

**Quarterly Report**

Type	Time	Date	Description
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	7/2/2018	Meals in Virginia's capital city just got a little more expensive. The city's meals tax increased from 6 percent to 7.5 percent over the weekend. Richmond Mayor pushed for the tax increase as a way to increase spending on school construction. The tax increase is projected to bring in an extra \$9 million a year.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	2-Jul-18	Sears has announced they will be closing two stores in the Hampton Roads area. Sears will close the Pembroke Mall store in Virginia Beach and the Greenbrier Store in Chesapeake. These stores are expected to close in early September.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	2-Jul-18	Liberty University College of Osteopathic (ostio path ic) Medicine developed its first residency program with six collaborative partners. The residency program has initial accreditation through the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education.
News	7:00/8:00	2-Jul-18	Virginia Beach officials are all hands on deck this holiday as they are anticipating large crowds for July 4th. According to the chief of Virginia Beach Life Saving Service, there are 75 lifeguards and supervisors working. They are encouraging you to find where the lifeguard stands are and to keep a close eye on water conditions.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	3-Jul-18	Social Media is warning about a man in Lynchburg who's approaching women at local stores blocking them from their cars and asking them personal questions. This has happened at River Ridge Mall and Target in Lynchburg. The Lynchburg Police Department have questioned the man and he has been banned from River Ridge Mall for the time being.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	3-Jul-18	The last propeller plane has taken its last flight from the Lynchburg Regional Airport. For more than 20 years, the Lynchburg airport has used prop planes to head to Charlotte. Yesterday they made the switch to an all jet service, where planes will be able to accommodate 65 passengers at a time. Airport staff say the jet planes are preferred by customers because they are quieter and smoother.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	3-Jul-18	A commission studying what to do with the most prominent Confederate monuments in Richmond, Virginia, recommended removing one honoring Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Richmond, a former capital of the Confederacy, has five Confederate statues along Monument Avenue. The report suggests that part of the Davis monument could be relocated to his grave at Hollywood Cemetery.

News	7:00/8:00	3-Jul-18	President Trump will make another visit to West Virginia today. He will be at the Greenbrier Resort this evening. This is his fifth visit to the Mountain State. He last visited in April to talk about the economy. .
News	7:00/8:00	3-Jul-18	Dr. Katherine Rowe was sworn in as the first female president of William & Mary yesterday. Rowe became the college's 28th president and hopes to make college affordable for students of all backgrounds.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	5-Jul-18	The public got a rare look at the guided missile cruiser the USS Monterey yesterday. The crew of 300 welcomed victors for the Forth of July. The ship is docked at Nauticus in Norfolk, this is just three months after it was a part of an offensive mission in Syria.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	5-Jul-18	A group of 101 people from 50 countries took part in a naturalization ceremony at Mount Vernon yesterday. Crowds braved the heat to take it all in, some with flags and cameras in hand showing their American pride. What a great time to become a citizen, on the 4th of July.
News	7:00/8:00	5-Jul-18	Senator Tim Kaine will make a campaign stop in Roanoke today. He will meet with 6th District Congressional Candidate Jennifer Lewis at 5:30 p.m.. Kaine is up for re-election this year, running against Republican Corey Stewart. Lewis is running against Republican Ben Cline for the seat being vacated by Bob Goodlatte, who is not seeking re-election.
News	7:00/8:00	5-Jul-18	The summer weather is a great excuse to hit the trails across Lynchburg, but after an alleged incident at Riverside Park, Lynchburg Police are sending extra patrols to the bike trail. Several people on the trail say to be aware of your surroundings and make sure to keep a phone on you.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	6-Jul-18	Firefighters responded to a major fire at the Marine Environmental Services in the Greenwood Industrial Park in Portsmouth. Crews attacked the smoke and flames from a ladder truck with water cannons and a couple of homes behind the business were evacuated. Gasoline was involved, no injuries have been reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	6-Jul-18	A plane ran off the runway and into some trees at the Smith Mountain Lake airport yesterday. There was no fire and no injuries. The plane dates back to World War II and the owner of the plane was the only one on board during the crash.

News	7:00/8:00	6-Jul-18	Looking for something to do this weekend? Head on out to the first weekend of the Salem Fair. They have rides, food, vendors and entertainment. Hours are 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night, and noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	9-Jul-18	More safety in schools is what the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office is working to accomplish. The Sheriff's Office will present a plan to the school board Thursday giving two outreach deputies school resource duties in the 16 county elementary schools. If approved, the program will take effect this fall with the start of the school year.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	9-Jul-18	A helicopter crashed into a townhouse in Williamsburg yesterday near the College of William and Mary. One person has lost their life from the crash. Officials are working to locate and identify the pilot of the aircraft. The cause of the crash is under investigation, only the pilot was on board the helicopter when it hit.
News	7:00/8:00	9-Jul-18	Another person has passed away after being swept away from the shore by rough surf in Kill Devil Hills. The 60-year-old man is the fifth person to lose their life this summer swimming off the Outer Banks. Officials remind everyone to be mindful of flag warnings. Red means no swimming and yellow means strong currents and to swim with caution.
News	7:00/8:00	9-Jul-18	Don't let a good dead lead to you getting scammed. Multiple people have contacted police about a recent phone scam asking for donations for the Salem Football team. The number putting out the call is from a 770 area code. If you receive a phone call like this, police advise you to not donate any money and hang up immediately.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	10-Jul-18	There will be a temporary water shut-off and boil water advisory for the Old Graves Mill Road area tomorrow. The shutoff is due to contractors needing to install a water service connection in a new housing development. Water will be turned off to several streets off of Old Graves Mill Road from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	10-Jul-18	Mazda is recalling nearly 270,000 vehicles with defective Takata airbags that can potentially injure occupants. Over the last several years, about 50 million airbag inflators have been recalled in the U.S., making it the largest recall in the nation's history.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30	10-Jul-18	Indoor arena football is coming back to Roanoke. The Berglund Center is welcoming the Virginia Iron Horses team for spring 2019. The last arena football team in this area was the Roanoke Steam, which played at the Berglund Center for three years in 2002. Season tickets for the Virginia Iron Horses go on sale this fall.
News	7:00/8:00	10-Jul-18	Kroger is warning its customers that a coupon offering \$250 off an order is a scam. Many have shared the coupon on social media, but Kroger says the giveaway is not affiliated with or supported by the Company. Kroger's recommendation is to not engage with the link or provide any personal information.
Interview	7:00/8:00	10-Jul-18	Do you have any cardboard laying around the house? The Martinsville-Henry County SPCA is in urgent need of cardboard trays. The SPCA uses them as litter boxes for their cats and kittens. They are also in need of cans of chicken and tuna.
News	7:00/8:00	10-Jul-18	The National Transportation Safety Board says they've recovered the body of the pilot of the small helicopter that crashed into the townhouse near William and Mary causing a fire. The pilot has since been identified, but the circumstances around the crash are still unknown. At least 10 units have been evacuated.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	11-Jul-18	A panel on school safety gave 11 recommendations to the Virginia Beach School Board yesterday. The panel brought together members of Naval Air Station Oceana, the Virginia Beach Police Department, the school district and the city to investigate school safety. Two of the recommendations were conducting more safety training for staff and increasing mental health support for students.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	11-Jul-18	Residents who live on or around Old Graves Mill Road in Lynchburg will be without water today between 9am and 4pm while contractors work on water service lines. Once the water is turned back on, residents will be under a boil water advisory. The city is asking residents to check the city's website on Friday to find out exactly when the advisory will be lifted.
News	7:00/8:00	11-Jul-18	The Timberlake Road exit from Route 501 is closed. The closure will allow crews to work on the Wards Ferry Road and Logans Lane projects. The closure is expected to last for 30 days.
News	7:00/8:00	11-Jul-18	Virginia Beach City Council voted and approved plans to build a new \$68 million-dollar Sports Center at the Oceanfront. With the approval site clearing is expected to start next month with the entire project to be completed by November 2020.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30	12-Jul-18	The Port of Virginia has had another record-breaking financial year while it continued work on a major expansion project. This expansion is expected to allow ships to carry more cargo and move more quickly. At the moment, the port is in the middle of a \$700 million capacity expansion at Virginia International Gateway and Norfolk International Terminals.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	12-Jul-18	New signs are up at three central Virginia elementary schools formerly named for Confederate leaders. The school names A.P. Hill, Robert E. Lee and J.E.B. Stuart were changed to Cool Spring, Lakemont, and Pleasants Lane Elementary. The city received a \$20,000 donation earlier this year to cover the cost.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	12-Jul-18	The State Department of Historic Resources announced that a historic district in the city of Salem has been approved and will be added to the Virginia Landmarks Register. A section of North Broad Street is now the first registered residential historic district to be recognized in the city.
News	7:00/8:00	12-Jul-18	Childcare providers and parents across Virginia are being advised about a contagious virus that's spreading among children. A letter sent out by the Central Shenandoah Health District warns that cases of hand, foot and mouth disease have elevated in recent weeks. The viral illness infects children up to age 5, and symptoms include fever, fatigue, a rash in the mouth, or on the palms or soles, and sometimes painful sores
News	7:00/8:00	12-Jul-18	The federal government is spending \$750,000 to help bring new nonstop flights to the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport. The new flights would be to Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, and/or Detroit. Negotiations will start with three different airlines: American, Delta and United. If the airport is successful in negotiating with these airlines, flights could begin within six months.
News	7:00/8:00	12-Jul-18	A Virginia-class attack submarine that played a role in Syria back in April is back in Norfolk. The USS John Warner fired six Tomahawk missiles from the Mediterranean Sea during the strikes. While deployed, the John Warner traveled more than 30,000 nautical miles.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	13-Jul-18	This last fiscal year Virginia collected \$550 million more than expected. The surplus was due to increases in income tax payments, along with a strong stock market and a boost in federal defense spending. Lawmakers have already set aside the surplus to replenish the state's rainy day fund.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30	13-Jul-18	Governor Ralph Northam announced that Smyth Companies has invested \$6.5 million in new equipment at its printing operation in the Town of Bedford. The company is a leader in the printing and packaging industry. In addition, they will receive funding from the Virginia Jobs Investment Program to support the retraining their existing employees on the new machinery.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	13-Jul-18	Higher than normal tides are expected from today to Monday on the East coast. Expected high tides in coastal areas across the country increase the likelihood of coastal flooding, potentially deadly ocean currents and sand erosion. Remember to check the flag color before entering the water, red means don't swim.
News	7:00/8:00	13-Jul-18	After the 2018 NATO Summit in Brussels NATO announced that it will expand its presence in Norfolk, establishing a new command there and two others in Germany and Belgium. Norfolk already has the only NATO command in all of North America, known as Supreme Allied Command Transformation Headquarters. The expansion will be called Joint Force Command
News	7:00/8:00	7-1318	The City of Lynchburg and Appalachian Power are partnering together to begin Main Street renewal projects in 2019. Appalachian Power's underground equipment was installed in the 1930's so they plan to replace the aging system with new wire, and updated transformers, which will improve the quality and reliability of the electric service and allow for faster restoration times when the power goes out.
News	7:00/8:00	13-Jul-18	Sweet Briar College is continuing to raise large funds. The school announced they received donations and pledges that totaled \$18.4 million. \$13 million of those funds are being used for the current fiscal year. The donations have allowed them to renovate several of their residence halls.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	16-Jul-18	The Lee County Virginia School Board has approved a policy to allow some of its employees to carry guns at county schools starting in the fall. Teachers who are chosen will have to complete a rigorous training regimen. Next, the plan will head to a circuit judge for review and if that is approved, the county can begin the process of providing weapons to employees.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	16-Jul-18	The Roanoke City School Board will hold a special meeting tonight to finalize discussions and take action on whether to change the name of Stonewall Jackson Middle School. Over the past couple of months, the school system has issued surveys and held public meetings. A task force, studying the issue, has recommended changing the name.

News	7:00/8:00	16-Jul-18	Franklin County Sheriff's Office is the latest department in the region to use body cameras. Video captured on the Pro-vision cameras will be stored in the county on a server that they purchased along with cameras. 32 deputies, along with two school resource officers, will be equipped with cameras.
News	7:00/8:00	16-Jul-18	The Salvation Army's New Day Center in Roanoke is a few days away from completion. The center is in southeast Roanoke and will serve as a street outreach and drop-in center for those 18 to 24 years old. There's a section to relax and play games, read a book or grab a bite to eat.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	17-Jul-18	The Roanoke City School Board has decided to change the name of Stonewall Jackson Middle School to John P. Fishwick. Fishwick was a graduate who later became the chief executive of Norfolk and Western Railway, and also served in the Navy. The school board hopes to make all of the minor changes at the school before classes begin in August.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	17-Jul-18	A Sam's Club spokesperson says diesel fuel was put into a regular grade gas tank at their two Sam's Club stores one in Chesapeake and one on Virginia Beach Boulevard. The stores are in the process of purging and cleaning their tanks. Anyone who pumped diesel into a car that should have had regular gasoline and experienced a problem should contact store management.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	17-Jul-18	A new private school is setting up shop in northeast Roanoke, and its goal is to educate students for free, helping lift them and their families out of poverty. The property may not look like much now, but the foundation has big plans, a K-12 private school that offers full scholarships for its students. The school is still looking at applications for potential students, and the plan is to start fall classes in late August.
News	7:00/8:00	17-Jul-18	400 Landscape professionals volunteered at Arlington National Cemetery yesterday for an annual service project. For the past 22 years, the National Association of Landscape Professionals has organized an annual pilgrimage to volunteer at the cemetery. Volunteers from all over the country took care of the irrigation systems and worked on keeping the grass healthy.

News	7:00/8:00	17-Jul-18	The nation's newest aircraft carrier The USS Gerald R. Ford's returned to Newport News Shipbuilding for a year of planned upgrades and fixes, marking the next phase in the development of the Navy's most advanced warship. The Ford's stay at the shipyard is a normal step toward combat readiness, which is expected in 2022. The USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group will also return to Naval Station Norfolk this week.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	18-Jul-18	Virginia taxpayers could be on the hook for more than \$10 million in legal fees related to three redistricting lawsuits. The state has already paid more than \$6 million in legal fees related to the cases. Of that, about \$4.5 million has been paid defending the map that lawmakers drew in 2011 for state legislative and congressional districts.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	18-Jul-18	First responders at Joint Base Langley-Eustis held a training to prepare them for an aircraft crash. Responders had to rescue crews members from the ship and put out the fire, while also pulling airplane passengers from the water. After the exercise wrapped up, officials went over their strengths and weaknesses to learn what they should do in the future.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	18-Jul-18	Another person has lost their life on the coast of North Carolina this summer bringing the total to 7. Authorities say a woman passed away after she was pulled from the Atlantic Ocean, in the town of Duck. This is still under the amount from 2016, which was 9. Again, use caution, don't panic, and if you are not a good swimmer don't get in even if the flag is just yellow.
News	7:00/8:00	18-Jul-18	Traveling around Hampton Roads just got a bit easier. Hampton Roads Transit is getting an upgrade this month, in the form of 28 new buses. The new ones will replace the agency's older buses and are expected improve the transit experience for drivers and customers. Half of the order already arrived from California and will hit the streets soon.
News	7:00/8:00	18-Jul-18	A year after changing the names of two parks named for Confederate generals, Charlottesville City Council has decided to rename them again. Councilors voted, 4-1, to change Emancipation Park, formerly Lee Park, to Market Street Park and Justice Park, formerly Jackson Park, to Court Square Park.



News	6:30/7:30/8:30	19-Jul-18	A Virginia resident in Hampton Roads has passed away after coming in contact with a flesh-eating bacteria found in warm salt or brackish waters. The bacteria can make people ill if they eat raw or under cooked shellfish or if an open cut comes into contact with the contaminated water. Nine people in Virginia have reported illnesses from this bacteria and although it is rare for a serious infection to occur people should take the risk seriously.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	19-Jul-18	If you are worried about your child's car seat being installed properly then you can have it checked by the experts. Roanoke Fire-EMS is holding a child safety seat check today. Stop by Fire Station 6 on Jamison Avenue between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to have yours checked.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	19-Jul-18	The Downtown Lynchburg Association is seeking volunteers. The City of Lynchburg is hosting its 10th annual Get Downtown event on September 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. Those who participate will receive a free Downtown Lynchburg Association t-shirt.
News	7:00/8:00	19-Jul-18	It's been a busy summer for water rescues in Newport News. Officials say so far this year, crews have already responded to 29 calls on the water. Legally, if you go out on a boat you're required to have one life jacket available for every person on board. Officials are urging people even if you know how to swim, you should have a life jacket on in case of an emergency.
News	7:00/8:00	19-Jul-18	The City of Danville is considering not to fill vacant city positions, like police and fire, along with closing one of the city's seven fire stations in order to save money. According to a recent report the city is facing a projected deficit of \$22 million over the next 5 years. They say closing one fire station alone would save the city \$2.4 million dollars.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	20-Jul-18	A U.S. guided-missile destroyer that targeted chemical weapons facilities in Syria is returning to its home port in Virginia today. The USS Laboon is scheduled to arrive at Naval Station Norfolk with a crew of more than 300 sailors.
	7:00/8:00	20-Jul-18	The city of Roanoke wants your opinion as it launches a new comprehensive plan for the future. City leaders want to know what you want to see in the Star City over the next 20 years and want your help to identify Roanoke's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. To get feedback, officials are holding public meetings and asking you to complete a survey on their new website.

	6:30/7:30/8:30	23-Jul-18	Local officials in a central Virginia county say a giant Confederate flag visible from Interstate 64 has to come down because it violates a zoning ordinance. The Virginia Flaggers, which installed Confederate flags across the state, put the flag up in March. The flaggers said that it was a monument and therefore exempt from the ordinance. However the Louisa County Board of Zoning Appeals denied a petition to leave the flag in place.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	23-Jul-18	By 2020, the open land off route 11 will be the home to the new Pulaski County Middle School. The new school will feature modern, state of the art educational tools and will take students from both Dublin middle and the current Pulaski middle school.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	23-Jul-18	Busch Gardens Williamsburg's Escape From Pompeii ride will be closed indefinitely after a fire on the ride's roof Saturday night. Luckily the ride was not operating at the time of the fire and there were no park guests in the area at the time. There is currently no estimated time for it to reopen.
	7:00/8:00	23-Jul-18	As a result of the increase in motorcycle fatalities last year, several Virginia state troopers are working with the Ride to Save Lives program to help lower the numbers. The program offers riders tips on ways to better control their motorcycle in hopes of reducing crashes. Virginia Police said so far, the safety program is working.
	7:00/8:00	23-Jul-18	Virginia Private College Week kicks off today. Private colleges across the commonwealth will hold campus tours and information sessions about admissions, financial aid and academic programs. Private College Week runs through Saturday.
	7:00/8:00	23-Jul-18	Listen up hikers! Evans Park just opened up to the public in Danville. The trails are three to four miles long and the park sits on over 100 acres of land. The hike takes you through a very secluded area that goes by a creek, visitors to the park have said that it is very peaceful.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	24-Jul-18	Pepperidge Farm is voluntarily recalling four varieties of its Goldfish snacks after the company was told that an ingredient in its seasoning may contain salmonella. The products were distributed throughout the country, but no illnesses have been reported yet.

	6:30/7:30/8:30	24-Jul-18	Smithfield Foods is closing the last smokehouse that creates the genuine Smithfield ham, that's been in the Virginia town for over 50 years. State law requires that a Smithfield ham is cured in the town, in order to be called a "genuine Smithfield ham". Well, when Smithfield Foods, was purchased five years ago by the Chinese not all their hams were cured in the town. So whether the company will build a new smokehouse, seek a change in state law, or simply abandon the "genuine Smithfield" name is a matter of local speculation.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	24-Jul-18	The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing about money for Colonial Elementary School construction. Earlier this year, the county announced it would replace the nearly 80-year-old school. The board could vote to give over \$22 million dollars to the project.
	7:00/8:00	24-Jul-18	Roanoke police arrested the man they say shattered the front door to Senator Mark Warner's downtown Roanoke office. Thankfully, no one was in the office at the time. James Trainor, faces one count of property damage. Congressmen Morgan Griffith and Bob Goodlatte both reached out to Senator Mark Warner offering their support.
	7:00/8:00	24-Jul-18	Boaters in Virginia Beach are having big concerns about the Lynnhaven River. Over the years sand has built up in the channel, creating a dangerous situation. At low tide the water level can drop to about a foot and a half. This winter the Army Corps will spend \$1 million dollars doing a full-scale dredge to put the sand back on the nearby beaches. The hope is to get the water level back to 9 feet.
	7:00/8:00	24-Jul-18	The Virginia Museum of Transportation is holding a volunteer open house tonight. If you are looking for a place to volunteer stop by between 5:30 and 7:30pm and meet the staff to learn about what you can do there.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	25-Jul-18	Virginia Beach and much of the region have been hit hard by on and off rain showers over the past several days. Due to the recent flooding Virginia Beach is opened up a shelter at Landstown High School yesterday. Residents who go there are asked to bring their own food, medicine, bedding and entertainment for children. Bottled water and medical supervision will be provided, pets are not allowed.

6:30/7:30/8:30	25-Jul-18	The organizer of last summer's white nationalist rally in Virginia was seeking a court order that would allow him to stage an event marking its anniversary. As of yesterday, however, Jason Kessler has withdrawn his injunction request for a permit in Charlottesville for August 12. Kessler is planning to hold a rally in Washington, D.C. that same weekend.
6:30/7:30/8:30	25-Jul-18	Virginia is making an additional \$1.3 million dollars available to cities and counties to fund school resource officer and security officer positions. The grant requirements have also been modified in an attempt to make hiring officers easier. The maximum amount of funding per job has also increased, from \$50,000 to \$70,000 dollars for school resource officers, that are certified law enforcement officials, and from \$22,000 to \$35,000 for a security officer.
7:00/8:00	25-Jul-18	A Veterans Information Fair will take place today at Dabney Lancaster Community College. Representatives from the Salem VA Medical Center, Department of Veterans Services and the Community College System will be there, talking about the services they offer. The fair runs from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
7:00/8:00	25-Jul-18	Chesapeake Public Schools announced their new superintendent, Dr. Jared A. Cotton. Cotton has decided to hold Meet and Greet events ahead of the new school year. These events are open to school division employees and community members and will be held in each school's auditorium.
6:30/7:30/8:30	26-Jul-17	Because of recent flooding Officials with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources have issued a swimming alert for coastal waters around Dare and Currituck counties due to high levels of bacteria. State officials will begin resampling these locations when roads are passable and 24 hours after storm water pumping has stopped. This precautionary advisory will be lifted in part or in whole as test results become available.
6:30/7:30/8:30	26-Jul-17	Altavista is getting a new police chief from Danville. The Town Manager announced the replacement for Police Chief at the beginning of a Town Council work session. Thomas Merricks, a captain with the Danville Police Department, will step into the position Sept. 3. He will lead 12 police officers and one civilian employee
6:30/7:30/8:30	26-Jul-17	The Virginia zoo is continuing to investigate possible sightings of a red panda that escaped more than a year ago in Norfolk. They have received reports of at least three recent sightings of Sunny. Sunny escaped the zoo in January 2017 and her thick coat of fur would have kept her warm during the winter, while she could have lived off local vegetation. If she is still alive the zoo hopes to get her back soon.

	7:00/8:00	26-Jul-17	An explosion near Martinsville at a Patrick County manufacturing plant sent three people to the hospital. It's still unknown what caused the explosion at Thomas Industrial Fabrication. The Virginia Department of Labor is investigating the cause of the explosion.
	7:00/8:00	26-Jul-17	The aviary at Lynchburg's Miller Park reopens today. It was built in 1902 and recently was renovated to improve the floor structure and increase the amount of weight the building can bare. The aviary has been used for many purposes in the last 116 years, including a library, office space, garden center and wedding venue. A ribbon cutting takes place this morning at 10:30 a.m.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	27-Jul-18	Major upgrades are coming to River Ridge Mall in Lynchburg. There has been some rumors circulating about what's in the works including new food courts, national chain stores, and \$100 million dollars being put in to renovating the building. They hope to have more information in the near future.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	27-Jul-18	The Amherst Disaster Recovery Group needs people to volunteer to be case managers. Essentially, case managers would work with a family to find out what the needs are so the resources that were collected in April can be connected and distributed fairly. The group will provide training, no experience is required.
	7:00/8:00	27-Jul-18	Officials in Currituck County have issued a state of the emergency for the Swan Beach subdivision. The declaration will allow them to begin pumping flood waters from impassable roads. Emergency pumping is also underway in the Ocean Sands and Spindrift communities.
	7:00/8:00	27-Jul-18	Several Marines were injured after a vehicle crashed at Fort A.P. Hill. Thirteen Marines were in a vehicle when it slid off the road and rolled over. 3 were sent to the hospital, and some were treated on site, all are expected to be okay. Base officials say the Marines were coming from one of the ranges and they believe the weather played a role.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	31-Jul-18	Officials have announced that a \$43 million-dollar investment and 212 new jobs are coming to Henry County. Press Glass is the first company to be located in the county's Commonwealth Crossing Industrial Park. Virginia competed against North Carolina for the project.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	31-Jul-18	A Lynchburg business, located in the Boonsboro shopping center is surveying the damage after a car came through the wall, landing inside the store. Paisley Gifts & Stationary suffered a lot of damage after the driver accidentally hit the gas instead of the breaks, narrowly missed a customer and another worker.

	6:30/7:30/8:30	31-Jul-18	Starting in August, Appalachian Power customers in Virginia will start seeing a reduced rate thanks to a federal tax change, according to Appalachian Power. The savings Virginians will see is due to a \$50 million-dollar rate reduction, which reduced the corporate income tax rate from 35 to 21 percent starting.
	7:00/8:00	31-Jul-18	The drinking water aboard a U.S. Navy ship at a Virginia shipyard is no longer testing positive for E. coli. A routine water test found the contaminants on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Eisenhower was at the shipyard for maintenance work and is awaiting results from additional water samples before giving the all-clear.
	7:00/8:00	31-Jul-18	Macy's is coming to Greenbrier Mall. The grand debut of the Macy's Outlet Store is August 18 and will offer customers another way to shop at their favorite store by providing a store-within-store shopping experience featuring significant savings. Giveaways are expected to be a part of the experience for the first 200 customers and there will also be special events throughout the day.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	1-Aug-18	Boeing is making a major donation to Virginia Tech. The airplane manufacturer is contributing \$3 million to support Virginia Tech's Discovery Program. The money will go toward scholarships and learning grants. The program will allow students to engage in projects with Boeing experts available to them for advice.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	1-Aug-18	A luxury leather goods company announced that it is putting down roots in Amherst County. Moore & Giles, based out of Forest, Virginia, purchased a 50,000 square-foot distribution center located in the Amelon Commerce Center in Madison Heights and expects to start operations as soon as September.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	1-Aug-18	Three people are in jail after being arrested yesterday for a fire at the former outlet mall in Wythe County. They have all been charged with one felony count of arson in connection to the fire at the old Factory Merchants Outlet Mall in Fort Chiswell, which is off I-81 in Wythe County.
	7:00/8:00	1-Aug-18	Virginia's tax-free school supply holiday is this weekend. The sales tax holiday starts Friday and ends Sunday. During that time you can purchase qualifying school supplies, clothes, shoes, hurricane preparedness items, Energy Star, and WaterSense products without the added sales tax tacked.
	7:00/8:00	1-Aug-18	A 15-year-old boy called police after he said two people in a white van tried to abduct him near the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. He was walking on 13th Street near Mediterranean and Cypress avenues when a van stopped behind him, and a man jumped out of the van trying to grab him. The suspects wore black hoodies and white masks, thankfully the teen was able to escape.

	7:00/8:00	1-Aug-18	Danville Police has a near record recruiting class of 20 that will start 29 weeks of training today. Their recruiting class is just shy of the record of 22 recruits, set back in 1987. Recruits said they are excited about working on improving community relations with law enforcement.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	2-Aug-18	A Virginia manufacturing company has been selected to collaborate on a project with the U.S. Army. MELD Manufacturing in Christiansburg, Virginia, has been chosen to be a part of the Army's Technology Search program. MELD was selected for the first phase of the program based on its proposal to create lighter-weight, high-strength materials for the next generation of combat vehicles.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	2-Aug-18	Good news for The Resort City! Virginia Beach has been named the No. 1 safest metro city in the country by SafeWise. The list is determined by looking at the number of crimes reported per 1,000 people. Your chance of falling victim to a crime in Virginia Beach is 1 in 1,000, according to the data.
	7:00/8:00	2-Aug-18	It's almost the one-year anniversary of the violent Charlottesville Rallies on August 12 and the city is already preparing. The Albemarle Board of Supervisors held a meeting where different city departments presented their plans for the weekend. Officials will be monitoring traffic patterns and have quick response teams ready in case something happens. They've also added a fully staffed emergency operations center.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	6-Aug-18	Lots of Lynchburg was under a flash flood warning last night, and with more rain in the forecast today, it could potentially get worse. Yesterday those in the area near the Blackwater creek trail were forced to evacuate as officials are closely monitoring the College Lake Dam. If the dam fails, the water depth could exceed 17 feet in 7 minutes. E. C. Glass High school auditorium has opened up as a shelter, and pets are allowed. The Salvation Army is also housing people who have to evacuate.
	6:30/7:30/8:30	6-Aug-18	A power outage that started yesterday has affected more than 3,000 people in Danville. The outage was caused by a tree that fell across a power line on Woodlawn Drive and snapped the top of a utility pole. Power should be restored at this time.

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8/6/2018 If you were planning your dreaded trip to the DMV this Saturday, you now actually have an excuse to skip it. All Virginia DMV locations will be closed this Saturday and the department's website, dmv NOW dot com, will be down temporarily. The closure is to allow for Virginia Information Technologies Agency to move the state's information to a new location

- 7:00/8:00 8/6/2018 Senator Tim Kaine wrote a letter to General Electric officials in response to the manufacturing plant closure in Salem urging him to reconsider and save the 265 jobs that will be lost. GE was one of the area's largest employers and has been in the community since 1955. GE cited a drop in revenue as the reason for the closure.
- 7:00/8:00 8/6/2018 Forest Middle School in Bedford County is getting a makeover, and the county and the architects want your input. Teachers, parents, administrators, even students came out to a special workshop yesterday to give their opinion on the upcoming \$22 million dollar project. The next middle school workshop will be on August 16. Design plans should be done by Spring 2019 and construction should be finished by the fall of 2020.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/7/2018 Virginia Beach came in as the second-best city to live in. The study was based on 5 factors, quality of life, economy, safety, education & health and affordability. Seattle Washington was the #1 city to live in, and the worst city to live in was Detroit Michigan.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/7/2018 Roanoke City Council decided the fate of Fire Station No. 7. The Council was posed with two options -- tear down and replace historic Fire Station No. 7 or keep the building. They chose to replace the fire station with a newer structure after hearing from the architecture and engineering team.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/7/2018 Cleanup following flooding in Campbell County last week continues. Officials say that those forced to evacuate apartments on Odra Drive will be able to return home later this week, as long as the apartments are deemed safe and dry. Greenwell Court and Jefferson Drive will remain closed due to flood damage, officials say they believe that they will be reopened within about 30 days.
- 7:00/8:00 8/7/2018 Nearly 400 sailors aboard the USS Oak Hill are scheduled to return home on today. The Oak Hill deployed in February, along with USS Iwo Jima and USS New York, and conducted maritime security operations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Officials said the Oak Hill will pull into port at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story.
- 7:00/8:00 8/7/2018 On today Liberty University will light its Freedom Tower in purple in honor of Purple Heart Day. Purple Heart Day is observed annually as a way to remember service members who were wounded on the battlefield or killed defending our nation's freedom. In 2017, the university became the first college in Virginia to be designated as a Purple Heart University.



- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/8/2018 Here locally you have a chance to help those affected by the fires by collecting supplies for Gleaning for the World to deliver to the victims. They are doing a collection at the Sam's club on Ward's Road today through Friday from 10am – 6pm. They are collecting certain items along with monetary donations to ship those items. There is a list on our website at [MyJourneyFM.com](http://MyJourneyFM.com)
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/8/2018 The City of Lynchburg's budget always includes money for emergencies. But, they say with the April tornado costing them millions of dollars and now with the flash flooding, they're running out of money to clean up. The preliminary estimate for flooding damages is over 9 million dollars and that's only counting damage to roads, bridges and the city's water control facilities.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/8/2018 Parents buying school supplies for kids should avoid Playskool crayons. The brand is sold at Dollar Tree, and was found to have trace elements of asbestos. A spokesman for Dollar Tree said however that all of its children's products are independently tested and meet all legal and safety standards.
- 7:00/8:00 8/8/2018 Many Virginians celebrated National Night Out last night. Hundreds of people showed up in downtown Bedford to thank police officers in person. One of the goals of National Night Out is to form personal connections between officers and the community.
- 7:00/8:00 8/8/2018 Governor Ralph Northam will make a stop in southwest Virginia today. He will make a community development announcement in Covington. He'll be at the Farmers' Market at noon.
- 7:00/8:00 8/8/2018 Danville Public Schools will have a bright start to the school year as the district looks reopens Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. The school closed its doors in 2013 due to a recession. Parents and staff alike are excited because reopening Woodrow Wilson will allow for more balanced class sizes.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/9/2018 You have another chance to help victims and firefighters of the California fires as Gleaning for the World is out at Sam's Club on Wards Rd., in Lynchburg again today from 10am-6pm. They will also be out there tomorrow collecting supplies. If you cannot donate supplies, they are also asking for monetary donations to help cover the cost of shipping those supplies.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/9/2018 College Lake is now completely drained, and a diver has inspected the emergency pipe. If the lake fills up with water again, it could be used as an educational space for research as new vegetation grows there. University officials say restoring the lake bed could cost millions.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/9/2018 The Amherst Police Department is looking to move into a bigger building. The town hopes to move around the corner into the spot where the restaurant Charlie's Chicken currently is. Right now, the planned purchase would cost \$190,000 and would give the officers much needed space.
- 7:00/8:00 8/9/2018 A state of emergency has been declared in Charlottesville from Friday at 6 p.m. until Monday at 6 a.m as the city prepares for events surrounding the anniversary of the Unite the Right rally. A state of emergency allows state agencies to operate outside their scope of normal operations and ensure that all resources and help are provided as quickly as possible.
- 7:00/8:00 8/9/2018 Five communities in Virginia will receive money to help entrepreneurs. Governor Ralph Northam was in Covington yesterday and said, \$180,000 in Community Business Launch awards will be distributed in Covington, Clifton Forge, Danville, Galax, and Suffolk. The money will be used to provide training for entrepreneurs and to conduct business plan competitions.
- 7:00/8:00 8/9/2018 Frontier Airlines has announced two more nonstop destinations from Norfolk International Airport. Flights to Phoenix, Arizona, and Tampa, Florida, are set to begin Nov. 17. Frontier has already announced that nonstop flights to Las Vegas, Denver, and Orlando will start this weekend.
- 7:00/8:00 8/9/2018 The National D-Day Memorial's L-3 plane is being moved today. It will go from the memorial to a hangar for restoration. The wings of the aircraft were removed yesterday in preparation for the move. Liberty University School of Aeronautics is donating time and has received donated materials to restore the aircraft.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/10/2018 The National Park Service has approved the Unite the Right rally organizer's permit for a DC rally that would happen Sunday afternoon in Lafayette Square. The organizer believes 400 supporters will attend this event. The National Park Service has also approved two permits for counter-protest groups as well, so use caution if you are planning on being in D.C. this weekend.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/10/2018 Conditions in the ocean and the atmosphere are combining to produce a less active Atlantic hurricane season than initially predicted in May. For the entire season, which ends Nov. 30, officials predict a total of 9-13 named storms, of which 4-7 will become hurricanes, including 0-2 major hurricanes with winds of 111 mph or greater.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/10/2018 Naval Air Station Oceana will hold a mishap drill on Friday in preparation of its 75th annual air show in September. Officials say the Navy and local first responders will respond to the base as if there was a mass incident. Those in the area should be aware this is only a drill. The air show itself runs from September 22-23 and is free and open to the public.
- 7:00/8:00 8/10/2018 The best meteor shower of 2018 is taking place this weekend and experts say 60 to 70 meteors will be visible per hour. The last time the comet that cause this show passed by earth was 1992 and it won't happen again until 2126. The shower's peak will be visible the Saturday into Sunday and Sunday into Monday. NASA meteor expert says Sunday night will be the better show.
- 7:00/8:00 8/10/2018 Things look bleak for the General Electric plant in Salem, despite efforts from the union and Senator Tim Kaine. After the announcement that the plant would close, eliminating 265 jobs, Senator Kaine urged the GE to reconsider, but it doesn't appear that the company will. GE said, it is still cheaper to move the manufacturing plant to India. GE has been in the community since 1955. It was one of the area's largest employers.
- 7:00/8:00 8/10/2018 It's been a long time in the making, but the grassroots Local Market in Downtown Lynchburg has officially set an opening date! The store's grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, September 1st from 8am to 8pm. After that, the store will be open during those hours seven days a week. Downtown residents are excited because the store will provide the community with access to fresh, affordable foods.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/13/2018 This past weekend Charlottesville marked the anniversary of last summer's Unite the Right protest and marches, with vigils and other community events amid a heavy police presence. Police did have a brief, tense confrontation with demonstrators angry over the heavy security there, but most residents and business owners were grateful for the precautions.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/13/2018 There was a small group of white nationalists that arrived in Lafayette Square Park in Washington D.C. over the weekend and held a rally, led by last year's organizer of the Charlottesville rally. That group was vastly outnumbered by counter protesters, over all there was no violence between the two groups.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/13/2018 You are invited to view design plans and give input on a project to expand Interstate 64 between Norfolk and Hampton on Wednesday and Thursday. The public hearing on Wednesday will be at Ocean View Elementary School and the one on Thursday will be at Saint Mary Star of the Sea. Both will be from 5 to 7 p.m. VDOT says the hearings will be an open-house format and there will be representatives there to talk about the project and answer questions.
- 7:00/8:00 8/13/2018 The old Bedford County Middle School has officially become Liberty Middle School, just in time for students to head back today. This new school offers students different learning options such as a media center where they can film projects and produce student news, nontraditional desks, and the opportunity to use outdoor classrooms. There is also a school resource officer on duty at all times.
- 7:00/8:00 8/13/2018 A sinkhole is causing a road closure in Campbell County. According to the Sheriff's Office, a sinkhole has formed in the 400 block of Alum Springs Road in Evington. The road is closed until further notice.
- 7:00/8:00 8/13/2018 Samaritan's Feet International will give out new shoes and socks today in Lynchburg. 250 pairs will be given out its Back to School event. The organization has a goal of distributing 40,000 pairs of shoes across the country this year. Distribution takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/14/2018 Senator Tim Kaine made a stop in Norfolk for a discussion centered around security plans to keep Virginians safe. Topics of the discussion laid out the participants' vision for national security, defense, and public safety policies to help keep Virginians safe from threats at home and abroad. Some of these topics included North Korea, military readiness, and fire arm safety.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/14/2018 The City of Roanoke will hold the first of 10 community meetings today from 5-7 p.m at the Williamson Road Library to get more ideas about what people would like to see in Roanoke for the next 20 years. City planners have already received more than 400 responses from an online survey. So far people are interested in job growth, economic development, expansion of the Greenway and more options for safe, affordable housing.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/14/2018 Virginia Governor Ralph Northam is scheduled to throw the first pitch at Calfee Park Saturday when the Pulaski Yankees face the Kingsport Mets at 7 p.m. The Pulaski Yankees just set a single-game attendance record with over 3,500 fans at a game.
- 7:00/8:00 8/14/2018 Hundreds of electric car charging stations are going to be installed in Virginia over the next three years. Governor Ralph Northam announced the public-private partnership with EV go to set up a network of electric vehicle charging stations for the public. The stations will be set up across the Commonwealth on highways like I-64 and I-95.
- 7:00/8:00 8/14/2018 The city of Lynchburg is reminding the community of their options when it comes to disposing of debris from the recent floods. Lynchburg residents can use the Concord Turnpike Convenience Center at no charge and no weight limit. They are open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the city of Lynchburg will also be picking up damaged items from the curbside.
- 7:00/8:00 8/14/2018 Roanoke and Salem School boards are looking at their security as the school year is about to start. Roanoke has decided to make a switch to two-way radios instead of an intercom system and work with law enforcement to do a community safety drill. Salem has implemented a Remind App to still communicate with personnel in case of internet or power failures. They are also upgrading their cameras and intercom system.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/15/2018 Next month, Lynchburg will have an interim police chief. Lynchburg City Manager has appointed Lynchburg Deputy Chief Ryan Zuidema (zoo di ma) to the position, effective Sept. 1. Zuidema joined the Lynchburg Police Department in January 1997 and was promoted to major in September 2016. A nationwide search is ongoing to fill the police chief's position.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/15/2018 Talk about an awesome science project! NASA launched a rocket from Wallops Island in Accomack county Virginia. College students from around the country worked to make the launch possible. It flew about 15 minutes to an altitude of 91 miles. A parachute will bring it down 64 miles offshore. When NASA retrieves the rocket, students will have access to any stored data.
- 7:00/8:00 8/15/2018 Crews were called to battle a commercial fire in Portsmouth yesterday. Portsmouth Fire and Rescue responded to a call at the NAPA Auto Care Center on Airline Boulevard. Nearly 40 firefighters tried to attack the fire from the interior but were pushed back due to high heat and poor visibility. An investigation revealed that a short in an appliance placed near flammable materials started the fire.

- 7:00/8:00 8/15/2018 Gleaning for the World is trying to help those impacted by wildfires in California. The organization is hoping to send two tractor-trailers, filled with supplies for those who are living in temporary housing or shelters. You can help by donating supplies or making a cash donation. Gleaning will set up again at the Sam's Club on Wards Road in Lynchburg today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/16/2018 The first day of school caused some issues for parents in Lynchburg yesterday who said their kids' bus never showed up. 15 children waited over 40 minutes for the bus before one finally came after several phone calls to the administration. The school claims that the parents may have registered their children late, and they aren't sure if there will be a bus stop in that area moving forward.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/16/2018 A staple nonprofit in the Roanoke Valley community is at risk of being shut down. The Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center is fighting a zoning battle in Roanoke County. After it won funding to build a new aviary, two neighbors decided to challenge the construction, saying that the center shouldn't even be there. Last night at the appeals hearing the center did receive the okay from the Roanoke County board of zoning appeals to move forward with its plans to build the new bird aviary.
- 7:00/8:00 8/16/2018 The Nansemond Indian Nation will celebrate a significant moment at its 30th annual pow wow this weekend. This year is special for the tribe, based out of Suffolk, because it's the first time they'll celebrate being federally recognized. The tribe has been recognized by the state of Virginia for 33 years but has worked for decades to be federally recognized. President Donald Trump signed the bill into law earlier this year, also recognizing five other tribes in the state.
- 7:00/8:00 8/16/2018 The Danville Fire Department said one person was taken to the hospital after a car drove through a grocery store yesterday. A witness said the victim was sitting on the ledge of the Old Dutch Super Market on North Main Street in Danville when the car ran into him. The driver of the vehicle was not injured.
- 7:00/8:00 8/16/2018 The Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance holds its annual Buy the Burg Expo. today. Buy the Burg is a trade show, displaying businesses from around the region, hoping to connect them with local customers. It runs from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the business alliance's facility on Lucado Place in Lynchburg. The Journey will be there so stop by and say hi!

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/17/2018 The 17th annual Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign, a statewide initiative to reduce drunk driving, will start today and go through Labor Day weekend. It will also continue periodically through high traffic holidays such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. Governor Ralph Northam joined the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles along with local and state police to launch the campaign. Last year almost 300 Virginians passed away due to alcohol-related incidents.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/17/2018 The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office is warning the public of a new scam that has come to its attention recently. According to a Facebook post, scammers will contact you through online games or cell phone apps and build relationships with you over a period of time. Then the scammers will attempt to convince you to give them access to your banking accounts by promising to deposit money into the account.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/17/2018 There was a scare at Busch Gardens yesterday as one of the trains inside the Busch Gardens theme park in Williamsburg caught fire. James City County, York and Williamsburg firefighters responded to the call, firefighters say the fire was under control in minutes. One of the staff members did suffer a minor injury. The cause is under investigation as this is the second incident involving fire at Busch Gardens in a month.
- 7:00/8:00 8/17/2018 An 87-year-old man in the in Wedgewood Lakes community, located off of Tulls Creek Road in Moyock has contracted the West Nile virus. The county's infectious control officers say this is a reminder to keep bug spray close by, and to wear long sleeves and pants if you are planning to be outside for an extended period of time.
- 7:00/8:00 8/17/2018 Senator Tim Kaine will hold campaign events in central Virginia today. He will hold a meet-and-greet in Appomattox this morning, before travelling to Danville for a roundtable on economic revitalization.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/20/2018 Several parents and students are concerned about what is being served in the cafeteria at Halifax County High School. One parent sent video of mold found in her daughter's apple juice during lunch. For now, the school has stopped serving the apple juice packs and school officials are encouraging parents to contact them whenever they see these types of issues.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/20/2018 Workers at Water Resources are excited to begin wetland and stream restoration at College Lake in Lynchburg. This comes after the dam nearly broke a few weeks ago when debris blocked the drain, flooding the area. For more than an hour, a helicopter flew around the dry lakebed, dropping buckets of seed onto the ground. The purpose of the seeding is to create wetland vegetation on the dry lakebed.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30      8/20/2018 The Virginia Department of Health is asking residents to avoid some Northern Virginia lakes due to a harmful algae bloom. The bloom is happening in the North Branches of Lake Anna in Orange, Louisa and Spotsylvania counties. Exposure to the algae, can be harmful to people. They recommend avoiding the water when the algae concentrations are this high.
- 7:00/8:00      8/20/2018 There are five times the number of mosquitoes testing positive for the West Nile virus this season than any other year in recent history, in Suffolk. Mosquito Control officials say to use bug spray, wear loose and long clothing and dump standing water. Just one in five people diagnosed with West Nile Virus will show symptoms.
- 7:00/8:00      8/20/2018 The Hampton Roads Chamber is hosting a congressional forum today for local representatives to talk about the latest from capitol hill. Congressmen Donald McEachin, Bobby Scott, Scott Taylor and Rob Wittman will all be in attendance. The forum will be held at the Hilton Norfolk from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The congressmen will be talking about how things in Washington, D.C. are affecting Hampton Roads business and will be taking questions from the audience.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30      8/21/2018 Love signs are the destination for many in the state of Virginia, and one local community is about to have a very unique one. Virginia Governor Ralph Northam will travel to the New River Valley today to unveil new LOVEwork. The sign will be located in the courtyard between the courthouse and treasurer's office in Giles County. This artwork is made up of over 3,500 rocks, painted by children between the ages of 4 and 12.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30      8/21/2018 Several homes are cut off after a road was washed out in Franklin County. According to the Virginia Department of Transportation, Route 939, has been washed out by recent rain, cutting off four to five homes. VDOT is performing emergency repairs. As repairs continue, VDOT anticipates that the road will have to be closed periodically.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30      8/21/2018 If you didn't get a chance to see Norfolk from the Skywheel this summer, you might have another chance. Waterside is in discussion with the Missouri company that operates the SkyWheel, after over 50 thousand people rode it this summer. Along with the large number of riders, it also supplied 40 seasonal jobs. While they don't have figures yet to compare sales in restaurants and shops year-to-year, they are pretty sure that those who came down to ride also spent money elsewhere, helping the economy as a whole.



- 7:00/8:00 8/21/2018 Virginia Governor Ralph Northam has scheduled a special session of the General Assembly so lawmakers can comply with a court order to redraw the state's legislative map. The governor announced that he had signed a proclamation calling lawmakers back to Richmond on Aug. 30. The special session will come after a federal court ordered lawmakers to redraw the state map by Oct. 30.
- 7:00/8:00 8/21/2018 The City of Lynchburg and the University of Lynchburg have decided to not refill College Lake and remove the dam. Instead, they will transition the lakebed into a wetlands ecosystem, where students, residents, tourists, and other schools can study urban wetland ecology. The city is moving forward with emergency repairs to the dam and road in order to reopen Lakeside Drive. They expect the work to be completed in two-three weeks.
- 7:00/8:00 8/21/2018 A chemical spill in Pulaski County caused an elementary school to shelter in place yesterday. According to fire officials, a tanker was unloading hydrogen peroxide into a tank when 50 to 100 gallons of the chemical spilled. As a precaution, Critzer Elementary School, was told to shelter in place while the spill was being contained. Officials say there was no risk to the public.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/22/2018 The University of North Carolina is no longer displaying its "Silent Sam", the bronze figure of an anonymous confederate soldier, after protesters knocked it down. The statue was erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1913, and has been under constant police surveillance after being vandalized in recent months. Right now, the statue has been taken to an undisclosed location to survey damages, and it is unsure if it will return to campus.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/22/2018 Virginia's First Lady Pamela Northam will be in Southwest Virginia today, kicking off her Back to School Tour. She is visiting early childhood education programs and elementary schools, talking about the importance of school readiness. The state is investing nearly half a billion dollars on early childhood care and education this year.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/22/2018 Martinsville has a new city council member. Jim Woods was sworn in yesterday. He was one of eight people who applied to be chosen to fill the remainder of Councilwoman Sharon Brooks Hodge's seat. She stepped down in July to focus on her job. His term will expire at the end of 2020.

- 7:00/8:00 8/22/2018 Fort Eustis is holding a school attack exercise at a local elementary school this week. Base officials say the exercise is scheduled to take place at Stanford Elementary School and the surrounding area tomorrow. Fort Eustis and Newport News Public School will be going over coordinated response procedures during the drill. Officials say some residents may hear emergency response vehicles, the school itself will be in recess at the time of the drill, so students will not be involved.
- 7:00/8:00 8/22/2018 Employees from the Woodwick Candle production facility in Blairs, Virginia walked off the job yesterday, after discovering that people who work for their company in Lynchburg recently walked off the job and got a raise. Some of the employees have worked for the company for years and say they make less money than newly hired employees. The employees who walked out yesterday said they plan to walk out again on today if they do not get a raise.
- 7:00/8:00 8/22/2018 The Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia celebrates the opening of a new golf course. The Ashford Short Course is a nine-hole loop of par three holes. The course features designs from some of the most famous holes in golf.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/23/2018 A North Carolina historical commission has decided that three Confederate monuments will remain on the state Capitol grounds with newly added context about slavery and civil rights. This comes after a confederate statue at the University of North Carolina was torn down this week. A law passed in 2015 sharply restricts where state and local government officials can relocate such memorials and bans their permanent removal.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/23/2018 Arlington National Cemetery was evacuated yesterday because of a threat. Arlington officials closed the cemetery to the public for the rest of the day. All the funerals were set to occur as scheduled. Information on how the threat was made was not immediately available.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/23/2018 With just over a week before Portsmouth public school students head back to class, local districts are still trying to hire teachers. Across the county enrollment in teacher education programs is down about 35 percent, which means about 250,000 fewer teachers are coming into schools. Some administrators think full scholarships, student loan forgiveness and higher starting salaries would go a long way in bringing people back to the profession.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/23/2018 Leaders at Lynchburg City Schools reviewed some important topics at their meeting this week, including whether to provide recess time for children in the Hill City. Right now, Lynchburg students have 30 minutes for recess, but some parents would like to see two 30-minute recesses -- one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. No decision has been made yet.
- 7:00/8:00 8/23/2018 The City of Norfolk is participating in the national Startup in Residence program, which connects government agencies with startups to find technological solutions to challenges cities faces. The program, which started in 2014 in San Francisco, runs 16 weeks. Past projects included streamlining the process of foster care, putting smart sensors on trash cans and improving health services for the homeless.
- 7:00/8:00 8/23/2018 Water services were disrupted in the Bateman Bridge Road area of Bedford County because of a water main break. According to the Bedford Regional Water Authority, once services are restored, you may experience a slight discoloration of water or air entrapped in the waterlines. They recommend flushing toilets and running the outdoor hose to help get rid of the discoloration.
- 7:00/8:00 8/23/2018 Roanoke mayor, Sherman Lea, will give the State of the City Address today. He will look at the successes of 2018 and look at initiatives for 2019. City Manager Bob Cowell and superintendent, Dr. Rita Bishop will also give updates.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/28/2018 Commonwealth transportation board is looking for ways to improve I-81 through Virginia and your input is welcome. Feedback from meetings is being held this summer will be used to compile a list of changes to ease congestion and improve safety. The next meeting is tonight at the Salem Civic Center from 4- 7pm
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/28/2018 Virginia Governor Ralph Northam has announced that all flags in VA will remain at half staff until Sunday. The move covers the state capitol and all local state and federal buildings.
- 7:00/8:00 8/28/2018 A Charlottesville company is investing over 12 million dollars to expand and create 200 new jobs. Willow tree will renovate the former Woolen Mills factory. Willow tree is a computer software company serving large fortune 500 companies.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/29/2018 A local organization is raising money to take veterans to Washington, D.C. to honor them for their service. The Honor Flight trip includes visits to the World War II memorial, Korean War memorial, and Vietnam War memorial. The hope is to raise \$3,000 to cover renting a charter bus, meals, a police escort, and other expenses. They will be raising funding until September 28.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/29/2018 A new Career Tech Academy at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center gives high school juniors and seniors from Halifax, Charlotte, and Mecklenburg Counties the opportunity to get hands-on experience. Students who participate in the Career Tech Academy earn college credit through Southside Virginia Community College and also earn industry recognized credentials if they pass certification exams.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/29/2018 Police arrested a 17-year-old Heritage High School student they say had a weapon in his backpack yesterday. The School Resource Officer was immediately notified, and Police say this appears to be an isolated incident. The Lynchburg Police Department is handling the investigation and the student was taken to the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center.
- 7:00/8:00 8/29/2018 United Health Group is holding a job fair today. They are looking to fill a number of customer service advocate positions. The fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the United Health Group building on Thirlane Road in Roanoke. If you can't attend, you can apply on the company's website.
- 7:00/8:00 8/29/2018 It's almost time to Fill the Boot again! The Lynchburg Fire Department is going to be raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association from September 3rd through September 9th. Firefighters will be around the city at Kroger stores, the Boonsboro Shopping Center and fire stations collecting donations. Last year, the Lynchburg Fire Department raised more than \$26,000 through Fill the Boot.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/30/2018 A change is coming to Virginia Blood Services. The nonprofit organization will become part of the American Red Cross in early November. As part of the agreement, the American Red Cross agreed to offer employment to the majority of the Virginia Blood Services employees and job search assistance will be offered to those who are impacted by the transition.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/30/2018 The city of Lynchburg holds an informational meeting about storm damage recovery. It's looking for community partners to help with restoration. 12 out of 40 miles of trail are currently closed due to storm damage. Today's meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Miller Center Auditorium.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/30/2018 The Virginia General Assembly will meet in today. Lawmakers will work to redraw House of Delegates districts. A federal court gave the Commonwealth until October 30th to re-draw them, after 11 were found to be unconstitutional.

- 7:00/8:00 8/30/2018 Extreme heat over the last couple weeks is having an impact on local school systems like Floyd County. So far this school year, Floyd County has closed early due to heat four times. Other counties, like Pulaski, have done the same. Floyd County's superintendent says the schools do have certain areas that are air-conditioned but it's just not enough to beat the heat.
- 7:00/8:00 8/30/2018 The Cape Henry Lighthouse has been standing since the United States was only 16 years old. Authorized by George Washington, it's been there for 226 years, and it's in need of some upgrades. Nearly two-thirds of the lighthouse's foundation is exposed so the restoration project will focus on restoring the dune and stabilizing the base. The lighthouse will be closed for repairs from labor day until sometime in March.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/31/2018 A strong storm system that occurred right over the Southside yesterday afternoon brought power outages and flooding. A flood advisory was issued for areas of Norfolk, and Chesapeake and Portsmouth. As of 4 p.m., more than 5,000 people were without power between Chesapeake and Virginia Beach
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 8/31/2018 The Liberty University Habitat for Humanity Club recently received a \$20,000 matching grant from State Farm to build a home in the Lynchburg area. The club will have one year to raise \$20,000 to match the State Farm grant. Since the club's creation in 2014, it has worked with the Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity to build two homes.
- 7:00/8:00 8/31/2018 VDOT will suspend most work zone across the Commonwealth ahead of the Labor Day holiday. Lane closures will be lifted on interstates and major highways starting at noon today. Work will resume at noon on Tuesday.
- 7:00/8:00 8/31/2018 After being closed since August 2nd due to the heavy rainfall over Lynchburg, city officials say the main road that goes over the dam is finally going to reopen. According to Lynchburg Water Resources, Lakeside Drive, between Moormans Road and Old Forest Road, will reopen to car and foot traffic by noon today.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/4/2018 The new Housing Resource Center in Virginia Beach is set to open the week of September 10 on Witchduck Road, off of Interstate 264, in Virginia Beach. The goal of the new housing resource center is to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring. Inside, you'll find a singles shelter intended as a short-term shelter, where people stay 60-90 days. There's also permanent housing for people who have been chronically homeless.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/4/2018 Public schools start today in Hampton Roads, and that means more traffic on the roads including lots of school buses. Officers will be out in school zones looking for speeders. If you see a school bus with yellow or red lights flashing and the stop arm is extended, you must stop no matter what side of the road you are on.
- 7:00/8:00 9/4/2018 Firefighters are trained to quickly respond to emergencies so when Olive Garden employees showed up at the Danville Fire Department's headquarters yesterday with food, the firefighters also quickly responded. Along with the food, Danville Olive Garden manager Tim Robinson presented them with a pass that gets the firefighters free pasta for 90 days. This is the 17th year Olive Garden restaurants around the country have given back to first responders on Labor Day.
- 7:00/8:00 9/4/2018 In Lynchburg, a thousand flags for a thousand heroes were set up over the weekend at Automated Conveyor Systems. Members of The Rotary Club of Forest put up 1,000 flags each one honoring or remembering someone who served our country. There is no charge to visit the Field of Honor display. The flags will be up until September 15th and surviving heroes can then take the flags home with them.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/10/2018 Virginia Governor Ralph Northam has declared a state of emergency. Forecasters are watching, now, Hurricane Florence, that is expected to impact the Carolina's and Virginia later this week. The declaration will allow the state to more easily prepare for possible issues from the storm. North and South Carolina have already done the same.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/10/2018 Danville has a new electric car charging station. The station is located at the Community Market where anyone can charge up for free. There is a one-hour charging limit however.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/10/2018 Thankfully, it was only a test. The Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport held a full scale emergency training exercise over the weekend. The goal was to enhance preparations and response to a major disaster. More than 200 responders took part in the training.
- 7:00/8:00 9/10/2018 We could have our first hurricane impacting our region later this week. All eyes are on Florence as it moves thru the Bahamas and heads toward the Carolinas and Virginia. The US Navy was making preparations over the weekend to move ships out of port. The hurricane is expected to impact the Carolina and Virginia coasts later this week.

- 7:00/8:00 9/10/2018 The impact of Florence isn't even here yet and already there's damage in Norfolk. Emergency crews responded yesterday morning to the Ocean View Golf Course where there was damage from a tornado. No injuries were reported.
- 7:00/8:00 9/10/2018 The Bedford County supervisors will discuss renovations at Forest Middle School tonight. The school board is looking to spend \$950,000 dollars and it's requesting to use some of the \$3 million dollars in savings from the Liberty Middle and High Schools gym projects to pay for the work.
- 7:00/8:00 9/10/2018 The United Way of Southwest Virginia will make, what they are calling, a "momentous announcement" today. The president and CEO will make the announcement at 10am this morning.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/11/2018 Florence is now a Category 4 hurricane and is projected to hit North and South Carolina, carrying winds up to 130 mph and water that could cover a wide stretch of the eastern United States later this week. South Carolina's governor has ordered the state's entire coastline to be evacuated starting at noon today, and Virginia Beach will likely issue an evacuation order for Sandbridge, Back Bay, and the southern watershed.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/11/2018 As hurricane Florence heads towards the East Coast you can help residents get prepared. Gleaning For The World will be collecting disaster relief supplies at Sam's Club on Ward's Road beginning today through Saturday, from 10am until 6pm each day. You can find the list of supplies on our website.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/11/2018 Lakeside Drive, between Moormans Road and Old Forest Road, will be closed starting tomorrow, from 7 AM – 7 PM. The closure is to allow Water Resources crews to remove debris from the College Lake intake pipe in advance of the potential weather associated with Hurricane Florence. Lynchburg officials are asking residents to take the effects of the hurricane seriously and prepare now by Making a Kit, Getting a Plan, and Staying Informed.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/11/2018 Danville Parks and Recreation is holding a Senior Expo today. There will be blood pressure checks, balance tests, hearing checks and more. It runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ballou Recreation Center.

- 7:00/8:00 9/11/2018 All eyes are on hurricane Florence as it heads towards the coast of the Carolinas. Its center will move between Bermuda and the Bahamas today and tomorrow. It will approach the coast of South Carolina or North Carolina on Thursday. The mayor of Richmond has declared a state of emergency; and has asked residents to prepare now by gathering supplies, including nonperishable food, water, flashlights, and batteries.
- 7:00/8:00 9/11/2018 The Virginia National Guard has announced a statewide response to Hurricane Florence. They say they will initially bring 1,500 soldiers, Airmen and members of the Virginia Defense Force on state active duty for assistance with state response to the storm. Governor Ralph Northam has also authorized up to 6,000 personnel to respond and those people are on standby.
- 7:00/8:00 9/11/2018 The Salvation Army is preparing as Hurricane Florence continues moving towards the east coast. They are encouraging everyone to create a disaster preparedness kit that includes items such as batteries, flash lights, water, sleeping bags/bedding, and food for three days. In addition, The Salvation Army is coordinating with local government and disaster relief organizations to be ready if sheltering and large-scale feeding is needed.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/12/2018 More than 1 million people in three states have been ordered to get out of the way of Hurricane Florence, as it heads towards the Carolinas with 140 mph winds and tons of rain. Florence is expected to blow ashore late Thursday or early Friday, and then slow down unloading 1 to 2½ feet of rain that could cause flooding well inland.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/12/2018 Lynchburg has declared a local State of Emergency for the city ahead of Florence's potential arrival later this week. Multiple city leaders spoke during the news conference as the city discussed its preparations for the potential of Florence to reach Lynchburg. Other than a few minor items, officials say the repairs to College Lake dam are complete
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/12/2018 Appalachian Power is preparing for the potential of widespread power outages as Hurricane Florence approaches. Employees and contractors will be moved into areas that will likely experience damage and outages. Crews from Ohio, Indiana and Michigan are ready to help if they are needed.



- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/12/2018 United Healthcare is holding a job fair today for unemployed moms and others who are re-entering the workforce. The United for Work program works with moms on interview skills, budgeting and money and health. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Child Health Investment Partnership office on 3rd street in downtown Roanoke.
- 7:00/8:00 9/12/2018 In an update late last night, the National Hurricane Center said Hurricane Florence's sustained winds remained at 140 mph. The new track of the storm looks like it will remain farther south from Virginia than expected. Models show the storm making landfall around Wilmington, North Carolina, at noon on Friday before shifting southwest toward Charleston, South Carolina, and heading inland.
- 7:00/8:00 9/12/2018 President Donald Trump has declared that an emergency exists in Virginia which allows the Department of Homeland Security, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to coordinate all disaster relief efforts. Governor Northam declared a state of emergency Saturday night and since then, has issued evacuation orders to more than 200,000 Virginians along the coast.
- 7:00/8:00 9/12/2018 Virginia First Lady Pamela Northam will travel to Southside today as part of her Back to School tour. She will visit Northside Preschool, Grove Park Preschool, and Harvest Corner Child Kare Center. The goal is to hear the needs of local teachers, while raising awareness about the importance of child development from birth to age 5.
- 7:00/8:00 9/12/2018 Hobby Lobby is officially coming to Lynchburg. Liberty University confirmed that Hobby Lobby will be filling the vacant space where Kmart used to be on Wards Road. Liberty also has five new letters of intent for new retailers and restaurants at River Ridge Mall. Right now, the five retailers are in a lease negotiation, once that is over they will start announcing the names.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/13/2018 The latest forecast models for Hurricane Florence show a shift toward more of South Carolina and parts of Georgia, with the storm weakening to a category 2, with maximum sustained winds of 110 mph. Georgia's Governor has now issued an emergency declaration for all of Georgia. So far North and South Carolina as well as Virginia have all declared states of emergency and President Trump has also followed up with his own emergency declaration which opens up federal aid.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/13/2018 Cities across Hampton Roads and northeast North Carolina are announcing shelters ahead of anticipated impacts from Hurricane Florence. The shelter announcements come after Governor Ralph Northam issued mandatory evacuations in Virginia which included flood prone areas of the Tidewater region. We have a list on our website at MyJourneyFM.com.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/13/2018 Norfolk city officials are sending out a warning after reports of people in fluorescent vests trying to force residents from their homes and businesses. Officials say no city employee will ever try to force anyone from their homes, and the city views the mandatory evacuation areas as a personal decision for residents.
- 7:00/8:00 9/13/2018 The Campbell County School Board has unanimously approved plans from Southern Air for a new HVAC system for Brookville Middle School. Brookville Middle currently has an HVAC system that was installed when the school was built in 1974. The Brookville High School gym floor also needs to be completely replaced as a result of the Aug. 2 flooding.
- 7:00/8:00 9/13/2018 Some airports in the Carolinas are shutting down as Hurricane Florence approaches, and American Airlines says it's canceling over 500 flights through the weekend. Mississippi is sending National Guard members and search-and-rescue workers to areas affected by Hurricane Florence. The Mississippi Office for Homeland Security says teams have arrived in the Virginia towns of Dublin and Pulaski.
- 7:00/8:00 9/13/2018 The forecast of Florence continues to remain a low confidence forecast meaning it has proven that it will do what it wants to do. Lynchburg can expect scattered showers, and perhaps a storm with wind gusts of 30-40 mph along with flash flooding. The heaviest rain in Lynchburg will actually come next week between Sunday and Tuesday.
- 7:00/8:00 9/13/2018 More than a dozen new full-time jobs are coming to Pittsylvania County. Piedmont Access to Health Services is relocating and expanding in Chatham, creating 21 new high paying full-time jobs over the next three years. The project represents a \$2.9 million investment as the building expands to 19,000 square feet
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/14/2018 The slow movement and large size of Hurricane Florence have been the biggest concerns so far as Florence's outer bands slammed into Wrightsville beach yesterday afternoon. Hurricane Florence is bigger than the state of North Carolina and four times larger than Ohio. With it taking so long to move the coastal areas of north and South Carolina could experience up to 5 high tide cycles with the storm, resulting in major flooding.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/14/2018 The storm is already impacting the Outer Banks of North Carolina as well. The NC Department of transportation said North Carolina Highway 12 is closed south of the Oregon Inlet due to ocean over wash. Transportation officials started reporting issues on the vulnerable road yesterday morning, as the storm was churning a couple of hundred miles offshore.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/14/2018 Cave Springs High School in Roanoke County was put on a precautionary lockdown yesterday after police got a report of a threatening rumor on Social Media. Students and staff were in no immediate danger. So far, the police are still investigating but have been unable to verify that a threatening social media message existed.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/14/2018 Hurricane Florence has already made an impact on coastal portions of the Carolinas as the storm inches closer to the East Coast. High winds and heavy rain are just the beginning of an onslaught that could last for days. At least 170,000 people are without power in North Carolina and more than 12,000 are in shelters. Landfall is expected later today.
- 7:00/8:00 9/14/2018 Halifax County officials will be opening two emergency shelters during Hurricane Florence. One shelter will be at Halifax County Middle School, in South Boston. The second shelter will be at the Cluster Springs Fire Department Support Building located on Black Walnut Church Road in Alton. Central Virginia can expect most of its rain and wind from the storm on Sunday and Monday.
- 7:00/8:00 9/14/2018 Foster Fuels Mission Critical division has sent more than 150 fuel trucks throughout the East Coast, and they plan on sending more as the week continues. The trucks are carrying loads of diesel, gasoline, propane and other necessary provisions. Their main objective is to fuel critical infrastructure like hospitals, first responders, emergency vehicles, and other key organizations.
- 7:00/8:00 9/14/2018 Lynchburg is coming together to raise awareness about mental health through the Out of the Darkness walk. The walk is October 6th at Riverfront Park at 10 a.m., registration is now open. The goal is to raise \$45,000 and right now they are over half way there.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/17/2018 17 people have lost their lives because of Hurricane Florence. Now Tropical Storm Florence, is continuing to flood parts of the Carolinas. The issues from Florence have prompted North Carolina officials to tell drivers coming down Interstate 95 from Virginia to go around the entire state, west to Tennessee and take Interstate 75 into Georgia. Almost 800,000 people are without power.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/17/2018 The National Weather Service in Blacksburg has issued a Flash Flood Watch for areas south of Highway 460 through tonight. The heaviest and most widespread rain comes in through the day today, meaning that flash flooding will be possible, and the threat for mudslides is there for mountainous roads west of I-81.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/17/2018 The National Weather Service has also issued a river flood warning for Danville in anticipation that the Dan River will flood due to tropical depression Florence. The warning is in effect from midnight tonight through Thursday evening. The Dan River is expected to overflow at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in Danville and 8pm Wednesday in South Boston.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/17/2018 Thousands are without power in scattered parts of the Roanoke and New River Valley areas. Right now there is no current prediction when power will be restored. Flash Flood warnings remain in effect for Roanoke, Lynchburg and Danville until later this morning. Remember a waring means it's happening, where as a watch means it could happen.
- 7:00/8:00 9/17/2018 As rain from Florence continues in the Carolinas, the region's rivers are beginning to overflow coal ash dumps and low-lying hog farms raising pollution concerns. The company has initially estimated that enough ash to fill about 180 dump trucks has been displaced. Environmentalists warn that Duke's coal ash ponds are vulnerable to severe storms and could pose a threat to drinking water supplies and public safety.
- 7:00/8:00 9/17/2018 The Virginia National Guard is sending approximately 40 guardsmen and 20 tactical vehicles to support the North Carolina National Guard with recovery efforts due to the widespread flooding that is occurring. The Virginia National Guard said they will keep a force of Soldiers on standby for possible support to Southwest Virginia if needed.
- 7:00/8:00 9/17/2018 vToday is the day that central Virginia is supposed to get the most rain. The city of Roanoke is urging anyone who lives within the floodplain of Roanoke Valley to evacuate. For those who don't have anywhere to go, the city recommends going to the American Red Cross shelter at Berglund Special Events Center.
- 7:00/8:00 9/17/2018 FEMA and the FCC are going to conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts on Thursday around 2:18 p.m.. The test message will say "presidential alert, this is a test, no action is needed." The system will be used to warn the public about dangerous weather, missing children, and other critical situations through alerts on cell phones.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/18/2018 As the Cape Fear River swells, some residents are having a hard time knowing when to leave their homes. Rescue teams have been pleading with people to get out of harm's way and Police officers have gone door to door. Authorities are warning that the Cape Fear River in Cumberland County will crest today at 62 feet and it will threaten to wipe out anything within a mile on either side of it.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/18/2018 The City of Danville has declared a local state of emergency ahead of the potential flooding of the Dan River. The river is expected to crest at about 25 feet this afternoon. Because the flood projections were lowered, Danville is only expecting moderate flooding. The local state of emergency remains in place through the evening as water levels will continue to rise.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/18/2018 As of 4 p.m. yesterday, Roanoke County is no longer under a local state of emergency. County officials say that while more rainfall is expected, any high water in local rivers and streams should subside. Declaring a state of emergency would have allowed the county to have immediate access to additional resources, such as equipment and personnel, if they were needed.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/18/2018 In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence yesterday, a few areas had tornado warnings. There are thousands of power outages being reported this morning and one person lost their life. The National Weather Service reports at least nine tornadoes were reported in Richmond yesterday. Halifax County, and Charlotte county also experience a warning, but there was not one spotted on the ground.
- 7:00/8:00 9/18/2018 Many residents are anxious to return to their homes and begin the clean-up process, however the dangers associated with Florence didn't end when the weather cleared. Dangling power lines, flooding and other hazards remain. Survivors should make a cleanup kit that includes rubber gloves, cleaning products, sponges, goggles, rubber boots, trash bags, hydrogen peroxide, bandages, antibiotic ointments and work towels before returning home.
- 7:00/8:00 9/18/2018 A support team from Sentara Healthcare in Hampton Roads is heading down to Kinston, North Carolina to help staff a mobile, field hospital for Hurricane Florence relief efforts. The team of 21 will split into two teams and work 12-hour shifts before returning to Hampton Roads on Thursday. The group is responding to a request from the North Carolina Department of Emergency Management to relieve exhausted hospital teams in their community.

- 7:00/8:00 9/18/2018 Authorities are finally got food to the town of Wilmington yesterday, after having been completely cut off by flood waters. 32 people have now lost their lives from Florence, and crews are still using helicopters and boats to rescue people trapped by still-rising rivers. By midday yesterday authorities reopened a single road into the town, but it isn't clear if that the route will remain open as the Cape Fear River keeps swelling.
- 7:00/8:00 9/18/2018 Two people had to be rescued when their SUV got stuck in rising waters in Virginia Beach. The driver was trying to turn around from a flooded portion of the road when the SUV got stuck in a ditch hidden by the water. Flooding has been reported throughout Virginia Beach and waters are expected to rise as winds continue to blow in around the Back Bay area. They urge drivers to stay off roads around the area until waters subside.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/19/2018 Handouts of food and water began yesterday in the town of Wilmington as items have been brought into the city by big military trucks and helicopters. Residents who were evacuated from the hardest-hit areas have been asked to stay away because of closed roads and flooding that has submerged entire communities. Wilmington's Governor is urging residents to be patient.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/19/2018 Devastating flooding in North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence has raised concerns about whether dams across the state, will be able to hold up. State officials have been monitoring dam safety in cooperation with local authorities and say there has been at least one dam breach so far, but no homes have been affected.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/19/2018 Several roads are closed in Nelson County as flooding is continuing to make an impact. Also, all of Danville's trails remain closed, as portions are covered in water and the city is worried about trees falling onto the trail. The flood warning is still in effect for the Dan River as well. Forecasters say the river will continue rising to near 23 feet in Danville and more than 26 feet in South Boston by this afternoon.
- 7:00/8:00 9/19/2018 700 Family Dollar employees in North Carolina could be relocating to Hampton Roads by next year. Dollar Tree announced that it will close Family Dollar's headquarters in Matthews, North Carolina, as it continues integrating Family Dollar into its operations. Dollar Tree, which is headquartered in Chesapeake, bought Family Dollar in 2014 for \$8.5 billion.

7:00/8:00	9/19/2018 A sailor has lost their life in a mishap on USS George H.W. Bush. The ship was conducting flight operations at the time, and no other sailors were injured. The cause is under investigation.
7:00/8:00	9/19/2018 The Governor will be in southside later today. The Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation says there will be a major announcement. It's this afternoon at 2:30 at the Henry County Administration Building.
6:30/7:30/8:30	9/20/2018 President Donald Trump arrived in North Carolina yesterday to take in the devastation left by Florence. While speaking with the people effected he offered comforting words to families. The President also took a moment to assist church volunteers with handing out supplies. President Trump has pledged the complete support of the federal government and his Administration to recovery efforts in North Carolina.
6:30/7:30/8:30	9/20/2018 Monogram Food Solutions is investing \$30 million to expand in Henry County. Governor Ralph Northam was in the county and made the announcement yesterday. This investment will create 300 new jobs to expand its manufacturing operation, Monogram Snacks, in Henry County.
6:30/7:30/8:30	9/20/2018 Several roads remain closed in Virginia Beach ahead of a wind shift that is expected to recede the floodwaters. Flooding has been an issue this week in areas like Sandbridge. Several major roadways were still closed in the southeastern part of the state, but the high water is expected to slowly subside throughout the day due to a wind shift.
6:30/7:30/8:30	9/20/2018 Access has improved to Wilmington, North Carolina which was previously cut off for days by high water. Officials said they still don't know when evacuees will be able to return home, because it may be next week before conditions improve. The Cape Fear River isn't expected to crest at until Monday or Tuesday. North Carolina officials said some 7,800 people remain in shelters.
7:00/8:00	9/20/2018 Along with sending disaster response crews to hurricane-affected areas, the Red Cross is facing a massive blood shortage. Due to the hurricane, more than 200 blood drives were cancelled, which translates to 5,000 uncollected units of blood. If you're interested in donating, there will be a blood drive this Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Salem Farmers Market.

7:00/8:00	9/20/2018 After the tornados in Richmond this week, Virginia's confirmed tornado count is now at 17. The National Weather Service survey teams confirmed six tornadoes around the Richmond area. The Elon EF-3 tornado was one of the four strongest tornadoes so far in 2018. Virginia has now surpassed Oklahoma for number of tornados to date this year.
7:00/8:00	9/20/2018 Parks in Danville are beginning to reopen after much of the city flooded. The Riverwalk Trail reopened is open now with signs to warn people of mud hazards. Anglers Park and Dan Daniel Memorial Park are set to reopen at 7:00 a.m. today.
6:30/7:30/8:30	9/21/2018 Duke Energy activated a high-level emergency alert at a retired coal-fired power plant in North Carolina as floodwaters from the nearby Cape Fear River overtopped the facility. Coal ash contains arsenic, mercury and other toxic metals, so there is a rick for pollution. However, the company does not believe any coal ash is at risk of spilling from the site amid the current flooding.
6:30/7:30/8:30	9/21/2018 Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS (MITCH-ER) Mitscher deployed on a 7 month operation yesterday from Naval Station Norfolk. Navy officials say the primary mission is to help with operations in the Middle East and Europe. The Mitscher was one of numerous ships based in Hampton Roads that were ordered to leave port last week ahead of Hurricane Florence.
6:30/7:30/8:30	9/21/2018 Governor Ralph Northam announced that a new movie about Harriet Tubman is set to start filming soon in Virginia. "Harriet" will film in Central Virginia this fall and will be the first feature-length film about the life of the abolitionist.
7:00/8:00	9/21/2018 Conditions remain so bad in North Carolina that the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality said its inspectors have been unable to visit the hardest hit areas or collect samples of the flood water for lab testing. The agency's regional office in Fayetteville had one foot of water inside, while other locations were without electricity. About 3.4 million chickens and turkeys and 5,500 hogs have been killed in flooding from Florence. The main concern is coal ash and animal waste.



- 7:00/8:00 9/21/2018 A Chesapeake drone company is using their drones to help with recovery efforts in North Carolina following Hurricane Florence. Drone Up, says their drone pilots can help in many ways after severe storms like Florence by flying over buildings to see which routes citizens can take to get in and out after a storm. They can also help authorities locate residents that need rescuing.
- 7:00/8:00 9/21/2018 Candidates vying for Virginia's upcoming open senate seat spoke at a Town Hall last night at Liberty University. Incumbent Senator Tim Kaine and opponent Corey Stewart both addressed similar issues but were not on the stage at the same time. The next town hall will be at Hampton University, October 3rd. In that debate candidates will address foreign policy issues.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/24/2018 Travel remains dangerous in southeastern North Carolina, more than a week after Hurricane Florence made landfall. North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper said nine of the state's river gauges are at major flood stage and four others are at moderate stage. Parts of Interstates 95 and 40 will remain underwater for another week or more and emergency management officials said residents whose homes were damaged or destroyed will begin moving into hotel rooms next week.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/24/2018 The Dan River crested over the weekend at 18 feet and is currently receding. The Danville Fire Department, along with the Danville Life Saving Crew and Danville police responded to multiple emergencies during the flooding. Riverside Drive in Danville is currently open, but muddy.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/24/2018 Christiansburg Police are hosting hurricane relief donation drive. You can drop off supplies today through Wednesday outside of the Christiansburg Walmart from noon to 9 p.m..
- 7:00/8:00 9/24/2018 Thousands of coastal residents in the Carolinas have been told that they may need to leave their homes because rivers are still rising more than a week after Hurricane Florence. About 6,000 to 8,000 people in Georgetown County, South Carolina, have been told to be prepared to evacuate. Flooding is expected to begin tomorrow near several rivers and residents in potential flood zones should plan to leave their homes today.

- 7:00/8:00 9/24/2018 Appalachian Power said that heavy, isolated rains over the Roanoke River watershed have created high water conditions at the Smith Mountain Project and downstream. Smith Mountain Lake has reached full pond and levels are expected to rise. Officials are urging residents to secure boats and other items at docks and along shorelines for possible high water.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/25/2018 Hurricane Florence made landfall 11 days ago, and despite the rain subsiding flood waters are continuing to rise and South Carolina isn't free from the effects just yet. Five rivers that reach the Atlantic Ocean in and near Georgetown on the South Carolina coast are expected to cause record flooding downriver. So much water is coming that it is backing up other rivers that aren't even supposed to flood.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/25/2018 The Lynchburg Police Department is warning residents to keep their eyes out for a red fox, that has been attacking several citizens. Animal Control and the Lynchburg Police Department are making every attempt to locate and capture the fox. If you see a red fox that appears sick or is exhibiting abnormal behavior in Lynchburg, call 911 immediately and do not attempt to follow the fox on foot.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/25/2018 VDOT said a road in Campbell County Virginia will remain closed after recent flooding. Johnson Creek Road, from Johnson Mountain Road to Camping Spring Road will be closed, and a detour is being put into place. They said the road won't be open again until November 9.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/25/2018 Hurricane Florence is still having an impact on the Carolinas, where some rivers are still rising, and thousands of people left their homes yesterday before rivers reach their crest. Florence has caused around \$44 billion in damage, which would make it one of the 10 costliest U.S. hurricanes to date.
- 7:00/8:00 9/25/2018 Five Virginia cities were included in the top ten ranking of cities with the highest eviction rates in the country. Today Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax will speak about Virginia's campaign to reduce evictions. VCU researchers have been looking at data on evictions in Richmond, Hampton Roads and beyond.
- 7:00/8:00 9/25/2018 The Great Bridge Bridge in Chesapeake will close for several hours late tonight into tomorrow morning for continued maintenance following a lightning strike earlier this month. The City of Chesapeake says additional repairs will require the bridge be closed from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., drivers should use the Route 168 Bypass as a detour.

- 7:00/8:00 9/25/2018 Lynchburg firefighters will present a check for more than \$37,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This is the money from the annual Fill the Boot campaign and their 2018 calendar sales. They raised \$10,000 dollars more than their goal. The money will be used for support groups and Care Centers, including the MDA Care Centers at UVA & Carilion Clinic.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/26/2018 Hurricane Florence has been calculated as nation's second rainiest storm in 70 years. Only last year's Hurricane Harvey had more rain. More than a week after Florence came on shore North Carolina is still experiencing major flooding and in South Carolina there is still potential for more floods as rivers are still expected to crest throughout the coming days.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/26/2018 Officials say more than 70 buildings have been damaged or destroyed due to the tornadoes in Virginia from the remnants of Hurricane Florence. The estimated dollar loss in Chesterfield county exceeded \$1.8 million. Most of the damage came from trees falling on homes.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/26/2018 WestRock Company will invest nearly a quarter of a billion dollars in the Covington paper mill. Governor Ralph Northam helped deliver the announcement, the investment over a five-year period will fund facility and equipment upgrades. About 1,000 people are employed at the mill.
- 7:00/8:00 9/26/2018 Changes and maybe even an expansion for public transportation could be coming throughout the Roanoke Valley. The transit company is taking the next steps in improving current routes and adding new buses to meet riders' needs. It has released a comprehensive plan to update its services and add new buses worth close to \$4 million without increasing fares.
- 7:00/8:00 9/26/2018 Yesterday Danville Officials said the Danville Expressway at the South Boston Road interchange was blocked. There were two crashes, one involving an overturned tractor trailer on the road. Traffic was diverted, but everything should be open now.
- 7:00/8:00 9/26/2018 It has been an unusually busy year for Virginia Beach lifeguards. Since the beginning of May they've pulled 840 people from the water. That's up 95 percent from the 430 people pulled out last year. A variety of factors made this year extra busy including stronger rip currents and the way sandbars are shaped caused people to get trapped when high tide rolled in.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/27/2018 Facebook says it plans to build an even bigger data center in the Richmond area than previously planned. Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced yesterday that the social media company is set to spend an additional \$750 million and build three new buildings in Henrico County. The company says there will be 200 new jobs at the site when the entire project is completed.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/27/2018 Those looking to get the flu vaccine can do so for free this Friday. The New River Health District is offering a free flu vaccine at a drive-thru dispensing clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fire and Rescue station on Wadsworth St., Radford. The vaccine will be free and available to anyone 18 years or older on a first come, first served basis.
- 7:00/8:00 9/27/2018 The Queen of Steam came back to the Virginia Museum of Transportation yesterday. The 611train engine returned under her own steam power, from the North Carolina Transportation Museum. The Museum hosted a celebration at the rail yard, around 3 p.m., and the 611 arrived a little after 5pm. The museum did stay open an hour after the arrival for people to see it.
- 7:00/8:00 9/27/2018 Horizon Behavioral Health marked their expansion in Campbell County with a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new building dedicated to crisis stabilization for kids. The services are for children with psychiatric crisis.  
It's a short-term service for 15 days. Then they can link kids and their families to other options. They officially open and start taking referrals October 1.
- 7:00/8:00 9/27/2018 Two internal candidates for Lynchburg Police Chief will give presentations today. One of them will replace Raul Diaz, who left the department to return to the U.S. Air Force as a special investigations agent.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/28/2018 Virginia Senator Creigh Deeds, who advocates for mental health reform, sponsored a bill to mandate mental health education. The bill requires public elementary, middle, and high schools to incorporate mental health courses. The bill is now in effect and the Virginia Department of Education is in the process of revising the Standards of Learning to include mental health.
- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/28/2018 Shoppers in the Star City now have a new option to find "Good stuff cheap." Ollie's Bargain Outlet opened at the old Toys R Us in Roanoke, on Valley View Boulevard. The Roanoke store is the 20th in the Commonwealth. In addition to the cheap prices, it has brought new job opportunities to the area.

- 6:30/7:30/8:30 9/28/2018 North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper said that motorists still need to be on alert for high water even as rivers recede and more roads open. 1,500 people still remain in shelters. More than 550 people have enrolled in a program to stay in hotels while long-term housing is arranged.
- 7:00/8:00 9/28/2018 Norfolk Southern currently has a headquarters in the City of Norfolk, but that might change. City leaders met with executives at the railroad yesterday and right now, a complicated deal could move the railroad's Norfolk headquarters to Atlanta, Georgia. Senator Lionell Spruill said the whole region needs to come together to make sure the Fortune 500 company stays where it's at.
- 7:00/8:00 9/28/2018 A half-size replica of the Washington D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial kicked off its five-day tour stop in Franklin County yesterday. The memorial is a black granite wall with the names of more than 58-thousand American's who lost their lives or went missing during the Vietnam conflict. The moving wall will be on display at Franklin County Recreation Park until October 1.

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