and Pennsylvania before compiling the report.</p>

07/02/18	School Clothing Allowance		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia will start taking applications for school clothing allowance today. The allowance is for eligible kids receiving WV Works cash assistance, and those in foster care will automatically receive school clothing allowance vouchers by mid-July. Families who received vouchers in 2017 and currently receive Medicaid or food stamps should have received an application in June. It's administered by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and applications are due by July 31.
07/03/18	National Science Camp		AM DRIVE	N/A	Many STEM students are in West Virginia this month for the 55th National Youth Science Camp. Over a hundred students from all 50 states and from some countries are in Pocahontas County for activities that relate to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The goal is to give students a boost preparing for college, and over the next four weeks in addition to studying, they'll also have time for hiking, kayaking, and other outdoor activities. The camp is the work of the National Youth Science Foundation.
07/03/18	Long Term Flood Relief		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia's contracts for long-term flood relief have expired, and state officials are trying to figure out what to do next. The contracts with firms that were helping with reconstruction efforts expired over the weekend. A legislative auditor's report released last week concluded that several contracts with construction firms were awarded unlawfully and should be terminated.

07/04/18	Cooling Stations		AM DRIVE	N/A	Cooling stations have been set up in Charleston to escape the hot weather. The cooling centers will be open again today at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Sissonville Drive and the Tyler Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, according to a news release from the Kanawha County Commission. Hours will be noon to 9 p.m. at the cooling stations, and Charleston city pools are open today too with free admission. The excessive heat watch will continue today with the heat index expected to reach 105
07/04/18	Free Breakfast and Lunch		AM DRIVE	N/A	For the second year, all students in the Kanawha County Schools district will be able to eat breakfast and lunch at school at no cost during the upcoming academic year. Through the Community Eligibility Provision, the district is able to provide the meals at no cost to nearly 26,500 students each day. The district expects that all 65 schools in the system will take part. More than 14 percent of residents and more than 79,000 children live in food insecure households in West Virginia, according to a report from Feeding America.

07/04/18	Substance Abuse Program		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>West Virginia Medicaid recipients will soon receive the second phase of new services under a federal waiver as part of efforts by Gov. Jim Justice's administration to provide substance abuse treatment. The expanded coverage will add Medicaid coverage for residential treatment programs for adult substance abuse sufferers, including those with mental health disorders. It also will include peer recovery support services to extend treatment into a community and home environment, and coverage to stabilize intoxicated people through withdrawal management services. The first phase of services that started in January included screening and treatment needs for Medicaid recipients, methadone treatment and administration.</p>
07/05/18	Smoking Ban		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The housing authority in Huntington has banned smoking at all its properties, including public housing units. The Herald-Dispatch reports the Huntington Housing Authority has banned smoking at its administrative offices, company-owned vehicles, common spaces and more than 600 public housing units after a new mandate from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which regulates public housing. Warnings will come first, and after a fourth violation the tenant will get a notice to vacate.</p>

07/05/18	Shoes for Children		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>A Putnam County nonprofit wants to make sure kids have what they need when school starts. The nonprofit Putnam Shoes For Children gets its funding principally through private and corporate donations, and from events like Buffalo's Independence Day run/walk. The Gazette-Mail said in its first year of operations, Putnam Shoes for Children collected nearly 130 pairs of shoes to give to kids attending Buffalo, Conner Street, Hometown, Hurricane Town, Poca, Rock Branch and West Teays elementary schools. Donations double last year, and they're always welcome. School principals and counselors help the group decide which students might be in need</p>
07/05/18	West Virginia College Consolidation		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>A new report is recommending the consolidation of West Virginia's smaller colleges. The proposal by a study group launched by Governor Justice recommends merging the governing boards of Bluefield State college and concord University, and later for Glenville State College and West Virginia State University. Justice announced his Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education this week. He wants it to complete its work by December.</p>

07/06/18	Habitais for Mussel Species		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The US Fish and Wildlife Service is facing a lawsuit for failing to protect critical habitats for four endangered mussel species. All four of the mussels named in the suit can be found in West Virginia rivers and streams, and they're found in seventeen other states. The suit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity aims to require the Fish and Wildlife Service to outline the critical habitat so that federal agencies funding or issuing permits for projects where they're known to live would have to work with Fish and Wildlife to make sure the habitat is not damaged.</p>
07/06/18	DEP Water Quality		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The Department of Environmental Protection is taking comments now on water quality rules as it sets limits on pollution that enters the state's streams and rivers. The rules are reviewed every three years. Among the EPA's latest recommendations are updates to the human health effects of 94 chemical pollutants, according to the Gazette-Mail. The EPA's recommendations reflect updated data on body weight, health toxicity values, among other things, and were released in 2015. Changes to the rules are usually consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's water quality criteria</p>
07/07/18	Overdoses Down		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Overdoses are on a sharp decline in Cabell County. Overdoses in the first half of the year fell more than 40-percent, dropping from almost a thousand to under 600. Overdoses fell in June, and officials say they are seeing a solid trend.</p>

07/07/18	Hepatitis A Campaign		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Cabell Huntington Health Department is planning a "Stop the Spread of Hepatitis A" campaign this month to fight the recent outbreak. A public health forum will be held on July 19 th . West Virginia has identified over 200 cases of hepatitis A in eleven counties.
07/07/18	Free Wi Fi		AM DRIVE	N/A	Free Wi-Fi is coming to downtown Huntington. A group of private businesses are driving the free Wi-Fi project. Eleven transponders have been installed on stoplight posts so far. The network should be up and running soon.
7/8/2018	WV Health Department	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	WV Health Department's Hepatitis A Epidemic. Commission President Kent Carper has further requested the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department to develop a plan of action to: Assist the public in understanding the Hepatitis A Epidemic and precautions they can take Address the issue of the First Responders and their agencies and what actions need to be taken to protect them

07/09/18	Swimming Safety		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The recent tragedy on the Elk River serves as a reminder that swimming in rivers can be dangerous, even if you're a good swimmer. The area of the Elk River where a 17-year-old Cody McCallister and his friends were swimming looks calm, but the officials say it's a different story under the surface with currents and debris. Eyewitness News says the Elkview community is coming together to help the McCallister family. This year's Paddlefest race happened Saturday and benefited the funeral expense for Cody McCallister. The race started at the same place where Cody died near the boat launch at Queen Shoals.</p>
07/09/18	WV State University		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>West Virginia State University says it will establish a learning center for students in the education department after receiving a significant financial commitment from a 1950 alumnus. The learning center will bear the name of Fred D. Thomas Jr., who made the gift and will feature smart technology to support interactive online instruction as well as group activities and research tutorials. Thomas came to WVSU after serving in the military shortly after the end of World War II and graduated from the university with a bachelor's degree in biology. He served as a middle school science teacher and curriculum coordinator for 35 years.</p>

07/10/18	Red Cross Blood Shortage		AM DRIVE	N/A	The American Red Cross is asking for donors and says there is an emergency blood shortage. The Fourth of July week was hard on blood donations, with hundreds fewer blood drives than a typical week, and now blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Eligible donors are encouraged to give as soon as possible to help replenish the blood supply.
07/10/18	AG Phone Scam		AM DRIVE	N/A	Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is warning of a scam involving unsolicited calls from someone claiming to represent the Social Security Administration. Morrisey said the caller will usually ask to verify personal information like a social security number, in order to replace a social security card, fix an issue with an online account, process a cost-of-living adjustment or rectify benefits that have been underpaid and need adjustment. Sometimes the caller threatens legal action. Don't give out any personal info. There's more at www.wvago.gov .
07/10/18	Kroger Scam		AM DRIVE	N/A	Kroger says there's a fake coupon scam going around the internet. The fake coupon is showing up on social media and offers 250-dollars off a shopping trip to Kroger. The supermarket says it's not an actual promotion.
07/11/18	WV Population		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia's population is declining faster than any other state. A study by the Pew Charitable Trust shows that West Virginia has lost 18-thousand people over the last decade. Nearly three-thousand people moved out of Kanawha County, alone, last year. The study ties the loss to slow economic growth.

07/11/18	School Board Raise Taxes		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The Kanawha County Board of Education wants to raise property taxes to help fund schools. Board members voted to uncap a levy that would increase taxpayer's annual bill by over eight-dollars for every 10-thousand-dollars of assessed home value. The board says the money will be used to upgrade facilities including HVAC improvements and roofing projects, increase security and hire more staff. Taxpayers in Boone, Cabell, Putnam and Fayette counties currently pay the state maximum in property tax, and the proposed Kanawha County amount would still come in under that. The levy will be on the ballot in November.</p>
07/12/18	Substance Abuse Treatment		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Residential treatment services for substance abuse will be offered in five additional West Virginia counties. The state Department of Health and Human Resources announced the availability of \$1 million in funding to expand treatment services in Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Nicholas and Roane counties. The DHHR says it is accepting applications from vendors for existing or newly constructed facilities with treatment beds. Secretary Bill Crouch says the expansion will help reduce overdose deaths and lower economic costs to the state. More than 30,000 West Virginians are already in drug treatment and the state has the nation's highest drug overdose death rate.</p>

07/12/18	Meth Use in Charleston		AM DRIVE	N/A	Charleston police are concerned about the rise of meth use, and said at a public meeting in Kanawha City this week that meth is making a comeback. Meanwhile, two people were arrested Tuesday at a hotel in Pike County, Kentucky on meth charges. Local police are closely watching meth cases in the Kanawha Valley.
07/13/18	Flood Recovery Concerns		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Legislature's Joint Committee on Government and Finance met Thursday morning to get a closer look at flood recovery concerns, including odd spending and having several no-shows by state employees in former meetings. James Messick with the state auditor's office told the committee Thursday that of the \$149 million that was designated for flood recovery efforts, they found that only \$1.4 million had been spent on flood-related expenditures.
07/13/18	Ashland -Boyd County Health Department		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Ashland -Boyd County Health Department says a food service worker at My Dad's Pizza in Ashland has been diagnosed with Hepatitis A. The worker was diagnosed on July 9th, and the health department says the risk to patrons is low. The restaurant is working with the health department to prevent any new cases of Hepatitis A.
07/13/18	FEMA Disaster Declaration		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Federal Emergency Management Agency approved a major disaster declaration request for more than half-a-dozen West Virginia counties. The request was made after severe storms around the Memorial Day holiday. Public Assistance funding will be available in Grant, Hampshire, hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton counties. Initial estimates place the damage at nearly five-million dollars.

07/15/18	WV Alzheimer's Association	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	With Family Services Coordinator, J.T. Hunter, we discussed upcoming events and workshops that those suffering from Alzheimer's, their family members, or care partners can be apart of to learn more about battling this disease. J.T. also discussed the importance of a strong social support network for anyone associated with Alzheimer's disease. This is the first episode of a five part series on care partners.
07/16/18	Target Teachers Discount		AM DRIVE	N/A	Target has a special discount for teachers this week to help them avoid digging into their own pockets for classroom supplies. The 15 percent discount for teachers runs through July 21 and applies to pens, pencils, crayons and markers to classroom storage and organization and more.
07/17/18	YMCA Expanding		AM DRIVE	N/A	The YMCA of Kanawha Valley is bringing its services downtown after entering a lease with the YWCA to operate programming at its downtown facility on Quarrier Street. the Y says the downtown facility will feature 37,000 square feet of fitness space; a year-round, indoor swimming pool, a gym floor for basketball, volleyball and large fitness classes; a spin room with 21 stationary bicycles; a circuit training room and more.
07/17/18	WV DEP		AM DRIVE	N/A	The West Virginia Department of Environment Protection says over one-thousand gallons of diesel fuel leaked into Fourpole Creek in Huntington. The diesel leaked from 60-year-old pipes leading to Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Officials say the fuel leaked into storm drain pipes, eventually ending up in the creek. An environmental company is working on the clean up.

07/18/18	Summit for Educational Excellence		AM DRIVE	N/A	Governor Justice made a surprise visit to the Summit for Educational Excellence, and suggested ande to help fix PEIA. Justice suggested that spouse of public employees who make more the 150-thousand-dollars, should pay for their own insurance. One educator commented that it was a good idea, but probably wouldn't affect many families across the state.
07/19/18	West Dunbar/Institute Flooding Issues		AM DRIVE	N/A	Parts of the the West Dunbar/Institute area have been dealing with flooding problems this week, and Kanawha County Commission President Kent Carper was one to survey the damage first hand. A collapsed Culvert may be to blame for flooding along Howard Avenue, and they're keeping an eye on it because it's not far from the Shawnee sports complex. For now, the city of Dunbar and the city of South Charleston are working on the issues, but the county commission is working with the state Department of Transportation on a plan for the future.
07/19/18	Credit Card Bills		AM DRIVE	N/A	Watch your credit card bills for strange activity. A small credit card skimmer was found this week at the Members Choice Credit Union ATM machine in Ashland, Ky. The thief could have your card information if you've used that ATM. The skimmer may have been too thin to allow the thief to transmit the information, but it's best to stay alert.
07/19/18	Bus Driver Shortage		AM DRIVE	N/A	A shortage of bus drivers is creating challenges for area school systems as they prepare for the start of the fall semester. Kanawha County officials say they're 28 drivers short of having a full staff. If you're interested you can apply online. A class of new recruits begins training next week.

07/20/18	Nitro is making some zoning changes		AM DRIVE	N/A	Nitro is making some zoning changes that determine where certain businesses can set up shop. The goal is to keep possible drug activity away from kids. Starting Aug. 8, a new ordinance goes into effect in Nitro that will keep rehab centers, addiction treatment, food distribution or homeless shelters more than 1,000 feet away from a school, playground, pool or park among other places. City leaders in Nitro looked at situations in Charleston when drafting the ordinance.
07/20/18	Back To School Vaccines		AM DRIVE	N/A	Kanawha County students going back to school this fall need to be up-to-date on vaccines. In Kentucky, the Hepatitis A vaccine is now on the list of required shots after a change in state law to add that to the list. In West Virginia, there are no changes to the required shots, but there are specific immunization requirements for specific age groups like tetanus, MMR, and meningitis vaccines, also the Hepatitis B vaccine is required. The Hepatitis A vaccine has been required for pre-k since 2008. The CDC also recommends the Hepatitis A vaccine to young children.

07/20/18	Boone County Homelessness		AM DRIVE	N/A	Community and city leaders in Boone County are raising concerns about homelessness with hopes of solving the problem that is now spreading across the county. Madison police said the drug epidemic and loss of jobs has sparked the rise of homelessness in Boone County, and Eyewitness News reported the police chief is getting more reports of thefts and people being harassed on the street, but the biggest concern is the needles that are scattered across town. Chief Burgess said there have been more stray needles in this past year than in his 30 years on the police force.
07/20/18	Hepatitis A Outbreak		AM DRIVE	N/A	Health officials are advising West Virginians to stay informed about the hepatitis A outbreak. Yesterday the Cabell-Huntington Health Department hosted a town hall forum as part of the "stop the Spread" campaign. Health officials say the outbreak could last up to two years, and we probably haven't seen the worst of it.
07/21/18	Drug Dog Fund Raiser		AM DRIVE	N/A	Hurricane Police are raising money to buy two drug dogs. Each dog costs around 10-thousand-dollars. To raise the money the department is selling t-shirts. The Mayor says they have enough money to buy one dog through t-shirt sales and local business donations. He says the t-shirt campaign will continue until they have enough money to buy the second dog.

07/22/18	Move Over Law		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky Highway Patrol will focus on enforcing the "Move Over" law. The law requires drivers approaching any emergency vehicle with flashing lights parked on the roadside to move over to an adjacent lane. If moving over isn't possible, motorists should slow down and proceed with caution. The enforce effort will end Sunday at midnight in a total of five states.
07/22/18	Wood County Opioid Problem.		AM DRIVE	N/A	The State Department of Health and Human Resources has awarded a quarter-million-dollar grant to Wood County to help reduce the region's opioid problem. The funding will establish a Quick Response team, similar to those in place in Huntington, and other locations, to follow up with overdose victims. Wood County is eighth on the list for drug overdoses in West Virginia.
07/24/18	Roane County free lunch & breakfast		AM DRIVE	N/A	Roane County schools will offer free lunch and breakfast to all students. The program is already in place at elementary and middle schools, and will now be expanded to high schools. It's being funded through a federal reimbursement program. School officials say it will help students focus on their education, and not where their next meal is coming from. The first day of classes in Roane County is August 16 th .
07/24/18	"Grow with Google"		AM DRIVE	N/A	"Grow with Google" made a stop in Charleston yesterday to help small business owners and job seekers improve their internet skills. The workshop was the tenth event being held nationwide. Google says the intent is to help people prepare for work, find jobs, and grow their businesses with the free tools available online.

07/25/18	RISE WV Flood Rebuilding Program		AM DRIVE	N/A	The number of homes rebuilt by RISE West Virginia is up to fifteen. The National Guard says two more homes damaged in the floods two years ago are nearing completion.
07/25/18	Health Team Critical Care Transport		AM DRIVE	N/A	A new ambulance just for kids is hitting the streets. Health Team Critical Care Transport partnered with Charleston Area Medical Center Women and Children's Hospital to add the new ambulance to its fleet. The ambulance will provide specialty intensive care for children and infants.
07/26/18	Kanawha-Fayette County Rock Slide		AM DRIVE	N/A	Route 60 is open this morning at the Kanawha-Fayette County line after a massive rock slide yesterday shut down both lanes. Several hundred tons of debris came down around 12:30 just west of Montgomery. No one was hurt, and no vehicles were damaged.
07/27/18	Western Regional Jail Drug Program		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Western Regional Jail will launch a new pilot program to help inmates overcome drug addiction. Over sixty men and women will take part in the program. The regional jail system currently doesn't offer addiction treatment services. The nearly 450-thousand-dollar program will be paid for by the state and administered by Prester Center.
07/27/18	WV Tourism		AM DRIVE	N/A	Tourism is on the rise in West Virginia. Governor Justice announced that hotel occupancy is up more than 16-percent over last year. And that means those visitors are spending more while they're here. The industry saw a 20-percent revenue increase.

07/28/18	Political Cybersecurity		AM DRIVE	N/A	The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office sent out a warning to political candidates and campaigns about cybersecurity. The notice comes a day after reports of a Russian intelligence agency targeting Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill through an email phishing scheme. Secretary of State Mac Warner and Homeland Security hosted a forum in Morgantown earlier this week on voting security.
07/28/18	The Roads to Prosperity		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Roads to Prosperity highway project will cost more than anticipated. The bids for the first major project have come in well above estimates. The seven mile, 22 bridge, project on I-70 was estimated to cost over 170-million-dollars. The lowest bid was over 275-million-dollars, and the highest bid was nearly 350-million-dollars.
07/28/18	Crime In Huntington Down		AM DRIVE	N/A	Violent crime is on the decline in Huntington. Governor Justice ordered the West Virginia National Guard to help with the fight against drugs and crime in the city and it's working. In the first half of this year the crime rate dropped nearly 25-percent.
7/29/2018	Big Brothers - Big Sisters	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	Rolls on the River Fund Raiser in support of the WV Chapter. First and foremost, you are a friend, a mentor, and someone your little can depend on and learn from. We strive to team you up with a young person with similar interests so you can build a trusting and ng friendship. As a Big Brother or Big Sister, you get to be a kid again for a few hours a month and give a child the invaluable gift of mentoring and friendship.

07/30/18	"West Virginia's Climb."		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The West Virginia Department of Education has created a new initiative called "West Virginia's Climb." Nearly 35-percent of West Virginias have some sort of post-secondary credential or workforce relevant certificate. The goal is to get that number to 60-percnt by 2030. The State Department of Commerce estimates that over 50-percent of new jobs being created by 2020 will need an associate's degree or higher, and 30-percent of those jobs will need some sort of post-secondary credentials.</p>
07/31/18	Hotel occupancy		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Hotel occupancy has climbed from last year. Gov. Jim Justice said statewide hotel occupancy grew around 16 percent in June from the same month in 2017 and state officials say the growth produced a 20 percent revenue increase from a year earlier. The growth is seen across all areas of the state. Justice announced the increase from a newly constructed luxury cabin at Chief Logan State Park last week and his office says the cabins will serve visitors to the Hatfield McCoy trail system. The news release said occupancy in the first two quarters of 2018 is up around 12 percent, producing revenue growth of nearly 15 percent.</p>

07/31/18	29th annual Multifest		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The 29th annual Multifest will begin on Friday, Aug. 3, at Haddad Riverfront Park in Charleston. The festival was founded in August 1984, and brings together various cultural and ethnic communities with art, music, education, cultural programs and food. Eyewitness News reports Multifest is the largest diversity festival in West Virginia. Multifest begins 6 p.m. Friday with an opening prayer by the Rev. Shelly Bausley of the Pilgrim Home Baptist Church. Events will go through the weekend and conclude with the final concert beginning 7 p.m. Sunday.</p>
8/1/2018	Autism Awareness	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	<p>With Lynn Browder, mother of Owen, on this episode Lynn discussed Owen losing his first teeth and how to help him cope with the physical change. Lynn also discussed Owen's sensory issues with food such as texture and color affecting his appetite. Lynn gave tips for going outside without meltdowns as well as the importance of having a dentist that makes autistic patients comfortable during regular procedures.</p>
08/01/18	Safer Schools in WV		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>School officials in north-central West Virginia are working to make school buildings safer before classes begin this fall. Harrison County Safety Director Ken Winkie told The Exponent-Telegram that improvements there include installing shatter-resistant glass on the first-floor windows of many buildings and upgrading security cameras. He said entrances to schools also are being converted to make them safer and crews are working on a silent alarm system for emergencies. Work continues around the state to come up with ways to make schools safer.</p>

08/02/18	PEIA Taskforce		AM DRIVE	N/A	A report will be released soon after public hearings on Public Employees Insurance Agency problems. Members of the governor's PEIA Task Force are scheduled to have those hearings summarized by next week and they'll release findings on long term solutions on costs and coverage. The deadline for the report is Tuesday set an Aug. 7.
08/02/18	Randy Moss Hall of Fame		AM DRIVE	N/A	Former NFL star Randy Moss of course got his start playing football in West Virginia, and will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this weekend. Moss set many records at DuPont High and again at Marshall before his historic NFL career. Moss won the Kennedy Award as West Virginia's top prep football player in 1994. He'll be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Saturday night in Canton, Ohio
08/02/18	Flood Watch		AM DRIVE	N/A	A flash flood watch is in effect through Friday morning. More rain is on the way today and the first part of Friday. Rainfall totals east of Charleston could be as much as two to four inches. That could lead to flash flooding and river rise.
08/03/18	Agriculture Training for Military Vets		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia has been awarded a \$400,000 federal grant to provide agriculture training for military veterans. The state Department of Agriculture says the grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs aims to improve veterans' health. The statement says the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center in Huntington will train people to pursue agricultural careers while addressing their behavioral and mental health needs. Department of Agriculture staff will provide production, business and market planning for the program.

08/03/18	Voter Registrations		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>West Virginia's secretary of state says nearly 67,000 new voters are registered for this fall's midterm election. Mac Warner says more than 140 voter registration drives have been held in the 18 months since he took office. He says the new registered voters include more than 22,000 high school students. Warner credited high school administrators, teachers and civic engagement groups for the successful effort and says that in turn could encourage young people to remain in West Virginia. Residents can register to vote until three weeks before the Nov. 6 election.</p>
08/03/18	Clay County Road Problems		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Some residents in Clay County are concerned about problems with a road. There are worries that Hartland Road could give out any time, and Eyewitness News says drivers have to stay on one side over fears of getting too close to the edge. Division of Highway officials patched the slip that was nearly blocking drivers from getting home on Hartland Rd. Neighbors said the problem is the rocks that are patching the slip fall in with every down pour. They're pressuring authorities for a permanent fix.</p>
08/04/18	Natural Gas Bills		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>If you use natural gas to heat your home, your gas bill may go down this winter. The Public Service Commission says natural gas companies that serve more than 95-percent of the customers in the state have filed requests to lower the purchased gas portion of their rates. The companies have requested a decrease of less than four percent to almost six percent.</p>

08/04/18	Feed The Need		AM DRIVE	N/A	Lincoln County's inaugural "Feed the Need" program has been a success, so much so, that the program is running out of food. The mobile food pantry brings meals to hundreds of students in rural areas, but as word has spread, the state funded grant money ran out. If you'd like to help out you can donate at Piggly Wiggly in Hamlin, and Food Fair in West Hamlin, or you can drop off donations at Lincoln High School Monday morning.
08/06/18	On Line Shopping		AM DRIVE	N/A	Sometimes online shopping leads to the closure of actual retail stores. This time it's the opposite. Furniture seller Wayfair is opening an actual store in Florence, Kentucky, and the outlet store will sell items that have been returned but are in good condition, as well as other discounted goods. It will be the first brick-and-mortar store for the company.
08/07/18	I-64 Safety		AM DRIVE	N/A	Another reminder to drive safely in construction zones. Several crashes on Interstate 64 West between Hurricane and Milton Monday morning had traffic at a crawl. They happened at the peak of rush hour at about 7:15 Monday morning near the Putnam-Cabell County line and were about a mile apart. That was in the construction zone that already has traffic down to one lane, and delays are the norm now even without accidents.

08/07/18	Guardian Angel lights		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>New features have been added to several school buses in Kanawha County for the upcoming school year. Fifty buses will have double Guardian Angel lights, which help the students see the path in front of the bus as well as help the bus drivers see students standing on the side of the road. Eyewitness News reported other new features on the buses include LED lighting and extended stop arms. Ten buses will have extended stop arms. Students in Kanawha County head back to school Aug. 20.</p>
08/08/18	Homeless Problems in St. Albans		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>City leaders in St. Albans have been talking about how to solve the homeless problem. Some say homelessness is making issue with crime worse, and perpetuates the drug problem. St. Albans Police and the city council discussed it Monday and the goal is to continue the talks and come up with an action plan. Those who work with the homeless population also wanted to make it clear that not all homeless people are using drugs and facing mental health issues. The goal is to help them all equally.</p>
08/08/18	Dollar Tree Bad Products		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Double check your school supplies. Crayons sold at Dollar Tree stores tested positive for asbestos. The U.S. PIRG Education Fund found trace amounts of asbestos in Playskool crayons. Playskools' parent company, Hasbro, is conducting an investigation into the claims</p>

08/09/18	Sports Betting in WV		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Just days before the deadline, the West Virginia Lottery Commission filed legislative rules for public comment with the Secretary of State's Office for sports betting. It starts the public comment period and allows racetracks and casinos to begin setting up sports betting operations. If the commission hadn't filed notice before today, sports betting in West Virginia would not have been allowed until March of next year.</p>
08/09/18	Unclaimed Property		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>West Virginia Treasurer John Perdue says his office found the owners of nearly \$18 million of unclaimed property during the 2018 fiscal year. The Gazette-Mail the agency was able to return about half of what was reported as unclaimed property. Unclaimed property can range from forgotten utility deposits to final paychecks. The property usually is held by a bank or company, which then reports it to the treasurer as unclaimed. Around \$10 million of the \$18 million was returned to in-state residents. A little more than \$7 million was returned to out-of-state residents. Doddridge County saw the most returned property, totaling almost \$2 million.</p>

08/09/18	Nitro Utility Rate Increase Fight		AM DRIVE	N/A	Nitro is joining the fight against utility companies pushing for rate increases despite the millions of dollars in tax savings. The Nitro City Council voted this week to approve a resolution to join the Kanawha County and Cities Association and fight against utility hikes. The Gazette-Mail reported the KCCA will intervene at the Public Service Commission as a party in the rate cases filed by Appalachian Power and West Virginia American Water. The push is for the PSC to severely limit or eliminate the rate increase requests, and joining the KCCA and getting that representation doesn't cost the cities anything.
08/10/18	Marshall Week of Welcome		AM DRIVE	N/A	Marshall University's annual Week of Welcome kicks off next Tuesday with a series of events and activities to welcome new students to campus. Students will move-in to the residence halls, and there is a family picnic for all incoming freshman. Activities continue through Sunday, August 19 th .
08/10/18	American Cancer Report		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia needs to do more to prevent cancer deaths. The American Cancer Society released a report that shows the state needs improvement in care through Medicaid, funding for cancer screening programs, smoke-free laws, cigarette tax levels, and funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs. More than twelve-thousand West Virginians are expected to be diagnosed with cancer this year, and over 30-percent of those are attributed to smoking.

08/11/18	Roads to Prosperity projects		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Governor Jim Justice says the 225 Roads to Prosperity projects are complete. The Governor and state Transportation Secretary Tom Smith gave an update Friday morning and said most of the road projects are on track. They did address cost overruns on the I-70 bridge project in the Northern Panhandle. Twenty-four bridges need to be renovated instead of the original estimate of eighteen. The cost of asphalt and steel has gone up dramatically, increasing the projects budget by more than 100-million-dollars. The DOT is anticipating close to 300-million-dollars in bond premiums to offset the cost.</p>
08/11/18	Atlantic Coast Pipeline		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a stop work order on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The order halts construction on the 5-and-a-half-billion dollar project, and requires Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Dominion Energy to provide an interim right-of-way and work area stabilization plan. The project includes 600 miles of buried pipeline from West Virginia into eastern North Carolina.</p>
08/11/18	Sports Betting in WV		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The West Virginia Lottery has issued the state's first-ever sports betting license. The state received the required 100-thousand-dollar licensing fee from Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. The timeline for beginning sports betting includes a week of testing beginning August 27th, with the possibility of the sportsbook to be up and running by Labor Day Weekend.</p>

8/12/2018	WV Alzheimer's Association	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	<p>With Family Services Coordinator, J.T. Hunter, we discussed upcoming events and workshops that those suffering from Alzheimer's, their family members, or care partners can be apart of to learn more about battling this disease. J.T. also discussed the importance of a strong social support network for anyone associated with Alzheimer's disease. This is the second episode of a five part series on care partners.</p>
08/13/18	West Nile Virus		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>No human cases have been reported, but the West Nile Virus has turned up in a few mosquitos in Cabell County. The Cabell-Huntington Health Department said several groups of mosquitos have tested positive for the virus with no human cases this year and only three in the state in the past three years. The virus most commonly affects people over the age of 60 and it's comes only from mosquitos and can't be transmitted from person to person.</p>
08/13/18	Mold at Capital High School		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Capital High School students should know that the mold problems that have popped up over the summer have improved. The Kanawha County Board of Education said BELFOR Property Restoration is done with the cleaning, and Pinnacle Environmental, which does the air testing, has the follow-up samples and will have those results this week. Mold spores were discovered in the air in 25 classrooms in July, and testing is expected to continue through the fall.</p>

08/13/18	"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"		AM DRIVE	N/A	A new program could mean neighbors don't have to wait on someone else to fix their roads. The "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program would help with repairs on what are known as orphan roads, and residents are responsible for the repairs. The Kanwha County Commission President Kent Carper wants lawmakers to pass a law that will allow people along those roads to apply for grant money to help cover the cost of repairs. There are similar programs around the country that have been successful, and it would match funding.
08/13/18	Special Metals in Huntington		AM DRIVE	N/A	Special Metals union workers continue to picket after being sent home early Friday. Contract negotiations between union representative from Steelworkers Local 40 and Special Metals were put on hold. A tentative agreement was reached Sunday night, and a meeting and vote will be held this afternoon.
08/14/18	West Virginia Turnpike bonds		AM DRIVE	N/A	Parkways Authority members approved the last items of paperwork last week that will be necessary for \$172 million in West Virginia Turnpike bonds to go to market today. While the authority had initially aimed for getting the bonds to market in April or May, Parkways General Manager Greg Barr said he's hopeful some of the projects to be funded with the bond money will get underway this year. That includes road safety improvements on W.Va. 10, although Barr noted that Parkways will not oversee the awarding of contracts funded through the Turnpike bonds

08/14/18	NAACP's annual state conference		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia State University in Institute will host the NAACP's annual state conference this month. The group will hold it's own meetings, but there's also a public meeting scheduled for 6pm on Friday August 24th at First Baptist Church on Shrewsbury Street in Charleston. The annual Freedom Fund Banquet will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 25 at WVSU. They'll cover things family, workforce development, education, housing and more at the conference
08/14/18	School Starting		AM DRIVE	N/A	School starts this week in many places, and drivers should know that school zone speeds are back in effect. Fayette County students started school Monday, and several other districts start classes tomorrow, including Mason and Raleigh counties. Roane, Mingo, Logan, Lincoln, and Boone County students are back in class Thursday. And Kanawha County schools have the first day coming up on Monday, August 20th.
8/15/2018	Girls Night Out 2018	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	YWCA Resolve also offers case management, court advocacy, counseling, support groups, safety planning, monitored parent-child visitation/exchange, parenting sessions, and programs for children, teen dating safety and batterers intervention/prevention. Licensed by the West Virginia Family Protection Services Board, the program's mission is to eliminate domestic violence through leadership, education, empowerment and community collaboratio

08/15/18	Special Metals in Huntington		AM DRIVE	N/A	Special Metals and union employees have reached a deal. Steel workers were locked out for four days when Special Metals sent everyone home Friday. Union workers voted on a new contract Monday night, and returned to work. The biggest sticking points in the new deal were wages and benefits.
08/15/18	St. Albans High School Mold Found		AM DRIVE	N/A	School officials found mold at St. Albans High School. Mold was found in twelve classrooms, the library, computer lab and counselor suite last week. Each room has been cleaned, and follow up air quality testing was done Monday. This comes after similar mold issues were discovered in 25 rooms at Capital High School, and that's also been resolved with cleanup and environmental testing. Schools are expected to continue to monitor mold situations this fall.
08/15/18	School Mold Issues		AM DRIVE	N/A	Kanawha County School officials say eleven schools in the district have reported possible mold issues. School officials are working with a restoration company to clean the mold and make sure levels are safe for students to return to school Monday.
08/15/18	Free Wi Fi		AM DRIVE	N/A	Free Wi-Fi is now available in downtown Huntington. The new service is a collaboration between Cabell-Huntington Hospital, the city and other groups. The free Wi-Fi will be available in a roughly two-block area from 8 th Street to 10 th Street and 3 rd Avenue to 4 th Avenue.

08/16/18	Summerfest		AM DRIVE	N/A	Summerfest runs through the weekend in South Charleston. The South Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau says the plan is to offer live music, face-painting, snow cones, and more. Summerfest runs thought Saturday, with a car show during the day and fireworks after the final concert.
08/16/18	harsher drug laws		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia lawmakers are calling for harsher drug laws following a possible overdose-related car crash that stopped feet away from a playground. The executive director of Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District, Kevin Brady, says he's working with a law firm to draft a bill extending crime penalty enhancements for schools and parks. And he Huntington Herald-Dispatch reports that Cabell County legislators already are on board. Thirty-four-year-old Tabitha Wyrick's car smashed into a light pole near a park earlier this month. She was treated with an overdose-fighting drug and charged with driving under the influence. 33-year-old Bradley Stephen Wyrick also was treated and charged with possession of a controlled substance.
08/16/18	Marshall Self-Defense Program		AM DRIVE	N/A	Marshall University Police have teamed up with Huntington Parks and Recreation to offer women a self-defense program. The program shows different techniques and tips they can use no matter what situation they come in contact with. Classes are available around the city throughout the year for anyone who wants to attend.

08/17/18	Hepatitis A Again		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Cabell-Huntington Health Department said a food worker at a Huntington restaurant was diagnosed with Hepatitis A. The employee worked at Gino's Pizza located at 10th Street, according to a news release from the health department and anyone who consumed food or drinks at the restaurant between Aug. 1-3 and Aug. 6-7 should consider getting the vaccine. Health officials said the risk of transmission is very low.
08/18/18	WV Economic Development Authority		AM DRIVE	N/A	Gov. Jim Justice said the West Virginia Economic Development Authority has approved the sale of up to \$80 million in excess lottery revenue bonds to pay for repairs, maintenance, and improvements to West Virginia's state parks and forests. The governor said the major modernization of facilities in nearly all state parks will happen over the next three years. That includes 35 state parks, seven state forests, and two rail trails seeing safety upgrades, as well as renovations to cabin, lodge and conference facilities, and other repairs.
08/18/18	Sportsfest		AM DRIVE	N/A	Sportsfest is back this weekend at Magic Island in Charleston. The Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau helps with the event and lists the schedule. Today there's a YMCA River Swim, Beach volleyball, Pro and amateur watercross racing , Slalom skateboarding, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Submission Wrestling State Championships, and disc golf on tap. Tomorrow Magic Island will host Watercross racing, Beach volleyball, and Ultimate Frisbee.

08/20/18	Public Service Commission		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has scheduled a hearing on the federal tax cut case to consider the proposed settlement agreement with West Virginia American Water Company. Parties in the case include the Kanawha County Commission, the City of Charleston, Commission Staff, the Consumer Advocate Division and West Virginia Energy Users Group. Utility companies have to track savings that come from federal tax cuts, and other utilities also need to file proposed settlements at or before the hearing and to be prepared to discuss them. The hearing will be at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 24. A copy of the Commission Order and more information is available on the Commission website: www.psc.state.wv.us</p>
08/20/18	1st Day of School in Kanawha County		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>It's the first day of school in Kanawha County, and the mold problems in classrooms have been cleared up for the most part. The Kanawha County district is still waiting on test results for Capital High School, Flinn Elementary, and at Bridge Clendenin in the portables, but all other schools have come back clear. Mold spores were found in dozens of classrooms across the district, but after the cleanup and environmental testing, most are clear. They'll continue to monitor the situation this fall.</p>

08/20/18	Aging Power Lines		AM DRIVE	N/A	Aging power lines will see some upgrades in the coming weeks. Appalachian Power announced the proposed route for the Ravenswood Area Improvements Project last week, and it's a \$60 million investment that the company says will improve 30 miles of aging power lines. The goal is to reduce the risk of extended power outages and keep power supplies steady. Construction is expected to start in the fall of 2019 and will take about two years.
08/20/18	School Safety		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Kanawha County Commission is urging drivers to be safe as kids go back to school today. Commission President Kent Carper says it's important to pay more attention this year because elementary students are starting school earlier than usual and will be dismissed earlier in the afternoon.
08/21/18	Rural development grants		AM DRIVE	N/A	Rural development grants worth almost 100-thousand-dollars have been awarded to two West Virginia recipients. The Marshall University Research Corporation will receive nearly 50-thousand-dollars to develop a catalog of the state's agricultural economy, and the Wayne County Economic Development Authority will receive 50-thousand-dollars to develop a center for agriculture, wellness, and rural enterprise.

08/21/18	Nitro Pool		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>As summer winds down, there are questions about the future of the Nitro pool. Mayor Dave Casebolt said on social media that the pool is aging and in need of expensive repairs. The pool is almost sixty years old, and the Mayor said the city is doing its best to keep the pool open, and that will mean putting in \$15,000 to \$20,000 in the next year for a new liner, chlorinator, and more. He's urging the community to come together to decide on the future of the Nitro Pool.</p>
8/22/2018	Girls Night Out 2018	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	<p>YWCA Resolve also offers case management, court advocacy, counseling, support groups, safety planning, monitored parent-child visitation/exchange, parenting sessions, and programs for children, teen dating safety and batterers intervention/prevention. Licensed by the West Virginia Family Protection Services Board, the program's mission is to eliminate domestic violence through leadership, education, empowerment and community collaboratio</p>
08/22/18	Bus Driver Shortage		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The bus driver shortage in Kanawha County is impacting the kids' trip to school. Monday was the first day that students were back in class, and a fewer number of buses are still covering all the routes with about 30 fewer bus drivers than needed. The Kanawha County school system still has to cover 162 routes, about 18,000 miles every day. The communications director for Kanawha County Schools told Eyewitness News they will make adjustments each day until all buses are in sync and getting kids to school on time.</p>

08/22/18	sobriety checkpoint		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Kanawha County Sheriff's Office wants drivers to know they'll be watching. Deputies will be conducting a high visibility sobriety checkpoint Thursday night from 7 to midnight on Big Tyler Road in Cross Lanes. It's part of the zero tolerance policy targeting drunk and impaired drives throughout the year, in partnership with the Governor's Highway Safety Program.
08/22/18	St. Albans Alcohol Sales		AM DRIVE	N/A	With a new ordinance passing in St. Albans, alcohol will be for sale earlier at restaurants on Sundays. After a second reading of the brunch bill this week, the ordinance just needs a signature and to be filed with the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration. Restaurants that hold a Class A license with the agency can then start serving alcohol at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Nitro and Charleston have similar rules in place.
08/23/18	voter registration files		AM DRIVE	N/A	Secretary of State Mac Warner has been working on cleaning up voter registration files. Warner's office has been working with the state's 55 county clerks, and that effort has led to more than 100,000 registrations being removed. Some of the records were duplicates, and others were deceased and outdated. It's been an 18 month effort.

08/23/18	Hepatitis Outbreak		AM DRIVE	N/A	The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health has asked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assist with the response of the hepatitis A outbreak. Dr. Rahul Gupta, state health officer and commissioner of the DHHR's Bureau for Public Health, said the CDC will station six experts to manage the outbreak beginning this week. Kanawha and Putnam counties have the largest number of Hepatitis A cases in the state.
08/24/18	Capital High School Mold Problems		AM DRIVE	N/A	Capital High School is closed again today after recent air quality samples tested positive for mold. School officials are still waiting on air quality results from fifteen classrooms. Kanawha County Schools suggests students and parents check Schoology accounts for information and academic resources today and through the weekend for the Monday plan.
08/24/18	Cabell County Schools Security		AM DRIVE	N/A	Cabell County schools have increased security. The Sheriff's Office along with Huntington and Barboursville Police Department have teamed to put resource officers have now been placed at all middle schools and high schools. The resource officers are available to students five days a week from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm at Huntington Middle School, Barboursville Middle School, and Huntington High School.
08/24/18	Kmart Closing		AM DRIVE	N/A	The K-Mart in Teays Valley will close its doors soon. Parent company, Sears Holdings, announced it will close another five-percent of it's stores nationwide. This comes after the retailer already closed one-hundred stores this year. The store is expected to close by November

08/25/18	School Bus Drivers		AM DRIVE	N/A	Kanawha County school officials say they are short thirty bus drivers this school year. Some families on the West Side were upset after finding out there were no buses to pick up their kids. West Virginia State Code says if there is a shortage, school officials are not required to provide transportation to students who live within two miles of their school.
08/25/18	Shawnee Sports Complex		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Brickstreet Foundation is adding to their previous one million dollar donation to help build baseball and softball fields. Brickstreet will write another 500-thousand dollar check to help complete the work at the Shawnee Sports Complex.
08/25/18	Mountain Valley Pipeline		AM DRIVE	N/A	Layoffs continue at the Mountain Valley Pipeline project after the federal government issued a stop-order on the pipeline's proposed route. The project would run a three-hundred-mile natural gas pipeline from West Virginia to Southern Virginia. Hundreds of workers have already been laid off on the Virginia side, and West Virginia construction workers are afraid they're next. A judge halted permits on three miles of the project in the Jefferson Nation Forrest, because of potential damage to water and air quality.
08/25/18	PEIA Taskforce		AM DRIVE	N/A	PEIA Director Ted Cheatham says the state insurance agency is running in the black. PEIA had a surplus of over 30-million-dollars for the past fiscal year, and the plan is estimated to have a 70-million-dollar surplus for 2019. Cheatham told PEIA task force members that the agency can cover 2019 and 2020 without any additional revenue from the state, but after that the agency will likely need and influx of cash.

08/26/18	Public Service Commission		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has approved proposed rates for utility companies ordering rate reductions of \$84.8 million per year beginning September 1st. Under the approved plan, money that utility companies are saving in taxes will be passed on to the consumer. The PSC estimates that \$409 million in excess taxes will be credited to customer rates in the future. The Commission plans to release a follow up ruling on that in the coming months.
08/26/18	Capital High School Mold Problems		AM DRIVE	N/A	Capital High School will be open today. The school was closed all of last week because of mold issues. School officials say clean-up is complete in 14 classrooms and 11 offices, and air scrubbers are running. Air samples will continue and if any test results come in that aren't satisfactory, there is a plan to keep students in rooms that have been approved for occupancy by environmental specialists.
08/26/18	Overdose Awareness Day		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia celebrated Overdose Awareness Day over the weekend to remember those who have lost their lives to opioid addiction. This was the third year for the ceremony on the Capitol steps and it was in collaboration with Ryan's Hope, Recovery Point, Jacob's Ladder and other organizations. International Overdose Awareness Day is coming up Friday, August 31st.

08/27/18	Huntington's Ronald McDonald House		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Huntington's Ronald McDonald House competed with the rest of the world and came home with a big prize last week. They placed in the top ten in the Hearts and Hands competition in a competition against every other Ronald McDonald House in the world with new programs to help people. The team brought home a \$20,000 prize for placing in the top ten. Huntington's pilot program has helped mothers of babies born addicted to drugs by housing them near their newborns.</p>
08/28/18	YWCA Girls Night Out		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Money raised from last Saturday's YWCA Girls Night Out event goes to support the mission of helping women and children in domestic violence and abuse situations. Girls Night Out drew an estimated 1,600 women and that will support the YWCA Charleston safe house, court advocacy, and the 24 hours crisis line. And it's the guys' turn this fall. Guys Night Out will be held October 13 and benefits YWCA Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families. The event will be at Oakes Field in South Charleston.</p>
08/28/18	U.S. Centers for Disease Control		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was in Huntington Monday to discuss the opioid epidemic. The Herald-Dispatch reported Dr. Robert Redfield spoke at a conference at Cabell Huntington Hospital and visited Lily's Place, the first-of-its-kind infant drug recovery center in the nation. According to the CDC, West Virginia has the nation's highest rate of babies born dependent on drugs.</p>

8/29/2018	Big Brothers - Big Sisters	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	Rolls on the River Fund Raiser in support of the WV Chapter. First and foremost, you are a friend, a mentor, and someone your little can depend on and learn from. We strive to team you up with a young person with similar interests so you can build a trusting and ng friendship. As a Big Brother or Big Sister, you get to be a kid again for a few hours a month and give a child the invaluable gift of mentoring and friendship.
08/29/18	WV State Police Accepting Applications		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia State Police are accepting trooper applications. State police spokesman Maj. Reggie Patterson says tests for recruits will be held Sept. 7 and Sept. 8 at the State Police Academy in Dunbar. Applicants should bring photo identification, running shoes and appropriate exercise attire. Applications are available at any state police detachment or online. If you want to apply, you should be between the ages of 21 and 39 and have at least a high school diploma or GED.
08/29/18	West Virginia University		AM DRIVE	N/A	A West Virginia University associate professor is part of a team trying to prevent a large outbreak of cholera in war-torn Yemen. Anta Jutla is associate professor of civil and environmental engineering and is part of a British-led humanitarian team. Cholera is caused by consuming contaminated food or water and can be fatal. The university said Jutla and researchers from the University of Maryland have been working with NASA satellite data to develop a model to try to predict the distribution of pathogenic cholera bacteria.

08/29/18	Kanawha County School board doesn't		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Kanawha County School board doesn't plan to change school start times, but did take time this week to listen to parents about how the adjustment period is going. Most elementary schools start at 7:30 a.m., middle schools at 8 a.m., and high schools at 8:30 a.m. The hardest adjustment is the early start time for elementary schools and the 2pm release, but overall the feedback has been positive. The goal with the tweak in school start times is to improve high school attendance and test scores.
08/30/18	Department of Homeland Security.		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia will receive more than eight-million-dollars from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. U.S. Senators Shelly Moore Capito and Joe Manchin say the money will be used for preparation and implementation of disaster response, and help local governments increase security.
08/30/18	RISE WV Flood Rebuilding Program		AM DRIVE	N/A	More homes are being finished out as part of the RISE West Virginia flood recovery program. Twenty one homes have passed final inspections, and there are more than four hundred outstanding cases that are considered active projects. Most of the remaining homes will need total reconstruction. West Virginia National Guard, Maj. Gen. James Hoyer took over the program earlier this year to jump start it and make sure flood victims get connected to the resources they need. The RISE program helps rebuild homes destroyed in the June 2016 floods.

08/31/18	Water Checks		AM DRIVE	N/A	Thousands of victims whose drinking water was contaminated by a chemical spill in the Elk River four-and-a-half-years ago are still waiting to get their money from an historic class action lawsuit. The judge in the case order those checks to be sent out by the end of August, but people behind ninety-eight-thousand claims are waiting to receive their cut of the settlement. Administrators have been meeting this week to work out the details.
08/31/18	Roads to Prosperity projects		AM DRIVE	N/A	The first project in Governor Jim Justice's Roads to Prosperity program has been awarded over 105-million-dollars to widen nearly eight miles of the West Virginia Turnpike near Beckley. Triton Construction of St. Albans submitted the winning bid.
08/31/18	Smithers Kroger Closing		AM DRIVE	N/A	Kroger operates 36 stores in West Virginia, and has announced plans to close one of them. The Smithers store opened in 1993, and will close later this year. The location has struggled with sales for the past few years, and the company said the low financial returns are the reason for the closure. The company plans to help those employees find jobs at other Kroger locations. The closing date for the Smithers store will be in October.

08/31/18	WV Secretary of States Office		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Secretary of State's Office says more than 1.2 million people have registered to vote in West Virginia, ahead of the November 6th election. More than 77,000 new voters, including more than 22,000 high school students who will vote in their first election have registered in the past 18 months as part of a registration effort by county clerks and the Secretary of State's Office. National Voter Registration Month is being observed in September. To register to vote and get more resources and tools, go to www.GoVoteWV.com
09/01/18	Water Checks		AM DRIVE	N/A	Checks from the 150-million-dollar water crisis settlement were supposed to be in the mail by the end of August, but officials now say it's expected to take at least ten more days to mail the checks once the judge ok's the final accounting. Nearly five years ago a chemical leak at Freedom Industries contaminated drinking water from the Elk River. Nearly 97-thousand households made claims in the case.
09/01/18	Drug Over Dose		AM DRIVE	N/A	Drug deaths were over one-thousand in West Virginia in 2017. Nearly 86-percnet of those who died of an overdose, were the result of opioids. Preliminary numbers don't look much better for this year. Nearly five-hundred are blamed on opioid overdoses in the first half of 2018
09/01/18	West Nile Virus		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Nile virus has been confirmed in the Mountain State. Mosquitoes in Doddridge Counted have tested positive for the virus. The Health Department says the mosquitoes were found in traps at the Doddridge County Park, and at the county's elementary and middle schools. So far, there are no human cases of West Nile

09/02/18	WV Alzheimer's Association	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	With Family Services Coordinator, J.T. Hunter, we discussed upcoming events and workshops that those suffering from Alzheimer's, their family members, or care partners can be apart of to learn more about battling this disease. J.T. also discussed the importance of a strong social support network for anyone associated with Alzheimer's disease. This is the second episode of a five part series on care partners.
09/03/18	Jobs		AM DRIVE	N/A	Grocery store chain Aldi is hiring. In fact, it's a one-day hiring spree planned for this Wednesday, and the company is looking to hire 100 store associates for positions in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Just go to any participating ALDI store between 7 AM and 10 AM and between 4 PM and 7 PM on Wednesday, September 5th. Aldi could add 25,000 jobs across the country by 2022.
09/03/18	Appalachian Regional Commission		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Appalachian Regional Commission says three more West Virginia counties are now considered economically distressed. Fayette, Summers and Wetzell counties have been moved from at-risk to distressed counties. Twelve other counties are in that category. The ARC uses three economic indicators in making it's classifications; three-year average unemployment rate, per capita market income, and poverty rate.

09/04/18	Charleston Distance Run		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Hundreds of runners were in Charleston over the Labor Day weekend for the annual Charleston Distance Run. 32-year old Bryan Morseman of Bath, N.Y., won the men's race, and 31-year old Purity Munene of Columbia, S.C. won the women's portion. Huntington's Holly Ann Swann was the women's runner up, and Charleston's Kevin Charette and Nick Bias finished in the top five for the men. A total of 353 finished this year's 15-mile run while a total of 325 finished the 5K.</p>
09/04/18	EPA Rule Changes		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>President Trump's rollback of pollution rules for coal-fired power plants could have serious health implications for coal country. The Environmental Protection Agency predicts up to 15-hundred people a year across the country would die because of increased pollution. And over twenty of those deaths would be in northern West Virginia, the country's hardest hit area.</p>
09/04/18	Free Senior Job Training		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Two West Virginia community and technical colleges plan to offer free training to senior citizens on computer safety. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey says his office will partner with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield, and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Mount Gay. The pilot program will connect college students with local senior citizens on password protection, avoiding computer scams and using other cybersecurity precautions. Morrisey says his office hopes to expand the program to other parts of the state.</p>

09/04/18	Chief Logan State Park Elk Tours		AM DRIVE	N/A	Chief Logan State Park is hosting 20 guided tours to the area where more than 90 elk roam freely. The elk are at the nearby Tomlin Wildlife Management Area and were imported from Kentucky and Arizona. They're part of a Division of Natural Resources effort to restore the species to the state. The Gazette-Mail reports the four-hour tours are scheduled to begin Saturday and elk sightings aren't guaranteed, but the tours are scheduled for dawn and dusk, when elk are most active.
09/04/18	Valley Park - Hurricane		AM DRIVE	N/A	Valley Park in Hurricane has wrapped up its first summer season in two years after undergoing millions of dollars in renovations. After a \$15 million renovation Eyewitness News reported an estimated 100,000 people paid a visit to the all-new Valley Park this summer. And park management expects even more people to come in from surrounding counties and states for the Waves of Fun pool, kids' obstacle courses, disc golf course and baseball field. There's also an indoor conference facility that's expected to continue to draw visitors.
09/05/18	State Revenue UP		AM DRIVE	N/A	Governor Jim Justice is lauding a new report that shows state revenue up over 65-million-dollars over the past two months. Collections were over 30-million dollars in July and August, the first two months of this fiscal year. State officials attribute the current revenue growth to severance tax, consumer sales tax and personal income tax.

09/05/18	Sports Betting in WV		AM DRIVE	N/A	Sports betting is off to a strong start in West Virginia. More than 600-thousand dollars was wagered at Hollywood Casino over the weekend. It's the first time legalized sports betting was permitted in the state and officials say the solid figures are partly due to the full slate of college football games on the schedule.
09/06/18	Homeless Problems in St. Albans		AM DRIVE	N/A	St. Albans is addressing the homeless issue. St. Albans Mayor Scott James suggested ordinances to the St. Albans City Council this week, and the council is moving ahead with the process. If they pass, the ordinances would ban sleeping on public property discourage dumpster diving. The council is deciding on what the penalties would be for breaking the rules and then they'll draft the ordinances through a city attorney. There would be two public readings before they become law.
09/06/18	FEMA Grant		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Nicholas County Board of Education approved a \$159.8 million grant Tuesday from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The money will be used to build or expand on schools that will replace schools demolished or damaged after the June 2016 flood. Eyewitness News reported that Cherry River Elementary School in Richwood is intended to be expanded to include Richwood Middle and Richwood High schools, which had their school buildings torn down after the flood. The schools will have separate administrators in the same building. The district also plans on replacing Summersville Middle School, Nicholas County High School and Nicholas County Career and Technical Center with a new building

09/06/18	Nitro Scams		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Nitro Police Department is sending a warning after receiving several complaints of scammers make phone calls to try to get personal information. The scammer demands payment for an overdue AEP account and the scam is nothing new, but it's been resurfacing this week. Utilities don't require you to go purchase a prepaid card for payment so just hang up, and report scam calls to AEP.
09/07/18	Ice Arena Opens		AM DRIVE	N/A	An arena that has been closed for repairs since July is opening up this weekend. The South Charleston Memorial Ice Arena will open to the public tomorrow, and figure skaters and ice hockey players are practicing there today. Crews are working on a few finishing touches to the heating system under the ice now. The ice arena closed in July to allow time for repairs to a broken dehumidifier and a broken floor warming system.
09/07/18	Charleston Crime Rate Down		AM DRIVE	N/A	New numbers released from the Charleston Police Department show some crime rates in the city have gone down since Chief Steve Cooper took over one year ago. Eyewitness News said one of the most notable accomplishments has been Cooper's hybrid patrol unit, which is made up of about 10 officers walking or biking to give special attention to needed areas. Since the creation of the hybrid patrol, property crimes are on the decline. The Charleston Police Department is nearly at full staff with 171 officers. Its maximum is 173.

09/07/18	Kanawha County School AC Problems		AM DRIVE	N/A	Kanawha County schools continue to be hampered by problems with air conditioning systems. Capital High School had to release early one day this week after the building heated up and the AC couldn't cool properly, and Thursday, two more schools were forced to dismiss early. Belle Elementary School and Sissonville High School both let students go home around lunch time because of no air conditioning.
09/07/18	Water Checks		AM DRIVE	N/A	Water settlement checks will be in the mail next week...A judge gave permission to distribute the checks Friday September fourteenth, or Monday, September seventeenth. An additional one-million-dollars from former Freedom Industries President Gary Southern, will be divided across two-hundred-thousand checks, for a total of over 70-million-dollars.
09/09/18	Autism Awareness	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	With Lynn Browder, mother of Owen, on this episode Lynn discussed Owen losing his first teeth and how to help him cope with the physical change. Lynn also discussed Owen's sensory issues with food such as texture and color affecting his appetite. Lynn gave tips for going outside without meltdowns as well as the importance of having a dentist that makes autistic patients comfortable during regular procedures.

09/10/18	PSC Water Rate Increase		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The Public Service Commission is holding public comment hearings on the pending West Virginia American Water Company rate case. The public hearings start October 2 in Bluefield, and include stops in Fayetteville October 4th at the County Courthouse, Charleston at 6:30pm October 16th at the PSC headquarters, and in Huntington October 22 at the Cabell County Courthouse. An evidentiary hearing will follow October 30 through November 2 at the Public Service Commission Office in Charleston.</p>
09/10/18	DEA Drug Epidemic		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The DEA will talk about the drug epidemic at a meeting later this month in Charleston. They'll cover the major issues like doctor shopping and illegal prescriptions, and also people stealing from pharmacies to feed addictions. The Practitioner Diversion Awareness Conference happens September 29 and 30 at the Charleston Marriot Town Center, and it's free for doctors, veterinarians, dentists, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. There's more at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.</p>
09/11/18	Women & Technology Conference		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The annual Women and Technology Conference wrapped up Monday at the Embassy Suites in Charleston. The conference aimed to address the under representation of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math with speakers encouraging women to pursue STEM-based careers.</p>

09/11/18	Tragedy Assistance Program		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>A program at the New River Gorge is helping those who have lost loved ones in the military. The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors is a national military service organization that welcomes families who have lost a loved one as a result of their military service. A five-day retreat at New River Gorge recently was an opportunity for those families to connect with others who have undergone similar experiences. The families enjoyed zip lining and other outdoor recreational activities.</p>
09/11/18	School Bus Drivers		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The school bus driver shortage is a nationwide problem, and Kanawha County is one of many districts looking to fill open positions. Classroom training started Monday for 26 hopeful bus drivers who will undergo 40 hours of classroom training. Eyewitness News reported there around 30 vacancies. Bus drivers need a CDL license and have to pass drug, alcohol, and background checks, and have to pass state tests to become certified.</p>
09/12/18	Four-Year Higher Education		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The Blue Ribbon Commissioner on Four-Year Higher Education this week decided to divide itself into three subcommittees to help meet Gov. Jim Justice's mandate for more progress. West Virginia University President E. Gordon Gee is one of three co-chairs of the commission and picked by the governor to lead the meetings. Marshall University President Jerome Gilbert is another co-chair. The commission is working on a new funding formula for higher education. The next meeting of the full commission is 1 p.m. Oct. 2 in Charleston.</p>

09/12/18	Mountaineer Behavioral Health		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>As agencies across the state continue to address the drug epidemic, Martinsburg plans to open a new treatment facility. Mountaineer Behavioral Health aims to open its new 50-bed substance recovery treatment facility next July 4th. It's in the process of converting an existing building into its center for in-house residential addiction treatment and outpatient care. The building is on Old Charles Road across the street from the VA Hospital and it's possible with the help of a \$3 million grant.</p>
09/12/18	County's needle exchange program		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Kanawha County's needle exchange program won't be restarted. The program was suspended in March after Charleston Mayor Danny Jones called for it to be shut down over concerns about needles littering the streets. The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department says the program won't be reinstated.</p>
09/13/18	Voting Equipment		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>West Virginia election officials have approved more than \$6.5 million in federal grants to make upgrades to voting equipment and security across the state. Donald Kersey is the election division director for the Secretary of State's Office and told the Gazette-Mail that the funds will be used in 41 counties to upgrade or replace voting systems, to upgrade cybersecurity and to improve physical security where voting machines are stored. He said 26 counties will use at least part of the funding to upgrade voting systems, 24 counties plan to upgrade cybersecurity systems and 17 counties plan to improve physical security.</p>

09/13/18	HIV Cases in Ohio		AM DRIVE	N/A	Health officials in Ohio County are expressing concern about an increase in HIV cases. The Intelligencer reports the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department said six cases have been reported in Ohio County so far this year, and that makes a cluster because they have a similar location and time frame. All are linked to intravenous drug use and prostitution. They're trying to prevent an outbreak with testing, prevention and education.
09/14/18	Adult Obesity		AM DRIVE	N/A	Efforts will continue to get West Virginians to become more active. For the second year in a row, West Virginia leads the nation when it comes to adult obesity. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Trust for America's Health released its annual obesity report this week and said the Mountain State's obesity rate is 38.1 percent and increased slightly from 2017. A CAMC Weight Loss Center doctor said the increasing rates can be attributed to the lack of physical activity and diet mainly of fast food. With that comes the increased risk for diabetes and other diseases
09/14/18	West Virginia Teacher of the Year		AM DRIVE	N/A	Jada Reeves teaches fifth grade at Bradley Elementary School in Raleigh County and learned this week she's the West Virginia Teacher of the Year. The West Virginia Department of Education announced the honor at a gala this week in Charleston. Reeves teaches fifth grade at Bradley Elementary in Mt. Hope, and serves on several committees and volunteers in local youth sports.

09/15/18	Crime and Public Safety		AM DRIVE	N/A	Crime and public safety are two of the top issues in Charleston mayoral race. Three mayoral candidates laid out their plans in a public safety forum Thursday night, and topics included addressing vacant properties and drug addiction. Republican JB Akers, Independent Andy Backus and Democrat Amy Shuler Goodwin are on the November ballot.
09/15/18	EPA Superfund Sites		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing adding a West Virginia area to its National Priorities List of Superfund sites. The EPA is proposing adding the Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek Area Site in Minden to the list. That would make it a federal priority for cleanup, enforcement and funding. The company used the site from 1970-1984 to manufacture equipment used in mining. Sediments in Arbuckle Creek are contaminated with PCBs. The PCBs have spread to residential properties due to frequent flooding in the area. The creek also flows into the New River Gorge National River, which is extensively used for recreation and fishing.
09/16/18	National Preparedness Month	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	Kanawha County Emergency Management Office when over how to be prepared for Flooding - Winter Driving and such. C.W. Sigman and Mike Oakley discusses measures to take now to get ready for Winter weather.

09/17/18	Substance Abuse Treatment		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Substance Abuse Treatment has awarded \$130,000 to West Virginia University to support mental health and substance abuse treatment programs. The grant was announced by Democratic U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin and Republican U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito. Manchin said the funding will help train nurse practitioners, who will work with West Virginians affected by addiction. Capito said West Virginia's top education institutions are a necessary element of making sure health care professionals have what they need as they confront substance abuse and other mental health issues.</p>
09/17/18	RISE flood recovery program		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The West Virginia National Guard says twenty four mobile homes have been placed so far as part of the RISE flood recovery program. The Gazette-Mail reported the are twenty-nine more mobile home replacements that are in "construction phase," which includes obtaining permits and homeowner agreements. There were still 424 outstanding cases, including 166 families that will need a total home replacement. The West Virginia National Guard took control of the program in June.</p>

09/18/18	WV Economy		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Despite some improvements, the West Virginia economy still has some work to do. West Virginia is still 50th in the nation in overall business climate rankings, and the Gazette-Mail reported that since 2010, job growth and population growth has been concentrated in metropolitan areas of 1 million or more population and that puts West Virginia at a disadvantage. West Virginia has seen some positives including a competitive corporate net tax rate, and improvements in high school graduation rates, gross domestic product growth and increased exports. And there has been growth in manufacturing pharmaceuticals and in motor vehicle production.</p>
09/18/18	Roads to Prosperity program		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>State lawmakers heard from Transportation Secretary Tom Smith Sunday about the Roads to Prosperity program, and he said the \$2.8 billion initiative has seen setbacks along with positives. One good thing is that South Charleston has okayed funding the \$60 million Jefferson Road expansion project using tax funding from retail developments along the highway. Costs related to inflation are hampering some other projects, but they're continuing to evaluate ways to make them happen.</p>

09/18/18	Water Checks		AM DRIVE	N/A	The water crisis settlement checks from the 2014 chemical spill are starting to hit mailboxes. More than \$70 million in settlement payments are going out to water crisis victims who filed a simple claim, and with that good news comes the warning to watch out for mailbox theft. Charleston police said thieves are well aware that the checks are in the mail, and it's a good idea to watch your mailbox and your neighbor's too. West Virginia American Water customers will each receive about \$482 with additional residents in a household getting about \$157 in the nine-county area that had water supplies contaminated by the MCHM spill from Freedom Industries.
09/18/18	Water Checks		AM DRIVE	N/A	Water crisis settlement checks are in the mail. Settlement checks from the 2014 chemical spill will start arriving this week. More than 70-million-dollars in payments are going out to victims.
09/19/18	Water Checks		AM DRIVE	N/A	If you've got questions about the water settlement checks, a new hotline has been set up to help answer them. Legal Aid of West Virginia is a non-profit law firm, and they've got people standing by to answer questions about the simple residential claim settlements. About 200,000 residents and businesses are getting checks totaling about \$73 million. The hotline is 1-877-331-4259, or you can go to www.lawv.net/WaterSettlementBenefits
09/19/18	US News & World Report Best College		AM DRIVE	N/A	West Virginia University is no longer in the top 200 colleges according to the annual US News and World Report Best College issue. In 2018 WVU was rank 187th, but this year the school fell to 205 on the list. The school say the slip has little to do with WVU, but more with a modification the magazine used in their methodology.

09/19/18	Shawnee Sports Complex		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Shawnee Sports Complex will host two major youth football tournaments. The regional Pro Football Hall of Fame Youth Tournament will take place in November of 2019, featuring nearly fifty youth football teams. This November the first West Virginia Youth Football Championship will be held at the sports park.
09/20/18	Cabell County Recycle		AM DRIVE	N/A	It's getting cheaper to recycle in Cabell County. The Solid Waste Authority there proposed to lower the yearly recycling fee from \$75 to \$5 to try and expand recycling. The cost will go toward a key for for people to drop off recyclables at gated sites and keep up with clerical expenses. WCHS TV said if the new plan to lower the cost is approved, then the excess fees would be paid for by the county with an allotment of \$100,000 for one year.
09/20/18	United Way Day Of Caring		AM DRIVE	N/A	More than a thousand volunteers met at Appalachian Power Park Wednesday morning for the annual United Way Day of Caring. Organizers say it's the largest one-day volunteer event in central West Virginia and those volunteers tackled 73 projects in five counties - Kanawha, Putnam, Boone, Clay and Logan. WCHS TV reported some of the projects include helping with the Charleston Police Department, Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley, Manna Meal and dozens more.

09/20/18	Water Checks		AM DRIVE	N/A	People are lining up to cash their water settlement checks. More than 200-thousand Kanawha Valley residents and businesses received checks totaling more than 70-million dollars. Most people are able to cash the check at their own bank, but for those without a bank account, the check has to be cashed at Fifth Third Bank. The line was out the door at the downtown Charleston location. Some people waited more than an hour to receive their money.
09/21/18	WV Tourism		AM DRIVE	N/A	Tourism spending in West Virginia is growing. Governor Jim Justice told an audience of tourism professionals that the state had its first increase in traveler spending since 2012, and outpaced the national growth rate by 30-percent. In 2017 spending grew to over 4-point-3-billion-dollars.
09/21/18	Rockwool plant in Jefferson County		AM DRIVE	N/A	Governor Justice says the Rockwool plant in Jefferson County has his full support. Protestors have voiced concerns about the environmental impact of the insulation plant. The Governor says the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection will review the permitting process to ensure that the manufacturing operations don't endanger the health and welfare of the public or the environment.

09/22/18	U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration		AM DRIVE	N/A	Attorneys general from West Virginia and 10 other states are asking the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to further tighten the manufacture of opioids. West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's office says the DEA's preliminary quotas for 2019 don't reflect the federal agency's position that demand shouldn't be equated with legitimate need. He said he believes the proposed quotas are still excessive, even with a 10 percent reduction. West Virginia by far leads the nation in the rate of fatal drug overdoses.
09/22/18	suspended needle exchange program.		AM DRIVE	N/A	The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department released new information about the suspended needle exchange program. The review by health experts said the audit that was done by DHHR had some inaccuracies in it and there was no mis-management of the program. The DHHR's audit though pointed to several problems including the inability to track patients, the number of needles being distributed and the low number of patients receiving primary or mental health care
09/23/18	National Preparedness Month	Newsmaker	Sun. - 5:00am	30 minutes	Kanawha County Emergency Management Office when over how to be prepared for Flooding - Winter Driving and such. C.W. Sigman and Mike Oakley discusses measures to take now to get ready for Winter weather.
09/24/18	I-64 Road Work		AM DRIVE	N/A	Repair and resurfacing work on I-64 eastbound is scheduled to start tonight. DOT crews will begin work on a four-and-a-half-mile stretch of I-64 between Nitro and Institute. The project is expected last until mid-November.

09/24/18	Free Medical Clinic		AM DRIVE	N/A	A free medical clinic will return to Charleston next month. West Virginia Health Right will host the clinic October 21 st and 22 nd at the Bible Center School on Oakhurst Drive. Remote Area medical, a Tennessee base nonprofit, will provide free medical dental and vision health services.
09/25/18	U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration		AM DRIVE	N/A	Attorneys general from West Virginia and 10 other states are asking the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to further tighten the manufacture of opioids. West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's office says the DEA's preliminary quotas for 2019 don't reflect the federal agency's position that demand shouldn't be equated with legitimate need. He said he believes the proposed quotas are still excessive, even with a 10 percent reduction. The letter was signed by Morrisey and attorneys general from Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska and Utah. It was dated Wednesday. West Virginia by far leads the nation in the rate of fatal drug overdoses.

09/25/18	Appalachian Regional Commission		AM DRIVE	N/A	Gov. Jim Justice is recommending the Appalachian Regional Commission approve grants totaling over \$7.1 million for nine projects. Justice said the projects take advantage of West Virginia's assets and address community and economic development needs. The projects include public water and wastewater extensions and improvements, water treatment plant improvements and technical assistance to businesses and entrepreneurs. Other projects include training and consultation services for West Virginia firms, a consolidated technical assistance program in the West Virginia Development Office, training and job placement through Goodwill and capacity-building projects.
09/25/18	Student Hunger in WV		AM DRIVE	N/A	A new law is helping fight student hunger in West Virginia. It's the Feed to Achieve Act, and it focuses on making sure students have enough to eat while cutting down on food waste. The "Share Table" initiative encourages students to put a piece of fruit or fresh vegetables they didn't want to eat on a table, so other students can pick it up.
09/26/18	Methamphetamine Use in WV		AM DRIVE	N/A	With methamphetamine use on the rise in West Virginia, addiction treatment centers are seeing an increase of those seeking help with addiction. City officials in Huntington say opioid use is starting to decline, but meth addiction treatment has been increasing for the past year or so. Treatment for meth users requires outpatient therapy. Presteria has sites across eight counties in West Virginia to help those who are addicted.

09/27/18	Atlantic Coast Pipeline		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>A federal appeals court has halted work on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline through stretches of national forest land. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a request this week from environmental groups to stay National Forest Service decisions allowing construction on about 20 miles of the 600-mile route. Environmental groups requested the stay while a challenge to the forest service approvals is pending. The court is scheduled to hear arguments Friday.</p>
09/27/18	Charleston Civic Center New Name		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>The Charleston Civic Center is getting a new name. It will now be formally called the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center. The name change comes amid a multimillion dollar renovation project. Officials say by changing the name they hope to attract several different types of industries, with a focus on convention business.</p>
09/28/18	Boil Water Advisory		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Residents of one town are having to boil water before drinking it until further notice. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources suspects contamination in the entire Fort Gay water system and they're advising people not to drink it. And it could be a week before the problem is fully resolved. An overflow of sewage after heavy rains caused the problem, and they've got to wait for the overflow to completely stop, then test for bacteria, and wait on the lab for the results.</p>

09/28/18	WV State Historic Preservation Office		AM DRIVE	N/A	The public is being asked for comments on West Virginia's current historic preservation comprehensive plan and ideas for continued efforts through 2024. The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office will conduct at least eight meetings across the state to collect public comment. The agency says information from the meetings and surveys will be used to draft a new comprehensive plan. The plan is expected to be finalized and approved by the National Park Service by July.
09/28/18	Hepatitis A Outbreak		AM DRIVE	N/A	The worst of the Hepatitis A outbreak may be over. The health department in Cabell County said the outbreak appears to be two months past its peak. The Gazette-Mail reported the county had 216 confirmed cases and has consistently ranked second statewide behind Kanawha County and its current 644 cases. The frequency of new cases has dropped since June and July. Cabell and Kanawha Counties account for over half of the Hepatitis A cases statewide
09/29/18	Sports Betting in WV		AM DRIVE	N/A	The sports book at Wheeling Island and Mardi Gras casinos will not open this weekend. The casinos' parent company says the opening will be delayed, but didn't give a reason. The state Lottery hopes to schedule a test of the sports books sometime in October
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09/19/19	Atlantic Coast Pipeline		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>Federal officials will allow construction to resume on the Atlantic Coast pipeline. Work was stopped several weeks ago when a federal appeals court threw out two key permits for the natural gas pipeline, but the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission announced the change in a letter Monday to the lead developer, Dominion Energy. Construction resumed right away. The pipeline is starting in West Virginia and running through parts of Virginia and North Carolina.</p>
09/21/19	A medical mobile clinic		AM DRIVE	N/A	<p>A medical mobile clinic is coming to Charleston next month. The nonprofit group Remote Area Medical will have free dental, vision and medical care and you'll need a ticket to take advantage. They'll open the parking lot at midnight the first night of the event and start passing out tickets around 3am. The doors open at 6am. The event will be held Oct. 21 and Oct. 22 at Bible Center School, 1111 Oakhurst Drive in Charleston. Remote Area Medical partners with West Virginia Health Right.</p>