

## Quarterly Report News and Issues July-Sept 2022

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News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	7/1/2022	Russian forces withdrew from a Black Sea island, potentially easing the threat to the Ukrainian port city but they kept up their push to encircle the last stronghold of resistance in the eastern province. Russia says the pullout as a goodwill gesture. But Ukraine's military claimed it had forced the Russians to flee following a Ukrainian artillery and missile strikes.
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News	7:00/8:00 AM	1-Jul-22	The Virginia Department of Health says there's a rising number of monkeypox cases in Virginia. Now there are five additional presumed cases in the state, bringing the total number of cases to eight. Three in northern Virginia, one in eastern Virginia, and one in southwestern Virginia. All patients are currently in isolation and the health department is continuing to identify and monitor the patients' contacts.
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News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	1-Jul-22	A beauty, personal care and home care solutions corporation is planning to shut down its plant in Lynchburg. KDC ONE confirmed that it is preparing to close its plant on Robin Road by the end of 2023. In total 670, work there, including full-time, part-time and contracted employees. The company is working with Virginia Career Works to help place its employees.
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News	7:00/8:00 AM	1-Jul-22	New restrictions on crabbing in the Chesapeake Bay will take effect this year after the blue crab count has fallen. Maryland and Virginia are issuing restrictions as they try to protect and boost reproduction. The new rules limiting the number of bushels you can harvest per day start now for Maryland and will start in Virginia Oct. 1. The limits will remain in place for the start of the 2023 season, which begins in mid-March, and lasts until mid-May.
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News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	1-Jul-22	The Supreme Court has said that The Clean Air Act does not give the Environmental Protection Agency authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants that contribute to global warming. The court's ruling could complicate the administration's plans on climate change which aims to cut the nation's greenhouse gas emissions in half by the end of the decade and to have an emissions-free power sector by 2035.
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News	7:00/8:00 AM	1-Jul-22	Ketanji Jackson was sworn into the Supreme Court yesterday as the first Black woman on the nation's highest court. She is the court's 116th justice, and she took the place of the justice she once worked for, Justice Stephen Breyer. Jackson will be able to begin work immediately, but the court will have just finished the bulk of its work until the fall, apart from emergency appeals that occasionally arise.
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News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	1-Jul-22	Starting today you will now be able to hunt on public land on Sundays as long as the hunting takes place more than 200 yards from a place of worship. The law also requires that any dog engaged in lawful hunting must wear a substantial collar with a tag attached that identifies the name of the owner, of the dog, and a current phone number.
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News	7:00/8:00 AM	1-Jul-22	You might be hitting the water for this 4th of July weekend and safety is important. The James City County Police are partnering with the U.S. Coast Guard to participate in the national Operation Dry Water heightened awareness and enforcement weekend. During Operation Dry Water, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies will increase Boating Under the Influence
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enforcement July 2-4. The goal of the campaign is to increase public awareness of the dangers of BUI-related incidents.

News 6:30/7:30 AM: 8:30 AM 11-Jul-22 More than 300 employees from five state agencies have resigned since Va. Governor Glenn Younkin announced the states new telework policy back in May. On May 5th, the governor announced that all state employees would begin work, in person, by July 5th. Washington DC and Maryland returned to in person work much earlier than Virginia....being in the office since last summer.

News 7:00:00/8:00 AM 11-Jul-22 A group is calling out Amherst County Supervisor, Dean Rogers, saying he violated their ethics code. Rogers says he did nothing wrong. An investigation continues there.

Central Virginia has plenty of civil war markers for history buffs. But there are some brand new ones in Culpepper. Four groups came together to update 13 markers at Culpepper County's Cedar Mountain Battlefield. The signs have been erected in time for the 160th anniversary of the battle next month.

News 630/730/830 AM 12-Jul-22

A missing, non-verbal autistic boy, was found.....but had passed away. Buckingham County authorities said Landon...known as Waldy....was reported missing Sunday evening, but was found early yesterday morning. An investigation is underway.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 12-Jul-22 "The cases of Moneypox in Virginia has risen again. The state is up to 27 cases. The latest patient has been quarantined. Multiple countries, including the US are seeing rising numbers of Monkeypox. There have been 3 deaths globally, so far.

Lynchburg's River Ridge Mall has been making upgrades the last several years....and welcoming new businesses....and construction is almost complete. The latest addition is the West End. There will be 8 new stores, restaurants and entertainment.

GMC has issued a recall, but there are no parts available to fix the issue. GMC is recalling nearly 700,000 Chevy Equinox and GMC Terrain SUV's due to possible windshield wiper failure. Adding to the issue, is that the parts to fix the issue aren't available.

GMC says that they aren't sure when the wiper part that's needed, will be available.

And a rather unusual sight in the James River in Richmond. A dolphin was photographed in the river and while unusual, it does happen occasionally. The dolphin is most likely lost. The best scenario is that it finds its way back to the ocean on its own. Boaters and paddlers are asked to NOT approach the dolphin should you see it.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 13-Jul-22 The Attorney General of Virginia is coming to town to visit Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center following their recent vandalism. Local legislators along with law enforcement will meeting with BRPC leaders and discuss recent events and will give an update their

investigation into the incident. Horizon Behavioral Health is opening two new sites in Lynchburg. Officials said that both are currently open and receiving clients, on site, by appointment only.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 13-Jul-22 Police continue to investigate several bomb threats in the Hampton Roads area yesterday. Regent University, Tidewater Community College and Norfolk State University confirmed the threats. The all-clear was given and nothing specific was found. Police continue to investigate several bomb threats in the Hampton Roads area yesterday. Regent University, Tidewater Community College and Norfolk State University confirmed the threats. The all-clear was given and nothing specific was found.

A water main break from yesterday, continues to disrupt traffic on Orange Avenue in Roanoke. VDOT crews and other officials say to avoid Orange Avenue, Westbound, at Gus Nicks Blvd. It's going to take them some time to repair the break, the concrete and asphalt.

Meanwhile a water main break in Pulaski has disrupted businesses in the area. The break was off Commerce Street. Until it is fully fixed, businesses and homes in downtown could experience low water pressure.

And the Golden Skillet in Brookneal has closed its doors after 50 years of service. The longtime restaurant was owned by Emmeline Harris and her family. She opened the business when she was just 22 years old. Harris says it's time to open a new chapter in her life."

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 14-Jul-22 Recent rains have cause flooding in many parts of Virginia. Salem, Lynchburg and Roanoke County Fire & Rescue sent members of its swift water teams to Buchanan County to help with flooding there. So far 44 people are unaccounted for. Governor Glen Youngkin has declared a state of emergency for that area.

Roanoke County has purchased land for new Career and Technical Educational Center. The land is adjacent to Peters Creek Road, near Burlington Elementary School. The current plan is for the new center to replace the current CTE facility.

It was an incredible emergency landing on a road in the mountains. Vincent Fraser was piloting his was small plane near Fontana Lake in North Carolina when it began to lose power. Dodging traffic and power lines, Fraser was able to land the plane on Highway 19. No one was hurt and the plane didn't sustain any damage.

Kenny, yesterday you had the story about the GMC recall of about 700,000 Chevrolet Equinox and GMC SUV's due to windshield wiper failure. This issue was doubled because parts for the fix weren't available. Well, Casey Chevrolet in Newport News comes thru, being able to fix the issue in about 15 minutes. So contact your local Chevy dealer if you have questions about that."

News 7:00/8:00 AM 14-Jul-22 President Joe Biden is in Jerusalem in his first middle east trip since becoming President. US ally Israel considers Iran to be it's greatest enemy due to its nuclear program...and its repeated threats. The US and Israel are expected to unveil a joint declaration today, cementing close military ties and to strengthen calls for Iran to halt their nuclear program.

The FBI is reporting an increase in human trafficking cases in Virginia. An official with the FBI in Richmond says most of these cases begin on social media. He says trafficking in any form, usually begins

when you think you are doing something for someone else...and end up being forced to do something else.

Around 4000 dogs are currently being housed at a breeding facility, will be transferred to shelters for adoption. The Lynchburg Humane Society is one of those shelters. Federal officials have been concerned about the health and safety of the 4000 beagles and have ordered the move.

A food giveaway kicked off in Danville yesterday. God's Final Call and Warning along with Danville City Schools gave away food at Woodrow Wilson Intermediate School. The food giveaway will continue every Wednesday from 4-7pm. The next one is at O.T. Bonner Middle School next Wednesday, July 20th."

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 15-Jul-22 The first case of Monkeypox has made it's way to Central Virginia. That makes 40 confirmed cases in the state. The Virginia Health District says they are tracking down close contacts in this latest case and monitoring. Monkeypox has the potential to be a very serious illness and is characterized by a specific type of rash.

Every few years, The Journey volunteers with Habitat For Humanity of The Roanoke Valley, to build a house. The house they are currently working on, is hitting a snag with supply chain issues. Shortages and price increases have been nearly 30%. Despite that, they have been able to build 15 houses since the pandemic began in 2020.

Virginia ranks third among states for business. That's great, but we were 1st for 2022. The 2023 winner was North Carolina. The state rankings are based on an annual study of 85 different metrics in 10 categories.

Klines Dairy Bar is opening in Lynchburg. There's no specific date yet, but they plan on August. The dairy bar will be mainly drive-thru to maximize the speed at which customers are served. If your looking for a job, pay starts at between \$15-\$19 dollars an hour. "

News 7:00/8:00 AM 15-Jul-22 Everyone is accounted for when it comes to the flooding in SW Virginia. And no fatalities due to the flooding. Officials are asking the public to donate thru the United Way of Southwestern Virginia.

Liberty University in Lynchburg basketball season tickets, for men's and women's teams, go on sale to the public today at 12noon. They've got that nice new arena in Lynchburg. So you can pick up your tickets starting today.

A former Bedford County Sheriff has passed away. Carl Wells passed away on Thursday. He served as Bedford County's sheriff from 1974 to 1995. Final arraignments are being made.

The Amherst All Star Darlings of the Dixie Youth Softball League...went undefeated this year. Congratulations to them. They have earned a seat at the World Series in Georgia July 31st. The team of 7 and year old girls is raising money to go. They'll have a table set up at the Lynchburg Hillcats game on Saturday...and they'll be doing a car wash at Advance Auto in Madison Heights on the 23rd."

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM/7/8 18-Jul-22 Some relief for those who drive quite a bit. Gas prices are falling in Central and South West Virginia. The national average is still \$4.57 a gallon....but locally we're

starting to see the high \$3 dollars. In fact the Alta Vista Walmart reportedly has been \$3.29 over the weekend.

Roanoke County Public Schools have approved their budget for the 22-23 school year. All employees will get a 1% pay raise and an additional bonus in December. The budget also includes funding for six additional resource officers and an increase for substitute bus drivers.

The Commonwealth Games return this coming weekend. Opening ceremonies are set for Friday at Liberty University. It's the 32nd year for the Commonwealth Games.

The Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center cancelled visiting hours over the weekend. The Center did not give specific reasons but they said they would reevaluate the situation today.

Could've used these to beat the heat over the weekend. But, the Lynchburg Riverfront Park fountains are reopening today at 10am. Some much needed repairs were made. They can be found at 1100 Jefferson Street. They are free to use and open from 10am to 7pm thru Labor Day.

The Beach Auto Brokers in Norfolk had 9 cars stolen from their lot. Surveillance video shows the men looking around for about 5 or 6 minutes then breaking windows to enter the dealership. The dealership owner pledged a \$1000 reward for the return of each of the cars. Several have been recovered already.

Fans of the Price Is Right will have their chance to "come on down" right in Lynchburg. The live, interactive stage show is coming to the Academy Center For The Arts on October 5th. You could be chosen to play games like Plinko, Cliffhangers and spin the Big Wheel. And even have a shot at a showcase! A \$15 million dollar upgrade is coming to Roanoke/Blacksburg Regional Airport. Some of the money will go toward upgrading TSA security equipment. They hope to finish construction by the end of 2023."

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 19-Jul-22 "Officers acted appropriately. That's the decision handed down in Bedford County yesterday. The Commonwealth's Attorney has come to that conclusion in a 2021 case where officers used lethal force.

Recovery from recent flooding in south west Virginia continues. Mobile laundry services, food and water have all be distributed to the areas hit hardest. The United Way is raising money....Food City and it's partners have contributed with water, non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and Gatorade.

The very first female pilot chosen to become a part of the Navy's Elite flying group The Blue Angels has been picked. She is also an Old Dominion graduate. Lt. Amanda Lee is based at Naval Station Oceana. Once she completes 5 months of training in Pensacola, Florida, she will be able fly in demonstrations with Blue Angles. While she is first woman pilot, she's not the first woman on the team as Marine Major Katie Cook fly the support plane known as "fat albert" a few years back.

A gator was found in a swimming pool in Chesapeake. His name is "splash" and he's about 3 feet long. He was part of a traveling zoo that made a stop in the city a couple of weeks ago....and escaped. So maybe look before you jump in the pool this summer.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 19-Jul-22 The CDC has said that new data shows that a variant of COVID-19 is spreading throughout Virginia. The BA-5 Subvariant of Omicron is causing this latest outbreak. At home tests are available now, and the CDC suggests having some handy in case you feel symptoms.

The town of Pulaski has extended the boil water notice thru tomorrow. Those who don't do so, run the risk of getting sick. It began on July 12th with a water main break. They expected to have repairs done by now, but it's taking longer than expected.

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin announced yesterday that 27 different Virginia communities will launch new tourism campaigns intended to bolster local economies. Those communities will also receive \$10,000 grants to assist in furthering that purpose. More than 1200 community and business leaders participated in the states Drive 2.0 tourism workshops that initiated this move.

The TSA is offering \$1000 hiring bonuses in Richmond. The international airport in Richmond will set up a table at the Mechanicsville Public Library next Tuesday, the 26th....from 10:30 to 2:30. Stop by if you are looking for a job.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 20-Jul-22 "Covid cases are on the rise in Virginia. Health officials continue to encourage people to get vaccinated. In hopes of doing that, Virginia Beach Department of Public Health will host a community clinic later today. It runs 4:30 to 6:30pm at New Light Baptist Church on Indian River Road.

The Bedford County Fair has been cancelled again. With public input, they're hoping to move forward with a bigger fair in the future. The 20 and 21 Fair's were cancelled due to Covid.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 20-Jul-22 "

High temperatures thru the weekend could mean that hydroelectric plants on the New River and Roanoke River could have to generate more energy. So, officials are warning recreational users of the rivers to be cautious. The increase in energy levels could make water levels below the Claytor and Leesville dams to change quickly....in fact up to 8 feet in just a few hours. Water service will be disrupted in Lynchburg today. There will be a water shutdown along Gorman Drive between 9am and 3pm. Crews from Lynchburg Water Resources will be replacing water valves in the area. Customers who experience discolored water, should run the water for 5 minutes until the water clears up. "

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 21-Jul-22 Danville's Lidl grocery store will be closing on July 31st due to under performance. The store opened in 2017 and was the first Lidl to open in southwest Virginia. Officials said the closing will allow the company to focus on stores that are showing growth. Central Virginia Community College has launched their new internet presence. CVCC launched their new website with a new logo intended to give a fresh new look.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 21-Jul-22 The Virginia Commonwealth Games kicks off tomorrow and as they prepare for their opponents on the field of play....they're preparing for the opponent off the field as well. The heat will be an issue this weekend. Officials are taking all of the precautions they can for

the athletes, like rescheduling some events at night under the lights...and say even if you are coming to watch, bring extra water to be prepared.

Broadband is coming to underserved areas in Franklin County. A \$17.7 million dollar grant has been given to extend high speed fiber to homes. The project is still in design and permitting stages, but should be on track to begin next year.

Pembroke Mall developers have announced a new name for their \$200 million dollar redevelopment. They're calling it Pembroke Square. There will be shopping and dining, a senior living community, apartments and a new hotel. The project should be completed in 2025.

And police are warning of a recent text scam. The texter says they are from Postal Service and that there is a package for you. They then go on to explain its undeliverable due to an incorrect address. There is a link for you to click. USPS says this is totally a scam and to just delete the text.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 22-Jul-22 "A gas station on Main Street in Alta Vista is selling gas for less than \$3.00 a gallon. The price is for cash only, but customers say they're happy for the break in price. The station employees say the only way to bring lower gas prices to the area, is for them to lower theirs. So if your driving by, might as well fill up. If you live in Lynchburg, you may qualify for a free fan or AC unit.

The Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living is helping those who are over 60 and have an income of less than \$1600 a month or \$2289 for the household. Visit their website if you need more information on that.

And Monarch Butterflies have been added to the endangered list. They have been in a decline over the last decade. The orange and black striped butterflies are the most recognized butterfly in the world."

News 7:00/8:00 AM 22-Jul-22 Norfolk-Southern is increasing their pay, and offering incentives to draw in more employees. The company announced that they will increase the pay for their Conductor Training position to \$25 per hour. They will also have the opportunity to earn up to \$5000 dollars in starting bonuses. Conductors can earn about \$67000 the first year, will that growing as they gain experience.

Dare County officials are urging people to conserve water since a water main break yesterday. It's acting Duck, Southern Shores and Martins Point. It's unclear what caused the break, but they will get it fixed just as soon as they can.

Hundreds of citizens who live in Alta Vista will be getting refunds following issues with speed cameras in school zones. The cameras were activated from June 6th to July 1st...with over 700 citations issued. Citizens complained that there were no flashing lights or signs indicating that the school zone speed limit was in effect during those times. So everyone is going to get a refund. They did say they hope to get everything up and running properly by the start of school, August 16th.

The Oscar Myer Wienermobile is making stops in the Roanoke area. It's a chance for many to catch the hot dog on wheels. They'll be in Vinton today, Daleville on Saturday and Hardy on Sunday.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 25-Jul-22 The United Nations Health Agency chief has declared monkeypox a global emergency. Meanwhile the World Health Organization came up just short of doing that. Monkeypox is currently spreading in over 70 countries.

Amherst County Public schools are trying to fill some teacher spots before the beginning of the school year. Officials say they are confident they'll fill the positions, because of the incentives being offered. There are 5 open positions and say they have a plan in place, should the hiring take a bit longer than expected.

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin announced a drop in the unemployment rate. The month of June saw about 7500 more employed than previous. It's also about four times what it was last year.

A longtime Lynchburg restaurant is closing its doors for two of its locations, for good. Mi Patron on Wards Road has closed...and the Mi Patron in Candler's Station will close within the next few months. Two other locations will remain open...Boonsboro and Waterlick Rd.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 25-Jul-22 President Joe Biden continues to have mild symptoms after testing positive for COVID 19. Though his meetings were cancelled until he tests negative, he's been keeping busy with video conferencing.

A beauty and personal care corporation is planning to close its Lynchburg plant. KDC/ONE confirmed that it plans to close the plant by the end of 2023 causing about 670 people to lose their jobs. The company is offering help to employees in finding another job.

It's that time of year again with fires out west. California's Governor has declared a state of emergency over a wildfire in Yosemite. About 6000 people have been evacuated and nearly 2000 homes are being threatened.

The city of Danville is offering a new way to see the city via the Riverwalk Trail. Danville parks and rec department is offering rental bikes. There are five locations along the trail where you can rent a bike.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 26-Jul-22 The Federal Reserve is going to stay focused on its inflation fight. They will announce this week another hefty hike in interest rates. This would be its fourth rate hike since March. Rate hikes can slow spending, but no control other things like shortages of groceries, energy and factory parts.

Emergency crews responded to a fire at a manufacturing plant in Amherst County early yesterday morning. Grief Packaging plant was on fire when crews arrived and after battling the blaze they got the fire under control. There were no injuries and the cause is under investigation.

Authorities say a rabid fox is on the loose in Danville. 2 people were bitten over the weekend. The local health district says anyone that has any contact with a fox, needs to seek medical attention immediately. Rabies is a deadly disease. And watch your animals as well.



Operation Christmas Child is asking that you bring a stuffed animal to the Lynchburg Hillcats game tonight. They will have a table set up and will be collecting the items for their shoeboxes. A portion of ticket sales go to help ship those boxes too. The game starts at 6:30.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 26-Jul-22 Some heavy storms rolled thru Lynchburg and headed east yesterday. Some of those storms packed some heavy winds that caused some damage in the area. Forecasters say the heat wave is over, for now, and we've got the chance of scattered thunderstorms each day this week.

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News 7:00/8:00 AM 27-Jul-22 The Virginia Department of Health will roll out a new COVID-19 vaccine in August. The state will be getting over 20,000 doses of the Novavax vaccine. Authorities say it

works a bit different than other vaccines that are already available. It contains a bit of a protein that stimulates an immune response.

Tazewell County residents, near Wytheville and Marion, will be seeing construction on a new power line soon. Appalachian Power announcing that they've identified a route for power lines that should support economic development and increase reliability in the area.

The Virginia State Police in Richmond says they are reducing the operating hours of their med-flight program in Central and Southwest Virginia due to a pilot shortage. State police say that until pilots can be hired and trained, the 24 hour service will be reduced to 16 hours per day, from 8am to midnight.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 28-Jul-22 President Joe Biden plans to speak with his Chinese counterpart for the first time in about 4 months later today. They will talk about all sorts of issues including a planned visit by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan. China claims Taiwan as it's own and wouldn't look lightly on a Pelosi visit.

Lynchburg City leaders approved a redistricting plan at their meeting this week. They've approved it, but they haven't decided which plan makes sense. So they've set an Option A and Option B. The city manager now sends the proposal to the Attorney General for approval.

The Chincoteague pony swim was back yesterday for the 97th year. Lots of viewers at Veterans' Memorial Park. The ponies will swim during slack tide...which means there's no current at all. After a short rest, they have the Pony Parade down Main Street to the carnival grounds.

And 66 new jobs are coming to Pittsylvania County thanks to the expansion of AeroFarms. They are the worlds leader in indoor vertical farms. Officials say the expansion is thanks growing customer demand.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 28-Jul-22 The list of the best regional hospitals for Virginia has been released.

Inova in Fairfax was #1 with UVA coming in at #2. Sentara in Norfolk and VCU in Richmond tied for 3rd....Carillion in Roanoke was #5 and Lynchburg #7.

Dicks Sporting Goods is showing its support to a local track team in Roanoke. The company donated \$1000 to Inner City Athletics for some new uniforms and some track meet fees. Dicks also donated some swag for the guys on the team! Gabe's Department Store and Big Lots are officially going into the old Burlington Coat Factory building on Wards Road in Lynchburg. The signs are up and look for an opening announcement soon.

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin has ordered flags to be flown at half staff in the Commonwealth today. The move is in honor of Jack Reid who was a Virginia Delegate and has passed away.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 29-Jul-22 The Federal Reserve raised interest rates this week, as expected. That's the fourth rate hike this year. To better prepare yourself for a recession, local experts say to put money into a savings account...and cut back on spending right now.

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin says he is donating his salary for the 2nd quarter of the year, to the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation. The Governor was on hand to write the check to the Jones and Cabacoy Veterans Care Center in Virginia Beach which will open later this year.

Residents of Danville are being asked to be vigilant when it comes to this rabid fox we mentioned the other day. If you live near the Walmart on Mount Cross Road, officials are asking you to watch out for your pets, particularly cats...and to avoid contact with this rabid fox. Any person or animal bitten or scratched should seek medical treatment immediately.

Amtrak has been picking up business in Norfolk lately. Part of newest route goes right by Suffolk and residents say it would be awfully nice if Amtrak offered a stop in Suffolk. It's been almost 25 years since a train has stopped in the old Suffolk train station. A local group has taken up the task of making that happen.

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News 7:00/8:00 AM 29-Jul-22 Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin has declared a state of emergency for Southwest Virginia. That will assist in recovery and response to the devastating flooding in that part of the state. A state of emergency allows the mobilization of resources and equipment to aid in recovery efforts...and coordination with state and local partners.

Some federal funds will be coming the way of regional airports in Virginia. A total of over \$5 million dollars will be distributed to airports including Chesapeake Regional Airport, Blue Ridge Airport in Martinsville, Freeman Field in Louisa, and William Tuck Airport in Halifax. The Vintage Virginia Comic Book Show will celebrate its 25th year this year. The show is coming to Salem this weekend, is known for its older comic books from the 30's thru the 70's. There will be about 45 vendors from 6 different states at the Salem Civic Center.

There will be a temporary lane closer on Old Forest Road in Lynchburg starting on Monday. Crews will be repairing a sewer line in the area. The work will take about 2 weeks.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 1-Aug-22 President Joe Biden has tested positive, again, for COVID-19. The White House says the president has returned to isolation for at least 5 days, and is being treated. Some upcoming trips to Michigan and Delaware were cancelled.

The Virginia Tax Free Holiday is coming up August 5th – 7th. It's your chance to buy items for school, clothing, shoes, hurricane supplies and energy star appliances, sales tax free. This includes both in store, and online purchases.

Lynchburg has added digital kiosks. It's an effort by the Office Of Economic Development and Tourism to offer information to people visiting the city. There kiosks offer visitor information, trail maps, upcoming events and QR codes to guides and brochures.

If you've been by the Valley View Mall lately, you probably noticed new green lanes on the roadways....those are bike lanes. It's a project by the Roanoke Department of Transportation. They've installed about 50 miles of bike lanes so far. Ninth Street and Shenandoah Avenue could be the next locations of bike lanes.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 1-Aug-22 Part of Southwest Virginia and eastern Kentucky and Tennessee continue to experience flooding, and after a brief break on Saturday, storms were back yesterday. Rescue teams backed up by the National Guard used helicopters and boats to search for the missing. Thousands of homes have no power. It does look like there could be some relief from the rain, but it could be back for the weekend. Kentucky's governor says it's the worst situation he's ever seen.

Incoming freshmen just finished up their summer transition exams at VMI in Lexington. And this year is a milestone for female cadets. This year will mark 25 years that the women, have trained alongside the men. About 50 of 400 incoming freshmen are women.

USNS Robert E. Peary returned to Yorktown after a 5 month deployment. The ship traveled to England, Greece, Scotland, Italy and Spain to complete at-sea-replenishment and refueling runs.

Students at Title 1 schools in Roanoke will be receiving free meals at schools this year. Title 1 is a federal education program that provides meals for schools that serve low income families. Students do not need to apply for the meals. School include, Burlington, Herman L. Horn, Masons Cove, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, and W.E. Cundiff.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 2-Aug-22 Our partners at Gleaning For The World will be hosting a collection of items for those in need due to flooding in eastern Kentucky and South Western Virginia this week. They will be at Sams Club in Lynchburg Thursday and Friday 10am-6pm. Crews in Kentucky continue to search for survivors, thousands without power and many are still missing.

The national average for a gallon of gas has fallen for the 7th week in a row. The average for Virginia is down 15 cents. That's some good news, but it's still a ways from what we would call "normal".

There is an uptick in coronavirus cases in Virginia. The state saw over 2000 new cases yesterday. Since last week, Virginia has seen over 20,000 new cases. Virginia Beach saw the 3rd most cases...with Chesterfield County near the top as well.

And a first edition of a book written by Thomas Jefferson has been discovered. It happened when Friends Of The Virginia Beach Public Library were combing thru some donated books. The published date was 1829. After some research they found that there were 82 copies in law libraries around the world. This one, worth nearly \$10,000.

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News 7:00/8:00 AM 2-Aug-22 The White House is adding money to the coffers for the fight against wildfires in the west and the recent flooding. The Vice President made the announcement in Miami yesterday. \$1 billion dollars will be available to states to fight fires and the extreme heat particularly out west....and to help recovery efforts and future flooding in the east. So, a record has been

set for rainfall. Sunday, we had 4.4 inches of rain at the Lynchburg Airport...that sets a record for the most rain on any day in July. That also pushed up our July, to the 3rd most rain during that month.

Well, there's no excuse not too. That's the thought behind Bedford's D-Day Memorial's No Excuse Night. This year's event will be August 13th. The memorial will be open after hours that evening giving everyone the opportunity to visit the memorial. It'll be from 5-8 pm that evening and no tickets are required.

And Horizon Behavioral Health has awarded nearly \$2 million dollars to help with adolescent homelessness. It will allow 18-25 year olds that are struggling with mental health to find permanent housing. They expect to help over 200 people in the new few years.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 3-Aug-22 Bedford County is on alert for a dumpster diving bear! The bear has been seen in the Huddleston area near a dumpster. In fact, it's the only dumpster for those in the Leesville Lake area. The bear has gotten aggressive over the last week or so. So be careful when you pull up to dump your trash....honk your horn...and avoid dumping anything at night.

A food drive is coming to southwest Virginia. It's being organized by W.S. Connelly and Feeding Southwest Virginia and will be held before this Sunday's game with the Salem Red Sox. The first 500 people in attendance that bring non-perishable food item, will get a free ticket. Gates open at 4 with admission to the game at 5.

A new playground opened in Roanoke yesterday. It is one of six that's coming....this one in Garden City Park. The city and Play Roanoke held a ribbon cutting yesterday and said this park and the others will provide decades of family fun for it's citizens.

The Virginia Zoo in Norfolk has welcomed a new member of the family. A striped piglet was born. Her name is Cataloupe....or Lou for short. Once they get to about 6 months old, the stripes will go away. When grown, Lou could weigh about 250 lbs."

News 7:00/8:00 AM 3-Aug-22 American employers posted fewer job openings in June, as the country deals with inflation and rising interest rates. Job openings fell to 10.7 million in June, according to the Labor Department....they were 11.3 million in May.

The FBI developed a cyber security challenge for school kids. Linkhorne Middle and Floyd Elementary schools were recognized for their consistent participation. The challenge includes grade specific material, scavenger hunts, games and quizzes. 18,000 school across the country and over 500 in Virginia have participated.

On Sunday, rescuers working with cats and kittens in Lynchburg, noticed one didn't look quite right. Turns out it's a bobcat. He was covered with ticks, anemic and dehydrated. He's doing a lot better and is being looked after by southwest Virginia Wildlife Center in Roanoke.

And a portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway reopened this week. The section over the Roanoke River Bridge was supposed to open back in June, but issues with contractors and the weather caused the delay.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 4-Aug-22 Gas prices have been inching downward over the last month or so...you may have noticed. Opec, has decided to boost their oil production, but at a slower pace than previous months. President Joe Biden visited Opec nation Saudi Arabia last month, aiming to improve relations and encourage more oil production to battle high prices at the pump.

A popular baby bottle has been recalled due to high lead levels. The bottle is the NUK First Choice 240ml Glass Baby Bottles. These particular bottles were sold at Amazon and have silver stars on the outside. Lead is known to be toxic and have negative effects on health if consumed. Return these bottles to Amazon if you have them.

The number of Lynchburg City public schools is beginning to outpace the need, creating an issue for school leaders. Enrollment is down 10% in the last 20 years...and many of the schools need upgrades. The Lynchburg School Board discussed their Master Plan this week and are hoping to hear from the community. They hope to get their plan approved sometime next summer.

Compassion Church of the Nazarene on Ward's Ferry Road in Lynchburg is collecting items such as water, diapers, baby food. The collection runs thru Sunday. They will be making a special trip next week to Kentucky to help with flood recovery.

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News 7:00/8:00 AM 4-Aug-22 Kentucky's governor says it's the worst he's ever seen. The flooding from the last several weeks. Thousand are without power there....the search continues for the missing. Gleaning For The World will be out at Sam's Club on Wards Road in Lynchburg today and tomorrow, collecting items. So, stop by and donate. 10 – 6.

Military Circle Mall in Norfolk will be closing at the end of the year...and it will be demolished for future development. The current tenants will have until then, to find a new location. Military Circle Mall opened back in 1970.

A new grant called the Preserving Black Churches Grant will help preserve historic black churches in the state. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has announced the grant. Churches can apply and could be given between 50,000 and 200,00 dollars for preservation work. Interested churches should submit a letter of intent, by September 2nd.

And the Virginia Beach Taco Festival has been rescheduled. It was originally to take place back in May, but it's been announced that it will take place August 20 and 21st at The Shack on 8th street.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 5-Aug-22 Forecasters are trimming back their original forecasts for a very busy hurricane season. But NOAA said yesterday that they expect an average season this year. The prediction is for 3-5 major storms with about 15 storms all together.

## Housing

The City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority is preparing to open its Housing Choice Voucher Program waitlist. The applications will be accessible for 5 days from August 15 thru the 19th.

## Flags

Virginia flags were ordered at half staff yesterday in honor of Congresswoman Jacqueline Walorski who lost her life this week. She was also honored at Liberty University where she was a former student.

## Tax

And Virginia's Sale Tax Holiday begins today. You can purchase back to school items, clothes, energy star appliances....all without paying tax. That will last thru the weekend and should be available in stores and online.

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News 7:00/8:00 AM 5-Aug-22 The US is calling monkeypox a public health emergency.

The decision is intended to speed up vaccine distribution and bolster a federal response. Since the first monkeypox case in mid-May...there are now about 7000 across the US.

## Ship

The newly commissioned USS Fort Lauderdale arrived in Norfolk yesterday. The ship will be part of the Expeditionary Strike Group Two. It is the first Navy warship to be named after the south Florida city.

## Guard

The Hampton Roads area will celebrate Coast Guard Day today, with a new annual festival in Chesapeake. The day will include displays, food trucks, games and even helicopters and boats. It will be held from 10am to 3pm at Chesapeake City Park and everything is free!

## Baby

There was a surprise at Sheetz in New London the other day. A woman gave birth, in the parking lot, Wednesday evening. Mom says she almost had her while driving down the road, so they called 911 and decided to meet at Sheetz. The baby's name is Jemma. Mom and baby are doing fine and expected to go home from the hospital today.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 8-Aug-22 Some good news on the job front. US employers added 528,000 jobs in July. Unemployment dropped to 3.5% matching a 50 year low from just before the pandemic. That means that the economy has recovered 22 million jobs that were lost when the pandemic began.

## Grant

The Biden Administration offered The Good Job Challenge Grant and Hampton Roads Workforce Council was one of the winners. There were 32 winners of the grant that will encourage job development in Hampton Roads. The grant is worth \$11 million dollars and will focus on the maritime industry like welders and shipbuilders.

## Schools

Back to school time is right around the corner. Many area schools are hosting open houses. In fact, Campbell County Public Schools will host their open house for students and families on the 11th. The elementary schools will be open from 12-3 and 4-7. Middle and High schools from 11-2 and 4 to 7.

## Barbershop

Ted and Teds Barbershop in Lynchburg was offering free haircuts to children on Saturday. It was part of the One Community One Voice program that brings kids free haircuts at back-to-school time.



News 7:00/8:00 AM 8-Aug-22 "Many American's had their weekend up-ended by storms. Tens of thousands of flyers had nearly 1400 flights cancelled on Friday due to heavy thunderstorms. Delays and cancellations were heavy in the northeast including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and DC....but also out in Denver. That's added to the publics frustration with the airline industry lately.

## Approved

State regulators approved an application from Dominion Energy Virginia to build an enormous offshore wind farm off of Virginia Beach. The project is expected to save Virginians more than \$3 billion dollars over it's first 10 years.

## Snap

Eligible households will soon receive another allotment of SNAP emergency benefits. The Department of Social Services received approval to continue to the benefits another month. The funds will be automatically loaded onto cards on August 16th.

## Horse

And the Corolla Wild Horse Fund announced the birth of a new foal. Ceres in a filly and is about 5 days old. They are reminding the public also, to give the horses plenty of space, as to allow for a bonding period and to prevent physical injury. That is the 7th foal born this year.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 9-Aug-22 Fresh out of quarantine for his second bout with COVID....President Joe Biden headed to Kentucky yesterday. Biden and the Kentucky Governor toured damage from recent flooding and met with victims. Flooding still remains a threat with rain forecast for several days this week.

## Virginia

The state of Virginia ranks near the top when it comes to child wellbeing. The report covers topics such as health, education, and economics for each state. Many of Virginia's categories showed improvements from last year.

## Promoted

The first African American marine has been promoted to a 4 star General. Michael Langley said his father encouraged him to aim high. Langley was born in Louisiana but grew up on military bases as his father served in the Air Force.

## Bobcat

A second bobcat kitten was admitted to the Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center near Roanoke, in the last two weeks. So now there are two mouths to feed. SVWC says bobcats are expensive to care for, and they already have hundreds of animals in their care. If you would like to help, contact SVWC immediately.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9-Aug-22 Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin signed legislation to secure \$400 million dollars in grants for state schools. The money will be distributed by enrollment and local needs....and build new facilities and expand existing ones.

## Gas

Gas prices in Virginia fell another \$.13 cents this week. The average price per gallon is \$3.84. Prices are still nearly \$1.00 higher than last year. The national average slipped under \$4.00 per gallon yesterday.

## Radford

Radford City Schools have made a tough decision. They are postponing the start of school for 2 weeks this year, due to ongoing projects. The district wants to make sure that when students enter school they are focused and ready to learn. Open houses for this Thursday have been rescheduled.

## Amherst

And Amherst County schools are making a change before school begins there. One of those changes includes having the student "in person" at school. There will be no video instruction this year. If the student is sick, parents should keep them at home. "

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 10-Aug-22

Haywood County Sheriffs Department in North Carolina, has decided to ship some of its used body armor, to the Ukraine to help with the battle against Russia. Officials say the body armor is heavier and bulkier than what the officers need, but it is still in good condition and can help protect against larger caliber weapons. The department will make the donation thru Samaritan's Purse.

## Schools

Students at select schools in Bedford County will be getting free meals this school year. They come via the Community Eligibility Provision meal program. Officials say that 10 different schools in Bedford County met the criteria based on their economically disadvantaged status.

## Market

The Market On Main in Lynchburg is going to open a second location. They are opening this morning actually.....about 8am. The new location will be open until 3pm on Wards Road...the address is 3920.

## Serena

And Serena Williams has announced her plans to retire from tennis. She is now 41 years old and is expected to play at least thru the US Open which begins on August 29th.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 10-Aug-22 The Homestead Resort has long been a great place to getaway...to experience what comfort and relaxation is all about. And now, it's getting a \$140 million dollar renovation. The outside is about 30% complete and now contractors turn their attention to the

interior. The main focus will be the guestrooms. Officials with Omni Resorts say it will be exciting to see the 250 year old buildings come back to life.

#### Go Fest

Go Fest will return to downtown Roanoke this fall. The three day event will start October 16th. This years event, like in the past, will center around Elmwood Park. There will be favorites like the Lumberjack and BMX stunt shows.

#### Staffing

Tidewater Staffing will host a hiring event on August 23rd. It'll take place at Wall Street Café in Suffolk from 11-2. Tidewater Staffing will be looking for entry level laborers and skilled trades. No experience necessary for entry level positions and training is free. Applicants must come with their resume, state issued ID, birth certificate and high school diploma.

#### Rescue

They'll get your cat out of a tree....and they'll get your horse out of a ditch! The Chesapeake Fire Department rescued a horse, the name is Patches, from a ditch in Chesapeake. The horse apparently wandered into the ditch. Reports are that Patches will need medical attention but should be okay.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 11-Aug-22 Liberty University in Lynchburg has hired an executive search firm to hire the University's next president. The company is Carter-Baldwin. The current school interim president Jerry Prevo has been holding down the position since 2020 and came out of retirement to help lead the school. The target date for someone to be in the position, is the start of next school year.

#### Helicopter

The Navy has recovered the FA 18E Super Hornet that was blown off the deck of the USS Harry Truman. The incident happened last month during heavy seas and the plane went into the Mediterranean. The Navy says it's being taken to a nearby military installation before heading back to the US.

## Breeze

Breeze Airways launched in Norfolk last June with flights to cities like Las Vegas, Tampa, New Orleans and more. Well now they are launching new flights to Nashville from Norfolk. Flight time will be about 4 hours. The flights will have a stop, but no plane change and will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting on November 2nd.

## Winter

And the Farmers Almanac has it's winter predictions this year, saying that it will be colder than usual....and that December should be stormier than last year. We'll see.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 11-Aug-22 "The George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group left Norfolk yesterday for deployment. The group involves more than 6000 sailors. This was a regularly scheduled deployment, but it doesn't make it any easier for family's involved.

## Construction

If you've driven in downtown Lynchburg lately, you've probably noticed some construction going on along Commerce Street. Crews are working in underground utility's and that work should be done by mid-September. Then they'll focus on sidewalks thru the winter. Everything is expected to be done by July of next year.

## Danville

Meanwhile....Danville's White Mill redevelopment project is close to construction....but it's currently hung up in paperwork. The multi-million dollar project is waiting on a couple of issues to be resolved. The former textile mill is slated to become apartments and some commercial use.

## Chili

And, if you think you have what it takes....the Chili Cookoff Champion of Smith Mountain Lake will be crowned in November. The application period begins on Monday....and runs thru October 21st.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 12-Aug-22 Roanoke City leaders have unanimously approved plans for a new hotel. The decision comes after several months of concern from neighbors over parking and disruptions to the area. The Crystal Spring Hotel plans to open in 2024.

#### School

Yesterday was going to be the first day of school at Critzer Elementary in Pulaski. However, there was a sewage back up that caused officials to cancel the first day. However, they are expected back in school today.

#### Cruises

City Cruises Norfolk had to put on hold their schedule when the Spirit of Norfolk caught fire back in June. The iconic ship was declared a total loss. Well, welcome in the newest ship the Spirit of Mount Vernon. The ship will begin cruises again today.

#### Greenbriar

Filming has wrapped up at the Greenbriar Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The Hallmark Channel has been on site for the last few weeks filming a Christmas movie. Staff are not allowed to say much about what happened, but look for the movie later this year.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 12-Aug-22 Appomattox Middle School students and staff evacuated the building yesterday. School leaders say some students told office staff about a word they had seen written in the bathroom. The school was evacuated and searched for about an hour. The all clear was given and student returned to their classrooms yesterday.

#### Suffolk

Lawn and garden manufacturer Oldcastle APG will set up a new production facility in Suffolk. The company is second largest manufacturer of lawn and garden product in the US and their renovating a vacant building in Suffolk to house their new facility. This will be the company's second operation in Virginia and it should bring about 28 new jobs.

## Blue

The 9th annual Big Blue 5K is happening tomorrow at Old Dominion University. It starts at 8...and there will also be a kids 1K happening at 9:30. Runners will be cheered on by student-athletes at ODU and there will be party at the football stadium after the run. Nearly 1500 participated last year.

## LCS

Lynchburg City Schools will be providing free meals to all students this school year that are served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Families are not required to submit a meal application form to receive the meals at no charge.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 15-Aug-22

A volunteer fire squad has been suspended following a funding investigation. Roanoke County are seeking charges against first responders at the Hollins Volunteer Fire and Rescue for embezzlement and obtaining money under false pretenses. The investigation has gone on for some time. Officials say this will not disrupt service in the Hollins area.

## Jail

Some Pittsylvania County jail inmates were temporarily transferred following electrical issues at the jail. The issues affected the inmates cell blocks. The problem occurred in a circuit that controlled the lighting in the cell, not any locking mechanisms.

## Franklin

Congratulations are in order for Blue Ridge Fire and EMS Academy. Franklin County announced that for the 3rd consecutive year, they have been awarded 2022 Achievement Award. Franklin County teams up with Henry and Patrick Counties to provide fire and EMS services to those areas.

## Roadwork

And roadwork will begin on 2 busy Virginia Beach streets today. The road improvement projects on Shore Drive and Edwin Drive will begin each day at 7pm...and continue until 5am. Crews will be milling and paving. Weather permitting, the work should be done by the end of the month."

News 7:00/8:00 AM 15-Aug-25

A delegation of 12 American lawmakers arrived in Taiwan yesterday following the visit of Nancy Pelosi 12 days ago. China launched military drills after her visit. The delegation is there to discuss shared interests including reducing tensions in the Taiwan Strait and investments in semiconductors.

## Closed

The North Landing Bridge in Virginia Beach will be closed for several days for repair. Officials are asking motorists to find an alternate route while repairs are done.

## College

Virginias community colleges announced a new initiative to address the workers shortage. Recent data revealed that companies are struggling to fill more than 100,000 infrastructure jobs in Virginia. The colleges will offer courses in heavy construction, like building roads, bridges and tunnels, broadband expansion, and off-shore wind and solar energy, to try and produce 35,000 skilled workers over the next 5 years.

## Search

And the search is on for two kangaroos in Ohio. The kangaroos have been spotted a few times, but authorities have not been able to catch them. Kangaroos are not usually aggressive and don't usually attack humans.

News 6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 16-Aug-22



## Kraft

Kraft is recalling pouches of Carpi Sun. It's a voluntary recall where about 6000 cases of Capri Sun may contain cleaning solution. The best if used by date, is June 25 2023. The flavor is Wild Cherry. Do not consume the product and contact Kraft for more information.

## Bedford

Bedford County parents are petitioning against elementary rezoning.

The school board is looking over plans to battle overcrowding in the elementary schools, particularly New London Academy which is at 103% capacity. The rezoning would send some of those students to Otter River and Bedford Elementary instead.

## Nexstar

Nexstar Media Group has announced that it is planning to purchase a 75% stake in the CW television network. Nexstar already owns 37 CW and CW Plus affiliates and says that the move will solidify company revenue.

## Pets

The Danville Fire Department announced that they now have updated pet oxygen masks as part of their arsenal. The masks are thanks to Project Breathe, a program through the Invisible Fence Company. Fire Departments throughout the country are eligible to receive one kit per station.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 16-Aug-22

## Clinic

Some changes are coming to the Carillion Clinic construction plan in Roanoke. Roanoke City Council voted unanimously to approve the updates. The changes include a parking garage at the corner of Jefferson and McClanahan that will serve staff at the Crystal Spring Tower that is still under construction.

## Bedford

Bedford County welcomed students back to school yesterday. The district is also welcoming 1000 new students this year...making nearly 10,000 enrolled in Bedford County Public Schools. The schedule for middle and high school students has changed a bit...with school starting at 8:45am and letting out at 3:45pm.

## Blacksburg

The town of Blacksburg says they have received \$4 million dollars for affordable housing. The Affordable Housing Development Fund will increase, promote and preserve affordable housing in the area. The money will either be distributed either a grant, or an interest free loan.

## Bus

Suffolk Transit will soon add two electric buses to their fleet. Suffolk has received a grant from the Department of Transportations Low or No Emissions Vehicle Program. Suffolk Transit plans to buy two electric buses and two charging stations. A bus can travel about 125 miles before needing a charge, carry 19 people, plus two wheelchairs and bike racks.

6:30/7:30/8:30 AM      17-Aug-22

## Biden

First Lady Jill Biden has tested positive for COVID. Her symptoms are mild. The Bidens have been vacationing in South Carolina and like her husband will quarantine until she has a negative test. She has been twice vaccinated and twice boosted.

## Court

Danville General District Court closed early yesterday, due to COVID protocols. The court closed at 1pm and is expected to re-open this morning at 8:30 with no restrictions.

## Miller Park

Miller Park in Lynchburg is extending their season! Lynchburg Park and Rec Department announced that the Miller Park pool will remain open on weekends through Labor Day, September 5th. And also that free admission will start on August 20th.

## Cookout

And a second Cookout restaurant is coming to Roanoke. The only one had been on Hershberger Road....but a second location will come to Franklin Road in SW Roanoke, where Long John Silvers was many years ago.

7:00/8:00 AM 17-Aug-22 The United States is offering more monkeypox vaccine to more states and cities. The US Department of Health and Human Services says they will be able to distribute more vaccines than originally thought. Something of note as well...health officials say that monkeypox can be spread to your dog if you have one.

## Fire

A Virginia volunteer firefighter has been charged with setting an abandoned building on fire. Officials say they obtained surveillance video of the man, Ray Kerns in front of the building about 30 minutes before the fire was reported. He was arrested and charged with 2 felonies.

## VB

Virginia Beach City Council has approved a plan to build over the concrete mountain on I-264. A local real estate developer won the right to build 438 apartments in the space. It's a \$100 million dollar project that will be dubbed the 122 Mac project.

## Food

The Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore will hold a food distribution event on Tuesday, the 23rd. It'll be held at the Veterans United Home Amphitheatre from 9-1. The event is open to all Virginia Beach residents on a first come, first served basis.

6:30/7:30/8:30 AM      18-Aug-22

#### CDC

The head of the CDC announced a shake-up of sorts yesterday among the organization, saying it fell short responding to COVID. CDC leaders call it a reset, including internal staffing moves, and steps to speed up data releases. The CDC's director says it's their initiative, and has not been directed by the White House or other administration officials.

#### Pulaski

A Pulaski Elementary School dismissed early yesterday due to a possible gas leak. Critzer Elementary dismissed at 10:30am. Someone noticed the smell of gas and the school wanted to take every precaution. After the inspection of the school, no gas leak was found. Students can return to school this morning.

#### Power

A power outage hit most of downtown Hampton yesterday. Some traffic lights were affected as well. Hampton City Hall closed early but those working from home continued to work. Officials say an investigation into what happened continues.

#### Amtrak

And if you travel by train, some good news in the food department. Amtrak is listening to customers and plans to offer a new café menu. The plan includes better quality items and for a lower cost on their menus. Look for those on your next trip.

7:00/8:00 AM 18-Aug-22

After missing the last two years, the Grand Illumination Parade will return to downtown Norfolk this year. It'll be the 36th edition of the parade and the theme will be Holiday Magic. It'll take place the Saturday before Thanksgiving and applications for participants are due by September 16th.

#### VDOT

VDOT is looking to recruit drivers for this upcoming winter season. Every year, around this time thru November, they look to make a hiring push for those who can help remove snow. If you are interested you can get more information at the Christiansburg office at 4:30.

#### Street

Roanoke said the northbound and southbound lanes of Williamson Road at Thurston Avenue were closed yesterday. The closure was to allow the Water Authority to complete underground utility repairs. It is expected to be back open this morning.

#### Sheetz

And Sheetz is moving to a new location in Roanoke. This fall, the Sheetz on Williamson Road will close and move to Orange Road and King Street. Sheetz paid \$3 million dollars for the land, which is much bigger location. It'll open this fall.

6:30/7:30/8:30 AM 19-Aug-22

#### Sales

Sales of homes dropped for the 6th consecutive month in July. It went down 5.9% from June. The slide is all a part of the economy now with higher mortgage rates and inflation. The number of homes for sale however, rose 4.8% in July.

#### VA Tech

Virginia Tech is offering students free virtual mental health counseling.

Timely Care launched on August 12th and offers students mental health support anytime, anywhere and fast. Students can get immediate care, schedule appointments and receive health coaching 24/7.

#### Liberty

Liberty University in Lynchburg has installed blue lights to help with campus security. The lights which indicate that there is a phone there, have been installed on campus. The phone connects directly to campus police. They've also installed more video cameras in an effort to increase security on campus.

#### Roanoke

New technology is also helping with security at Roanoke County Schools. In an emergency situation, teachers can simply open an app on their phone, swipe, and the entire school goes into lockdown mode. It's an app called Raptor and it's focus is protecting students and it allows school districts to stay in complete control during drills and active incidents."

7:00/8:00 AM 19-Aug-22

#### Education

The Virginia Department of Education released their 2021-2022 Standard Of Learning results yesterday. That marked the return of students to the classroom overall in Virginia. In math...students passed at about 82% before the pandemic...since the pandemic, 66%. Overall, 73% passed, for 21-22, whereas before the pandemic it was 78%.

## Expansion

Fort Solutions Group is going to invest \$3 million dollars to expand it's Virginia Beach facility. The expansion will add 25000 feet to their footprint, and they plan to add about 40 new jobs. The expansion should be completed by in 2023.

## Suffolk

If your are along Rt. 58 in Suffolk, in the Holland Road area, you can expect some water interruption starting Sunday. The Department of Public Health says that crews will be relocating a water main. It's all part of the road widening project. Issues should be confined from 10pm to 5am, Sunday into Monday.

## Water Country

Water Country USA will be closed today due to an unforeseen maintenance issue. Water Country didn't elaborate on the issue, but they did say that tickets for today will be extended thru September 18.

News 630/730/830 AM 22-Aug-22 The United States and South Korea have their biggest combined military training in years today as they heighten their defense posture against the growing North Korean nuclear threat. The drills could draw an angry response from North Korea, which has pushed its weapons testing activity to a record pace this year.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 22-Aug-22 The first day of a planned strike at Britain's biggest container port started yesterday, joining a series of walkouts by transportation workers that have disrupted economic activity across the country. Almost 2,000 workers walked off the jobs over pay, raising fears of severe supply chain problems.

News 630/730/830 AM 22-Aug-22 If you shop at Kroger things might look a little different. Kroger is launching a new belted self-checkout lane with a touch screen register and a scanner. They are also considering drone delivery directly to a person's cell phone location, so you don't have to be at home to get groceries.

News 630/730/830 AM 22-Aug-22 Former Vice President Mike Pence will be stopping in Lynchburg this fall. Liberty University announced their guest speakers for the fall semester and Mike Pence will join Liberty students and staff on September 14 in the Vines Center.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 22-Aug-22 The Food and Drug Administration has cleared Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use in adolescents, paving the way to expand eligibility for the fourth shot available in the United States. The two-dose regimen offers an alternative for Americans skeptical of Pfizer and Moderna's mRNA technology.

News 630/730/830 AM 22-Aug-22 Governor Glenn Youngkin has signed legislation that he feels will put students first and improve schools throughout the Commonwealth. The School Construction Fund and Program will bring \$450 million in loans to Virginia to build new school facilities and expand existing ones.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 22-Aug-22 "One school district is closed today following flooding in Central Virginia.

Nelson County Public Schools will be closed and they ask that you be safe and alert if you must travel as some of the roads are in a dangerous condition."

News 630/730/830 AM 22-Aug-22 Ursula's Café in Roanoke just opened up as a donate-what-you-can café. This means that everyone gets an opportunity to eat because those who have money will donate more and that will cover the cost for those who can't give. Ursula's Café even offers pay-what-you-can books, records, and clothes.

News 630/730/830 AM 23-Aug-22 Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert will leave the federal government in December. Fauci said despite retiring from federal service he plans to continue working.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 23-Aug-22 About 3,000 workers at Ford Motor Co. will lose their jobs as the company cuts costs to help make the transition from internal combustion vehicles to electric. The cuts represent about 6% of the full-time salaried work force in the U.S. and Canada.

News 630/730/830 AM 23-Aug-22 The DMV is launching a new seat belt safety campaign. This campaign is dedicated to "Deterring the Ding". Most vehicles are equipped with that annoying little feature that dings if you don't buckle up. Studies show that the ding is actually what motivates some folks to wear a seat belt.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 23-Aug-22 A hazmat cleanup company was called after a crash caused a tanker truck to spill gallons of used cooking oil in Suffolk. Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the crash and the hazmat company cleaned up approximately 1,600 gallons of oil. There were no injuries reported and the cause of the crash has not yet been released.

News 630/730/830 AM 23-Aug-22 Pfizer asked for authorization of its combination COVID-19 vaccine that protects against the newest omicron relatives a key step toward opening a fall booster campaign. Pfizer and its partner BioNTech aim to offer updated boosters to those 12 and older, and shots could begin within weeks if the FDA clears the vaccine.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 23-Aug-22 For the tenth week in a row the national gas price average declined. Although the relief to drivers is much preferable to the over \$5.00 in June, current prices are still nearly 75 cents higher than just a year ago. Virginia's gas average is around 30 cents cheaper than the national average.



News 630/730/830 AM 23-Aug-22 A U.S. Navy Sailor from Virginia Beach passed away while serving aboard the USS Lay-tay Gulf. Counseling and resources are being provided to help the crew in the wake of Sonar Technician Nicholas Woods' death. His cause of death is still pending.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 23-Aug-22 Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction is encouraging Virginia families to submit free meal applications to local schools as they are expanding eligibility for free meals during the 2022-2023 school year. Families can contact their local school nutrition departments with questions related to the free meal application form.

News 630/730/830 AM 24-Aug-22 There are fears that Russia will intensify attacks in Ukraine because of the independence holiday and the six-month anniversary of the invasion. The U.S. Embassy issued an alert calling for Americans to leave due to the danger. Also, a long-term aid campaign that includes \$3 billion to train and equip Ukrainian forces has been established. It will also keep American military troops in Europe longer.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 24-Aug-22 The White House is expected to announce a plan to cancel some student loan debt today in addition to an extension of payment pause. This measure will include \$10,000 in loan forgiveness for borrowers who make less than \$125,000 annually, as well as another payment freeze for roughly four months.

News 630/730/830 AM 24-Aug-22 Coronado Global Resources, which produces coal, plans to expand in Buchanan and Tazewell County. The expansion will create 181 new jobs in Southwest Virginia.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 24-Aug-22 The Drumstick Dash will start and finish in the Downtown area of Roanoke on November 24 and this year there will be a new virtual challenge starting Nov. 1st that leads up to the race. Registration is now open, and over 600 runners are already registered. The DASH helps the Rescue Mission of Roanoke provide meals to the community.

News 630/730/830 AM 24-Aug-22 U.S. officials expect to respond to Iran's comments on a European draft of a nuclear deal. Then more negotiations will happen in Vienna to finalize the details. Despite the forward movement, many obstacles remain and it's unclear what exactly would happen to Iran's current stockpile of highly enriched uranium.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 24-Aug-22 Centra Medical Group announced that Primecare East will merge with Centra Danville Medical Center effective November 18. The merger will benefit existing patients and the Danville community with easier access to all services in one convenient location.

News 630/730/830 AM 24-Aug-22 A part of the Point of Honor Trail starting at the Cabell Street entrance has closed due to essential utility projects and Creek Bank Stabilization. This section of the trail is planned to be re-opened in early 2023.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 24-Aug-22 An organization in North Carolina is working to save the Cape Lookout Lighthouse as rising sea levels are threatening the historic landmark. The most urgent goal is putting sand around the lighthouse to help with erosion. The group is hoping to organize a community meeting in September.

News 630/730/830 AM 25-Aug-22 Approximately 2 million students have left public schools since the beginning of the pandemic with many now being educated online. However, charter

schools and private schools actually saw an increase in enrollment along with those being educated at home.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 25-Aug-22 California air regulators are expected to issue rules that ban the sale of new gasoline cars by 2035. The California Air Resources Board will vote on the measure today. If it passes, it would be one of the first such bans worldwide and could have major implications for the US car market.

News 630/730/830 AM 25-Aug-22 The Virginia Beach school board has banned cell phone usage inside classrooms for this school year. This means students have to put their cell phones, earbuds, and wireless headphones in their backpack, purse or locker and keep them off or on silent. Phones will not be allowed in pockets or on top of desks, but students can use their phones in the hallway or at lunch.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 25-Aug-22 The Green Hill Highland Games are returning to Salem on Saturday. This free event is great for the whole family with music, athletics, bagpipes and more. The Virginia Highlands Pipes and Drums, the oldest pipes and drums organization in Southwest Virginia will provide music for the opening ceremonies and seventeen Celtic Clans will be on site to celebrate.

News 630/730/830 AM 25-Aug-22 Russian forces launched an attack on a train station in central Ukraine yesterday taking the lives of at least 15 and wounding about 50. Ukraine had been bracing for heavy attacks surrounding their national holiday that commemorates their independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. Yesterday also marked the six-month point in the war.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 25-Aug-22 Governor Glenn Youngkin announced that DroneUp, LLC, a drone flight service and aviation technology provider, will invest \$27 million to expand in the City of Virginia Beach. They will also establish a testing, and training, center at Richard Bland College in Dinwiddie County. This project which will create 655 new jobs.

News 630/730/830 AM 25-Aug-22 A former Cape Hatteras National Seashore ranger was recognized this week for her heroic actions. She received the U.S. Coast Guard's Silver Lifesaving Medal for saving two visitors in the Outer Banks from a rip current. The medal presentation event was held at U.S. Coast Guard Station Oregon Inlet.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 25-Aug-22 The Lynchburg Humane Society welcomed another batch of rescued beagles to their facility. The second group of 20 puppies are ready to find their forever homes after the first batch were all adopted within 10 days. Head to the Lynchburg Humane Society website for more information on adopting one of the new beagles.

News 630/730/830 AM 26-Aug-22 Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a buildup of his military forces to replenish troops that have suffered heavy losses in the six months of war in Ukraine. Putin did not specify whether the expansion would be accomplished by widening the draft, or recruiting more volunteers, but the move will boost Russia's armed forces to 2 million.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 26-Aug-22 The Virginia Department of Health has expanded eligibility for who can get the monkeypox vaccine. Due to limited supplies, health care providers have been prioritizing the vaccine for those who report close contact with someone who has the disease. So far, there have been 295 cases of monkeypox reported in Virginia.

News 630/730/830 AM 26-Aug-22 Bedford County Public Schools is getting additional funding for School Resource Officers. The grant is for \$45 million over the next four years and will provide 14 additional SROs that will be divided among the elementary schools in the county.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 26-Aug-22 A Liberty University graduate student is climbing, running, and jumping his way to the American Ninja Warrior finals. Josiah Singleton is known as "Country Ninja Boy" and is one of 70 battling for \$100,000. The next episode of the finals is scheduled to air Monday at 8:00 pm.

News 630/730/830 AM 26-Aug-22 President Joe Biden named Kim Cheatle, a veteran Secret Service official, to be the agency's next director. She has served in the Secret Service for 27 years and was the first woman to be named assistant director of protective operations that provide protection to the president and other dignitaries.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 26-Aug-22 Governor Glenn Youngkin is fast-tracking a plan to reduce teacher shortages. He did not provide specifics on when and how changes would be implemented. However, the recently approved state budget gives teachers, a 5% raise in each of the next two fiscal years, as well as a \$1,000 bonus in the first year.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/26/2022 The National Park Service has approved a plan to rehabilitate the Ocracoke Light Station, and its associated buildings after recent storm damage and flooding. The plan includes elevating the double keepers' quarters by four feet and raising the carpenter's shop, storehouse, privy and generator house by two feet. All buildings and structures will also be repaired and repainted.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/26/2022 Get ready to start your engines because Virginia International Raceway is hosting the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship this weekend. The weekend includes testing, qualifying, car corrals, team chats, tech talks and you can even meet the drivers. Some of the proceeds from the weekend go to help out the Cameron Gallagher Foundation for mental health.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/29/2022 Russian rocket and artillery strikes hit areas across from Europe's largest nuclear power plant. The fear is that fighting near the plant could damage it and cause a radiation leak. Authorities have distributed iodine tablets to those that live near the plant in case of radiation exposure.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/29/2022 DroneUp, a Virginia Beach drone service, is expanding adding 655 new jobs. The company will spend \$7 million expanding its Newtown Road headquarters, which it says will create 510 new jobs, and the new center at Richard Bland College in Petersburg will add 145 jobs.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/29/2022 Intercept Health in Lynchburg has launched a foster care awareness campaign called "No Perfect Families" to highlight the need for foster families in Virginia. They are hosting a free family portrait event to raise awareness. If you are in Richmond, photos are Sept. 13th from 10am-6pm on Staples Mills Road, and if you are in Roanoke, photos are Sept 20th from 10am-6pm on Airport Rd.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/29/2022 For one day, movie tickets will be just \$3 as part of "National Cinema Day". Sunday, Sept. 3 will be nationwide discount day in more than 3,000 theaters. AMC and Regal Cinemas are participating, and tickets will be no more than \$3 for every showing.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/29/2022 Israeli F-35 jets made repeated trips into Iranian airspace in the last two months avoiding Iranian and Russian radars. The drills included remotely piloted aircraft and mid-air refueling tankers. They were joint maneuvers between Israel and the United States, aimed at simulating future campaigns against Iranian nuclear facilities.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/29/2022 Pittsylvania County officials and community leaders joined representatives from Tradesman Trucking in breaking ground on the company's new facility. This will be a growing truck and transit company in the Gretna Industrial Park, creating 30 new jobs.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/29/2022 The Bedford County Sheriff's Office is warning the public about an email scam. The office said that they have been contacted by residents that got an email saying that there were burglars being bussed into their neighborhood at night. This report is false, but they do say to take your valuables inside and lock your cars at night.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/29/2022 The Hampton & Peninsula Health Districts have confirmed that a fox involved in the multiple bites and sightings in the City of Williamsburg, was captured and tested positive for rabies. If you have a bite, scratch, or have been in contact with the fox you should call the Williamsburg Environmental Health Office. Exposures also include direct contact between your pet and the rabid animal. Rabies can be fatal if not treated.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/30/2022 Russia will launch military drills in the country's east involving forces from China as a show of close ties between Moscow and Beijing. The exercises will be held Sept. 1-7 in various locations involving more than 50,000 troops, and over 5,000 weapons units, including 140 aircraft and 60 warships.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/30/2022 NASA called off the launch of its moon rocket after unexplained engine trouble. The next launch attempt will not take place until Friday at the earliest or it could be delayed until mid-September. The mission will be the first flight in preparation to put astronauts back on the moon for the first time since the Apollo program ended 50 years ago.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/30/2022 Multiple Giles County schools dismissed early yesterday due to high temperatures and high humidity. Narrows High School and Narrows Elementary/Middle School do not have HVAC systems. Today they will hold a virtual learning day because of the high temperatures and humidity within the building.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/30/2022 September through mid-October is historically Virginia's most active hurricane period, and the Atlantic hurricane season continues through Nov. 30. With a season marked by flooding across Virginia, insurance is the best way for you to protect your property. A new flood insurance policy can take up to 30 days to become effective.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/30/2022 The Virginia Department of Health is offering a monkeypox vaccine interest form for the Pittsylvania/Danville and Southside health districts. The districts are wanting to gauge the interest and find out who should take the vaccine. Interested individuals can fill out this form, but that does not guarantee a vaccination.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/30/2022 South Korean battery maker LG and Japanese automaker Honda are investing \$4.4 billion in a joint venture in the United States to produce batteries for Honda's electric vehicles. The plant's location is undecided, but construction will begin in early 2023, with mass production of battery cells to start by the end of 2025.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/30/2022 As Salem High students prepare to head back to the halls, they will see some exciting new changes to their school. The \$35 million project is almost finished, with improvements to the entrance of the school, as well as to different areas of the interior.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/30/2022 Dunkin Donuts across Virginia will give teachers a free medium hot or iced coffee on September 1st as a way to honor them for all the hard work they do. You can also send the person of your choice a coffee on you via an e gift card through Dunkin's site.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/31/2022 Russia has faced technical problems with Iranian-made drones this month for use in its war with Ukraine. Russia had recently obtained hundreds of Iranian drones capable of being used in its war despite U.S. warnings to not ship them.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/31/2022 The sale of new gas-powered cars could be banned in Virginia starting in 2035. Virginia is on a list of more than a dozen states that follow California's vehicle emission standards, as opposed to the less strict federal regulations.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/31/2022 Tesla CEO Elon Musk has again filed paperwork to terminate his agreement to buy Twitter, this time based on a complaint filed by Twitter's former head of security. The complaint claims that the company misled regulators about its poor cybersecurity and its negligence in rooting out fake accounts.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/31/2022 Total Action for Progress in downtown Roanoke is looking for help. TAP is looking to fill more than 20 positions through a job fair today and tomorrow from 9am – 2pm at Hotel Roanoke. Their biggest needs include teachers, childcare aids, and enrollment specialists.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/31/2022 Newport News Shipbuilding formally recognized of the start of construction for the future USS Enterprise yesterday, the third aircraft carrier in the Ford-class program. The new carrier, sponsored by Olympic athletes Simone Biles and Katie Ledecky, will be the ninth in the US Navy's history to bear the name "Enterprise".

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/31/2022 Make sure you don't have any Market Pantry White Fudge Animal Cookies in your pantry! The product has been recalled after metal wire was found inside a portion of the cookies. They are packaged in a clear plastic jug that's the shape of a bear and were distributed to Target stores throughout the country. You can return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.

News 630/730/830 AM 8/31/2022 A former E.C. Glass High School student was arrested after trespassing on school grounds and claiming he had a weapon. A school employee reported the incident immediately and the school went into lockdown. Officials did not find a weapon during the investigation and the teen was taken to Juvenile District Court.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 8/31/2022 The Rocky Mount Virginia DMV will close temporarily after regular business hours tomorrow for an interior renovation. The center will reopen on September 15th. During the renovation, customers have more than 50 services available online at [dmvNOW.com](https://dmvNOW.com).

News 630/730/830 AM 9/1/2022 The Army has grounded its fleet of about 400 cargo helicopters after fuel leaks caused a small number of engine fires. The cause of the leaks has been identified and they are working to resolve the problem. Thankfully there were no injuries associated with the fires.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/1/2022 It's the only surviving battleship that served in both world wars, the USS Texas, and now it needs repairs. The 110-year-old ship is heading from its longtime home along the Houston Ship Channel to a shipyard in nearby Galveston. The \$35 million project will repair the hull and ultimately restore the ship to its former glory.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/1/2022 Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital is implementing red level visitation restrictions in order to reduce potential spread of COVID and to protect patients and employees. The Rocky Mount facility will not allow visitors except under certain specific circumstances. The Hospital will reassess this change and decide if restrictions can be lifted as early as next week.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/1/2022 Located at 3700 Candler's Mountain Rd American Freight in Lynchburg is set to have a grand opening tomorrow. American Freight buys directly from factories and sells in warehouse-style stores, offering everyday low prices on quality furniture, mattresses, and appliances. They also offer same-day delivery on all in-stock items.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/1/2022 After more than a year of delays, Boeing has delivered its first four Grey Wolf helicopters to the Air Force after they were certified by the Federal Aviation Administration. The Air Force intends to buy five more for \$156 million in 2023.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/1/2022 If you haven't already ordered your three rounds of free COVID tests from the federal government, now is the time. The test kit ordering program is set to expire tomorrow. Through the program, U.S. households are able to order 16 free COVID-19 test kits. To order your tests, go to [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov).

News 630/730/830 AM 9/1/2022 The U.S. has authorized its first update to COVID-19 vaccines, booster doses that target today's most common omicron strain. Shots could begin within days and the hope is that the modified boosters will stop another winter surge.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/1/2022 Beaches along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore were named the best in the U.S. There are over 50 criteria used to measure the beaches such as sand, safety, water, wildlife, and management. Cape Hatteras beaches consistently rank in the top 10, and also came in first place in 2007.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/2/2022 With months of mass flight cancellations and delays, the Department of Transportation launched a customer service dashboard to help ahead of the Labor Day weekend. Now you can check and see what kinds of guarantees, refunds, and compensation the airlines offer and favor those airlines that offer the best compensation.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/2/2022 Ford is recalling nearly 200,000 large SUVs because the heating and cooling fan motors can fail and catch fire. The recall covers Ford Expeditions and Lincoln Navigators from the 2015 through 2017. Dealers will replace the parts at no cost. Owners will be notified starting Sept. 12.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/2/2022 The new Staunton River Plastics facility in Hurt is soon going to be up and running. The new facility will create everyday household items such as containers, as well as 200 new jobs. They will be open by the end of this year.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/2/2022 NASA will try again tomorrow to launch its new moon rocket, after engine trouble halted the first countdown this week. A bad sensor could be to blame for the scrapped launch which has now been fixed. The rocket will attempt to send the capsule around the moon and back and if successful, it will be the first capsule to fly to the moon in 50 years.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/2/2022 A team from the International Atomic Energy Agency set off for the Russia-held nuclear power plant despite the heavy attacks for which Ukraine and Russia trade blame. The backup power supply line was also damaged, and one of the plant's reactors was switched to generators. Officials have also begun distributing anti-radiation iodine tablets to nearby residents.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/2/2022 It's official! A new company is operating in West Virginia, and it hopes to expand in years to come. The GreenPower Motor Company launched its manufacturing facilities in South Charleston where they make battery-powered electric school buses. They have already sold 3 with an expected 100 more to come. So far, they have 17 employees, but expect to grow to more than 200 within a year.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/2/2022 Our friends at Gleaning for the World are getting ready for their annual golf classic September 30th at 1pm at Falling River Country Club in Appomattox. This is a fundraiser to help them continue to provide aid across the globe.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/2/2022 Labor Day is on Monday, but the Star City will be honoring the holiday tomorrow with the Roanoke Labor Day Parade. The parade will kick off at noon on Campbell Avenue and travel on to Williamson Road. Those who are marching in the parade will be handing out candy and other goodies to everyone who comes out to watch.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/6/2022 Europe's largest nuclear plant was knocked off Ukraine's electricity grid after its last transmission line was disconnected as a result of a fire caused by Russian shelling. The International Atomic Energy Agency traveled through the war zone to reach the plant last week. Four of six U.N. inspectors have completed their work and left, and two are expected to stay on a permanent basis.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/6/2022 Hurricane Kay quickly strengthened off Mexico's Pacific coast with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph with forecasters saying it could brush the California coast as a hurricane this week. In the Atlantic, Tropical Storm Earl is gaining force northeast of Puerto Rico, dropping heavy rain across the U.S. and British Virgin Islands with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/6/2022 On September 9 join Gleaning for the World and Mister Goodies for the "SHARE-a-BEAR-a-THON. Anyone who donates a stuffed animal between 5 and 9 p.m. can receive a free ice cream cone. The stuffed animals will go to Gleaning for the World's Teddy Bear Brigade program.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/6/2022 The Hurt Police Department said someone is stealing items from residents' vehicles. If you are a victim, please make sure you report it to the police. They do have they have video footage of suspicious activity that they will be releasing soon.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/6/2022 Californians are being asked to step up their conservation efforts to stop rolling blackouts over the next two days. The state's asking residents to set their thermostats at 78 degrees or higher, avoid using major appliances, turn off unnecessary lights, and unplug unused items.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/6/2022 Flood watches were in effect in the U.S. southeast yesterday as there was the possibility of torrential downpours across already saturated ground. Among the hardest-hit areas was northwest Georgia, where the storms knocked out water service, school systems called off classes for the next few days, and their governor declared a state of emergency.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/6/2022 Thanksgiving dinner might cost a little more this year. The price jump can be contributed to a bird flu outbreak. The outbreak affected over 40 million birds, including about six million turkeys. Good news is there will be enough turkeys for thanksgiving, bad news is they will cost more.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/6/2022 More Virginians are riding the rails than ever before. This week, Amtrak announced travel on in state trains hit an all-time high. Adding stops in Norfolk and Newport News had a lot to do with that. Virginia had more than 110,000 riders in July. That's up nearly 20% over pre-pandemic numbers.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/7/2022 A new school year began yesterday in Uvalde Texas. In preparation for this year there is now fencing around the Texas community's public-schools and a heavy police patrol. They will also never again have classes at Robb Elementary School, three months after the incident that claimed the lives of 19 children and two teachers. More than 100 families have signed up for virtual school, while others enrolled them in private schools.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/7/2022 Sheetz wants to extend appreciation to truck drivers. They want to give you a free meal and lowered diesel prices. Truck Driver Appreciation Week is Sept. 11-17th, but diesel prices will be down to \$4.49 per gallon, through the 30th. Drivers can also get free food by entering the code "TRUCKYEAH" through the mobile app.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/7/2022 The Virginia War Memorial is seeking entries for the Veteran's Day Student Essay Contest. All Virginia students in middle and high school can apply. This year's topic is "A Virginian who served in the United States military during the Vietnam War who inspires you." The contest deadline is Sunday, Oct. 16.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/7/2022 "

Ready for another thrill ride? DarKoaster, the world's first all-indoor straddle coaster, will open in 2023 at Busch Gardens Williamsburg. This will be the park's tenth coaster. Because it's indoors it will be available throughout the whole year.

(looks like you're riding a jet ski) "



News 630/730/830 AM 9/7/2022 Liz Truss became the U.K.'s new prime minister. At the top of her to do list is to fix the energy crisis triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which threatens to push energy bills to unaffordable levels.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/7/2022 Safety additions are in place at Virginia Beach Public Schools as students are back in class. One thing they did to help security is the hiring of an emergency manager to help if there's a crisis. They also created a new armed security officer program.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/7/2022 Drivers in Central Virginia are being asked to prepare for increased traffic across the region ahead of the Blue Ridge Rock Festival in Halifax County. VDOT said drivers should be ready for an increase in traffic starting today and going through the weekend in the area surrounding Virginia International Raceway in Halifax County.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/7/2022 A squadron of five Hawkeye helicopters and four FA-18s returned to Chambers Field and NAS Oceana, this week after a nine-month deployment. The planes were patrolling the Mediterranean Sea and waters nearby as part of the USS Harry Truman carrier group. They were part of more than 10,000 successful missions.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/8/2022 One week into a new counteroffensive, Ukrainian forces are making gains in the south, with the goal of taking back most of the Russian-occupied region. The US has observed Ukrainian forces achieve some success in attacking Russian supply lines, with the intention of cutting off Russian troops currently deployed in the west.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/8/2022 UPS plans to hire more than 100,000 workers to help handle the holiday rush this season. Holiday season volumes usually start rising in October and remain high into January. There will be job openings for full- and part-time seasonal positions, primarily package handlers, drivers, and driver helpers.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/8/2022 Cineworld Group has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the U.S. as it deals with lower-than-expected attendance at screenings. The company owns Regal Cinemas and says its theaters will remain open for business as usual as it considers options for relief from its debt.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/8/2022 Last night Martinsville Speedway threw a big celebration to say thank you to fans in honor of its 75th Anniversary. There were photo moments with the 75th-anniversary logo and Martinsville Speedway grandfather clock. Fans also took their own cars and drove laps around the famous track that had its first race on Sept. 7 in 1947, three months before the creation of NASCAR.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/8/2022 Next summer will be shorter for returning Virginia Beach City Public School students. Instead of going back after labor day the first day of school will be Monday, August 28 one week before the Labor Day holiday. All southside school systems, though, kept their calendars starting after the holiday.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/8/2022 William Byrd High School in Vinton is doing something special to honor the lives lost on 9/11. Cadets at the school placed 2,977 flags in front of the school to honor those who passed. This year marks 21 years since the events that took place at the World Trade Center where nearly 3,000 lost their lives.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/8/2022 The former Dick's Sporting Goods location in Lynchburg will soon be filled again. Sportsman's Warehouse has leased the retail space at Wards Crossing Center. They are an American outdoor sporting goods retailer that operates in 29 states across the country. The Lynchburg location will be their second in Virginia; they are also in Roanoke.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/8/2022 The Forest Volunteer Fire Department is hosting an event called The Northside Bash to help raise money for a new fire truck. The Northside Bash is set for Saturday, September 24th. at the Forest Volunteer Fire Department on Thomas Jefferson Road. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/9/2022 Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch passed away yesterday after 70 years on the throne. She was 96. Her 73-year-old son Prince Charles automatically becomes king, though the coronation might not take place for months.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/9/2022 U.S. Defense Secretary said that President Joe Biden has approved additional military aid to Ukraine worth up to \$675 million, as he gathered allies to renew their commitment to military support for the long haul. The package includes mortars, artillery munitions, Humvees, armored ambulances, anti-tank systems and more.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/9/2022 Virginia Governor Youngkin will serve as Grand Marshal of the 30th anniversary Food City 300 event in the NASCAR Xfinity series. The race will take place on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tennessee.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/9/2022 Kings Dominion is looking to hire more than 500 associates. Pay starts at \$15 per hour and positions include ride operators, security associates, food associates, and more. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Those interested can also attend an in-person hiring event on Sept. 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the park's Human Resources office.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/9/2022 The BBC played the national anthem, "God Save the Queen," over a portrait of Queen Elizabeth the Second yesterday after her passing, and the flag over Buckingham Palace was lowered to half-staff. She was 96. The Queen's oldest son Charles has now become King Charles III.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/9/2022 The state of California has called on four emergency generators for the first time to help alleviate the power grid as the state struggles under a brutal heat wave. The generators can provide up to 120 megawatts which can help power up 120,000 homes. The generators were installed in 2021 for emergency use in the case of wildfires, energy emergencies and extreme heat.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/9/2022 For the second time, Virginia Beach City Council has put off a proposal that would implement a fee for the use of plastic bags at some stores in the city. The Council voted 8-1 to reconsider the idea again in December.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/9/2022 The Central Virginia Regional Rescue is offering a new urgent care for pets. It opened yesterday and is for situations like a limping dog or a cat with hairballs. The new services are located on Odd Fellows Rd in Lynchburg.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/12/2022 King Charles the 3rd was officially proclaimed the Sovereign during a ceremony steeped in ancient tradition, Saturday morning. The funeral for his mother Queen Elizabeth will be held Monday, September 19th.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/12/2022 Averett University in Norfolk held a pinning ceremony for their first group of students in it's accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing program. The pinning ceremony denotes the change from student to nurse.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/12/2022 You can trade in your old car seat, for a discount on a new one at Target, now thru September 24th. Trade in your old car seat for a coupon for 20% toward a new one. Materials from the old car seat, will be recycled as well.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/12/2022 Dinosaurs are coming to Hampton Roads. Jurassic Quest will arrive in Hampton in October. It'll be at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, October 7-9. Lots of dinosaur adventures and rides planned.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/12/2022 Russia is pulling it's troops from a key area of Ukraine. The move is in the eastern region where Ukraine made in-roads over the last 2 weeks. Russia says they plan to re-group in that area.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/12/2022 Bedford county will receive \$45 million dollars of grant money. Officials say that the money will ensure that there will be a school resource officer at every Bedford County School. The SRO's will work 9 months out of the year for the school district and 3 months of the year for the county.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/12/2022 Bon Secours will host a hiring event at 3 Tidewater area hospitals next Saturday from 11 to 2. Interested interviewees should bring their resume's and references. There will be sign on bonuses and on the spot offers for those qualified.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/12/2022 The Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center in Roanoke released two rehabilitated hawks over the weekend. The two broad winged hawks took flight at Green Hill Park in Salem. They had been rehabbed since the end of June, and statistics show that the sooner they get to the wild, the better chance of survival they have.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/13/2022 The United States invited Mexico to participate in the moving of semiconductor production from Asia to North America. Recent legislation will provide \$28 billion in incentives for production including, \$10 billion for manufacturing chips. The global shortage of semiconductors has reduced production of vehicles, household appliances and other goods.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/13/2022 The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a recall alert for full-sized and queen-sized Murphy beds due to crush hazards. The beds are manufactured by Cyme Tech and were sold online at Wayfair, Amazon, Overstock, and Wal-Mart from February 2014 through May of this year.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/13/2022 AeroFarms in Pittsylvania County held its grand opening yesterday. The 140,000 square feet facility not only produces leafy greens but also 150 jobs. AeroFarms will distribute their products to the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast markets, which will give them the ability to reach about 50 million consumers and over 1,000 retailers.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/13/2022 One Amherst County man honored his late brother by giving a gazebo to Horizon's home in Madison Heights and praised the staff for the way they cared for his brother. Horizon Behavioral Health operates eight facilities across Lynchburg and Madison Heights, where they provide 24/7 care to nearly 40 adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/13/2022 Ukrainian troops reclaimed territory from Russia pushing them back to the northeastern border and capturing many Russian soldiers forcing Moscow to retreat. Video taken by the Ukrainian military showed soldiers raising the Ukrainian flag over battle-damaged buildings.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/13/2022 Managers of Kroger stores in Virginia are looking to hire. They have more than 200 pharmacy jobs open and are holding open interviews in stores every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. until all positions are filled.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/13/2022 The Internal Revenue Service will use some of the \$80 billion in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act to study whether it should create a government-operated system for Americans to file their taxes for free. Some experts say a government-backed system would help more Americans file a tax return while also making things easier for the IRS to process.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/13/2022 The Elizabeth River Project's latest work doesn't fight the rising tide. It rolls with it. The environmental group is constructing a 6,500-foot resilience lab along Colley Avenue and Knitting Mill Creek. ERP is also planning to host workshops, in collaboration with Old Dominion University, that teach about coastal adaptation. They also plan to plant more trees and install rain gardens and walkways around the lab that will permit rainwater to seep into the ground and prevent runoff.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/14/2022 The coffin of Queen Elizabeth II has arrived at Buckingham Palace in London after the 96-year-old monarch's passing last week. A carriage is expected to take the coffin to the Houses of Parliament today to lie in state for four days before a Monday funeral at Westminster Abbey.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/14/2022 Students, schools, and youth groups across Virginia are kicking off the statewide Buckle up and Slow Down initiative to increase seat belt usage. With the campaign schools will create a big final project that involves prizes funded by State Farm. The top three high school and middle school winners will be announced on Jan. 11, 2023.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/14/2022 Potholes are not only a pain but can cause wear and tear on your car, especially during the changing seasons. That's why crews with VDOT are working year-round to repair them. If you see a pothole you are asked to report it to VDOT.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/14/2022 It's been a big year for the Lynchburg Humane Society. Last week they passed a massive milestone for the year: the adoption of 2,000 animals in just over the last 8 months. At the current rate of adoption, LHS could pass 3,000 animals adopted by the end of the year.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/14/2022 The NAS Oceana Air Show is finally back after being canceled the last two years due to the pandemic. It's happening Saturday, and Sunday and is free and open to the public. The show also includes the return of the Navy's iconic Blue Angels to Virginia Beach for the first time since 2018.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/14/2022 Some Virginians may soon get a check in the mail or money deposited into their bank accounts if they're eligible for this year's one-time tax rebate. According to the website, not all taxpayers will qualify for this. Officials said if you had a tax liability last year, you would

receive up to \$250 if you filed individually and up to \$500 if you filed jointly. Rebates will start to be issued on Monday and will continue weekly until complete for all eligible returns filed by Nov. 1.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/14/2022 Hampton Roads Chick-fil-A's are giving out free chicken biscuits and regular chicken sandwiches this week. The deal is available through Saturday at participating Hampton Roads locations and is good for one breakfast or lunch entrée per person for those with a Chick-fil-A account.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/14/2022 A species of mussel that has not been naturally found in the main stem of the James River in more than 50 years is now getting its chance to live again. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to release the endangered "James spineymussel" into the main stem of the James River in central Virginia.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/15/2022 Ukraine's President watched his country's flag rise above another recaptured city, highlighting Moscow's embarrassing retreat from a Ukrainian counteroffensive. Russian forces continue to leave the war-scarred city as Ukrainians have reclaimed large portions territory in the northeastern region.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/15/2022 The list of top universities in the country have been released. Among those in the top 50, Duke in North Carolina was ranked number 10, UVA was 25, UNC & Wake Forest tied at 29 and William and Mary in Williamsburg was 41.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/15/2022 An independent commission is recommending that the Confederate Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery be dismantled and taken down, as part of its final report to Congress on the renaming of military bases and assets that commemorate the Confederacy. The latest group of assets includes the Arlington memorial, two Navy ships, some Army vessels, and even street signs, water towers, athletic fields, hospital doors and decals on recycling bins.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/15/2022 "North Carolina Highway 12 is set to return to off-season speed limits today.

The speed limit will change from the seasonal speed limit of 35 mph back to 45 mph. This change will be seen in areas of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Corolla and Frisco."

News 630/730/830 AM 9/15/2022 The line to view the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II is likely to be one of the longest that London has ever seen. The wait may be hours, but you will be given numbered wristbands so you can take food and bathroom breaks without losing their place in line.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/15/2022 U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine have secured millions of dollars in federal funding for Virginia. The money would be used in part to replace the Wiley Drive Bridge in Roanoke, complete repairs and replace storm sewer lines in South Boston, and to aid the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority in its plans to advance the rail into the New River Valley.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/15/2022 Amtrak will cancel all long-distance trains beginning today to avoid disruptions in advance of a potential workers strike later this week. An Amtrak spokesperson said the changes will ensure trains can reach their destinations before the strike, which could begin as early as tomorrow, and the adjustments could soon extend to other routes.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/15/2022 The 30th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show is taking to the lake on Saturday with the Smith Mountain Lake Antique and Classic Boat Society. The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be located at the Crazy Horse Marina. Visitors can expect to see over 40 wood and vintage fiberglass boats both on land and in the water.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/16/2022 President Biden has declared today, September 16th, to be National Prisoner of War and Missing In Action Recognition Day. Governor Youngkin ordered that all flags be flown at half-staff at all local, state, and federal buildings in Virginia today until sunset in memory and respect of POW/MIA.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/16/2022 The U.N. atomic agency's 35-nation Board of Governors passed a resolution calling on Moscow to immediately end its occupation of a Ukrainian nuclear power plant. Recent shelling of the facility has heightened fears of a possible radiation disaster. The resolution also says that the presence of Russian troops at the plant significantly increases the risk of a nuclear accident.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/16/2022 Virginia DMV announced that the Rocky Mount DMV Customer Service Center is set to reopen to customers on Monday. The office was closed for interior renovations. Their hours are now Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/16/2022 Norfolk police are investigating another threat made yesterday morning toward the City of Norfolk Courthouse on St. Paul's Boulevard. By 5pm Norfolk police gave the all-clear reopening the streets and light rail services. This is the second threat in the last few weeks.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/16/2022 U.S. health officials are warning against overuse of the drug available to treat monkeypox, saying that even a small mutation in the virus could render the pills ineffective. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the pill should no longer be given to otherwise healthy adults who are not suffering severe symptoms.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/16/2022 Rail companies and their workers reached a tentative agreement to avert a nationwide strike that could have shut down the nation's freight trains. President Joe Biden announced the deal which came just one day before the threatened walkout. The deal includes a 24% pay raise.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/16/2022 The Franklin County Sheriff's Office investigated an alleged threat made on social media at Benjamin Franklin Middle School yesterday. Through an immediate investigation, deputies said there was no real threat and their investigation is looking to locate the origin of the message. According to the Superintendent school will be held as planned today.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/16/2022 Roger Federer is retiring from professional tennis at age 41 after a series of knee operations. Throughout his career he won 20 Grand Slam titles, finished five seasons ranked No. 1 and helped create a golden era of men's tennis. His retirement comes less than two weeks after 23-time major champion Serena Williams played what is expected to be the last match of her career as well.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/19/2022 President Joe Biden is in London, where he will join other world leaders at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II today. With as many as 2 million expected to

line the streets, and the royal family planning to walk in the open behind the Queen's coffin, police are trying to balance safety and pageantry.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/19/2022 Check your bank statements. A scam involving unauthorized Google charges is hitting bank accounts across the country. The charges are totally bogus but appear to be coming from Google and Google Play, and typically there's more than one on your credit or debit card.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/19/2022 Appalachian Power says Virginia customers can expect their monthly electric bills to increase by about \$20 starting Nov. 1. This is due to the rising cost of coal, and natural gas. In an effort to lessen the impact on customers, AEP has asked to be able to spread the amount over a two-year period.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/19/2022 Roanoke area kids now have the chance to check out the new and improved Chuck E. Cheese. The entertainment center celebrated the reopening of the newly remodeled Electric Road location near Tanglewood Mall. There are now 15 new games, an interactive dance floor, a large format video wall, and a fresh, contemporary look new look.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/19/2022 Pressure on Russian President Vladimir Putin has mounted as Ukrainian troops pushed their counteroffensive farther into Ukraine's partly recaptured northeast. Putin has vowed to press on in his attack on Ukraine despite the recent military setbacks and he is now facing concerns from India and China over the drawn-out conflict.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/19/2022 "Hurricane Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico yesterday with winds of 85 mph.

Fiona is already causing terrible flooding as it heads for the Dominican Republic.

The hurricane center is forecasting 12-18 inches of rainfall with a maximum of 30 inches. All of Puerto Rico has lost power and one river has risen over 12 feet in less than seven hours to over 25 feet, breaking the previous record set in 2017 during Hurricane Maria."

News 630/730/830 AM 9/19/2022 The City of Lynchburg is inviting you to an informational meeting to discuss the next phase of the Downtown renewal project which focuses on 12th street and the Lynchburg expressway. This meeting is happening Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel downtown. Light refreshments will be provided.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/19/2022 Across the commonwealth, Virginia State parks will join the celebration of National Public Lands Day on Saturday Sept. 24th. The celebration includes free parking, special programs, and volunteer events. This year's theme for National Public Lands Day is Giving Back Together.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/26/2022 Buckingham Palace released a photo of the new stone installed at the final resting place of Queen Elizabeth II. It's a hand-carved black marble slab with brass letter inlays set into the floor at Windsor Castle in England. It is inscribed with her name and the years of her birth and death, alongside those of her father, mother, and husband, replacing a previous slab that had only her parents.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/26/2022 Authorities and residents in Florida are keeping a cautious eye on Tropical Storm Ian. It is expected to become a major hurricane. Governor Ron DeSantis has already declared a state of emergency for all of Florida, along with President Joe Biden, authorizing the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA, to coordinate disaster relief. If it stays on its current course that could mean rain for central VA later in the week.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/26/2022 Lewis Gale is working on the nursing shortage in Southwest Virginia. Nurses say the shortage starts in the classroom, which is why LewisGale is partnering with Galen College of Nursing. Another new initiative is that HCA Virginia, LewisGale's parent company, is offering \$800,000 in scholarships for new or current employees to pursue nursing careers.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/26/2022 The 48th annual Virginia 10 Miler took place in Lynchburg over the weekend. It featured over 3,000 runners and walkers and over 1,000 volunteers. The big news of the day was a new women's record for the 10-mile run at just over 57 minutes.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/26/2022 North Korea fired a short-range ballistic missile toward its eastern seas, extending a streak in weapons testing. South Korea's military condemned North Korea's launch as a serious provocation that violates U.N. Security Council resolutions and damages the peace and safety of the region and the broader international community.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/26/2022 A classified satellite for the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office launched into orbit. The National Reconnaissance Office is the government agency in charge of developing, building, launching, and maintaining U.S. spy satellites that provide intelligence data to the Defense Department.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/26/2022 More than 200 new jobs are coming to the Commonwealth thanks to Pangiam (pan-ge-um), a travel and security technology company. Governor Glenn Youngkin announced that the company would be investing \$3.1 million to establish its global headquarters in Fairfax County. The operation will create 201 jobs in the next three years.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/26/2022 Hundreds of VMI cadets were at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford over the weekend. The Freshman trip to the D-Day Memorial has been a tradition since 2002, but this is the first year back since the pandemic. The trip is not only for history, but also to show the freshmen the type of cadet they should strive to be.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/27/2022 Hurricane Ian is continuing to rapidly intensify, strengthening into a major Category 3 hurricane as it approaches Cuba. Hurricane watches have been upgraded to warnings for a stretch of Florida's western coast, including Tampa Bay. During the next couple of days Ian is forecast to become a Category 4 storm before making landfall in Florida.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/27/2022 NASA is skipping its next launch attempt of its new moon rocket because of hurricane Ian. This is the third delay in the past month for the lunar-orbiting test flight, a follow-up to NASA's Apollo moon-landing program of a half-century ago. Hydrogen fuel leaks and other technical issues caused the previous scrubs. NASA could try for an Oct. 2 launch, but a rollback would likely push the launch to November.



News 630/730/830 AM 9/27/2022 Praxis of Norfolk by Landmark Recovery opened its doors this week and is accepting Medicaid patients for substance abuse treatment. The facility has 60 beds and treats customers for 21 or 28-day stays.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/27/2022 The NFL is replacing the Pro Bowl with a weeklong skills competitions and a flag football game. The new event will be called The Pro Bowl Games. AFC and NFC players will showcase their skills in challenges over several days. The 2023 Games will be held in Las Vegas, and the flag football game will be Sunday, Feb. 5.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/27/2022 Pfizer asked U.S. regulators to expand the use of its updated COVID-19 booster shot to children ages 5 to 11. Elementary school-aged children already received kid-sized doses of Pfizer's original vaccine. If the Food and Drug Administration agrees, they would start getting a kid-sized dose of the new omicron-targeted formula when it is time for their booster.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/27/2022 Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization says that food insecurity in the U.S. has not eased since the pandemic. In fact, food insecurity is even more of a problem now amid continuing inflation and high prices. If you can donate to your local area food bank please do so.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/27/2022 This Saturday, River Ridge Mall is partnering with Centra Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center to host the fourth annual "I Pink I Can" event to celebrate breast cancer survivors, raise awareness, and remember those who have lost their battle. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., you are encouraged to wear pink and walk two laps around the inside of the mall to show support.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/27/2022 Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson is retiring from full-time racing and will turn his focus toward spending time with family. His future schedule will include no more than 10 bucket-list events. In 2020 he retired from NASCAR and started Indy racing, but now he's said he won't return for a second full IndyCar season either.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/28/2022 Hurricane Ian came on land in western Cuba yesterday as a major hurricane, with nothing to stop it from intensifying into a Category 4 storm before it comes ashore today in Florida. Officials have ordered 2.5 million residents to evacuate as top winds could reach 140 mph as it approaches Florida's southwest coast.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/28/2022 New electric vehicle charging stations are on their way to highway locations near you. All 50 states received final approval to begin construction on a nationwide network of EV charging stations that places one roughly every 50 miles along interstate highways. Construction could begin by next spring.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/28/2022 Our friends at Gleaning for the World are still collecting donations for hurricane victims outside of Sam's Club on Wards Road in Lynchburg. Volunteers will be on-site today from 10:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. accepting items and monetary donations. You can also visit their location on Stage Road in Concord.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/28/2022 The Amherst County Sheriff's Department has added a few new faces to the force. Odin, Maverick, and Riko all graduated from their K-9 training program and will join K-

9 Buck. Now, the Sheriff's Office will have 4 K-9's total, one on each shift to help with patrol work and drug detection.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/28/2022 Flooding has already been occurring in the Florida Keys, with storm surge and heavy rainfall. The latest warning cone shows Ian making landfall in the Tampa Bay area. The National Hurricane Center has issued a hurricane warning and evacuation orders. A few tornadoes will also be possible and Tampa International Airport has suspended all operations ahead of the storm.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/28/2022 Lawmakers have unveiled a spending measure to finance the federal government through Dec. 16., provide additional support to Ukraine and help communities respond to recent natural disasters. Both chambers of Congress must approve legislation by the end of Friday, which is the end of the fiscal year, to prevent a partial government shutdown.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/28/2022 The Virginia Children's Festival returns to Norfolk's Town Point Park on Saturday, with dozens of activities and performers for kids of all ages. The 33rd annual event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's event includes new activities such as a Lego Land, Dino Dig, a Butterfly Experience, and live music. Tickets are \$5, but admission is free for infants age one and under.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/28/2022 Two teachers from Roanoke County are being honored with a national teaching award. Northside Middle School eighth-grade co-teachers, Amber Benson and Ruby Voss, were recognized by the Association of Middle-Level Education with the National Educator of the Year Award. The duo will be recognized at the annual conference this November.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/29/2022 Hurricane Ian made landfall in southwest Florida near Fort Myers as a catastrophic Category 4. 2.5 million were ordered to evacuate southwest Florida before the storm hit the coast with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph. Once inland, it is expected to weaken, some but residents in central Florida could still experience hurricane-force winds and heavy rain.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/29/2022 Russia is planning to formally annex parts of Ukraine after claiming that voters in areas where they have military control endorsed living under Moscow's rule. Armed troops went door-to-door to collect ballots asking if the occupied areas should become part of Russia. Western observers characterized the votes as a land grab by an increasingly cornered Russian leadership following embarrassing military losses in Ukraine.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/29/2022 NASA's moon rocket returned to the safety of its hangar as Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida. Its launch is now unlikely before mid-November. The launch team moved the rocket off the pad at Kennedy Space Center and the four-mile trip took all night. The next two-week window opens up Nov. 12.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/29/2022 The American Red Cross has around 300 volunteers standing by in Florida to respond to Hurricane Ian. Seven of those individuals are from D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. The Red Cross is already operating shelters in Florida and will enter actual communities once it is safe to do so.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/29/2022 Hurricane Ian came ashore just 2mph shy of a category 5 hurricane. The storm is expected to spend a day or more crawling across the Florida peninsula, dumping rains of 12 to 18 inches across a broad area, including Tampa, Orlando, and Jacksonville. The governor said the state has 30,000 linemen, urban search and rescue teams, and 7,000 National Guard troops from Florida and elsewhere ready to help once the weather clears.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/29/2022 President Joe Biden is hosting Pacific Island leaders for a two-day summit as the U.S. looks to counter China's military and economic influence in the region. The first-of-its-kind summit seeks to demonstrate that the U.S. remains committed to being in the region. Stemming the growing influence of China is a high priority, and for the Pacific Island leaders, climate change is the crisis that demands attention.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/29/2022 A cabinetry manufacturing plant in the Hill City is closing its doors and 250 employees will be impacted. MasterBrand Cabinets said they are committed to assisting their 250 associates through the transition by providing additional compensation, and coordination with all state and local agencies to help find new employment.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/29/2022 FEMA has deployed a team to Virginia ahead of Hurricane Ian's to assist in the potential impact on the Commonwealth. FEMA Region 3 has deployed an Incident Management Assistance Team to help with the planning and response operations with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. They are encouraging you to take this time to prepare now should Hurricane Ian's remnants cause a threat across Virginia.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/30/2022 Storm system Ian has intensified to a Category 1 hurricane as it heads toward South Carolina. The storm made landfall along the southwestern coast of Florida as a powerful Category 4 hurricane earlier this week and at least 19 have lost their lives so far due to the storm. Search and rescue efforts are underway in the worst-hit areas of Florida.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/30/2022 Russia promoted camps as a summer break from the war for Ukrainian children. Hundreds of families agreed in the occupied east and the south and busses left at the end of August, with the promise that the children would return home in time for the school year. Now around 300 children between the ages of 9 and 16, are scattered in camps, around Russia with parents scrambling to get them back.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/30/2022 The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration is recalling about 70,000 Kia Sorento and Sportage SUVs from 2016 through 2023. Officials say a faulty tow hitch can cause a fire. If affected you will be notified, in the meantime they say you should park your vehicle outdoors until the problem is fixed.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/30/2022 As Hurricane Ian heads closer to our area, a few local weekend events have been called off including Get Downtown, the annual street festival in downtown Lynchburg. Hurricane Ian is expected to bring heavy rain and high winds to Southwest and Central Virginia.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/30/2022 The mayor of Charleston, South Carolina, is asking the city to shut down today as Ian approaches. No evacuations have been ordered in South Carolina yet, but Ian is forecasted to make landfall a second time along the state's coast as a hurricane. The dangerous conditions from Ian including floods and storm surges will continue as the storm moves toward Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/30/2022 A Japanese Company said its potential treatment of Alzheimer's appears to have slowed the fatal disease. The drugmaker said early results showed that its treatment, reduced patients decline by 27%. Patients were monitored using a scale that measures mental decline and their ability to do daily activities like getting dressed or feeding themselves.

News 630/730/830 AM 9/30/2022 Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin declared a State of Emergency in advance of Hurricane Ian. This State of Emergency allows the Commonwealth to mobilize resources and equipment needed for response and recovery efforts. Virginians should be prepared for the potential of severe rainfall, flooding, wind damage, tornadoes, and other storm-related impacts.

News 7:00/8:00 AM 9/30/2022 Team members from Portsmouth-based, non-profit Mercy Chefs are on their way to Florida to help feed those impacted by Hurricane Ian. They're staging in Tallahassee to be ready to serve as soon as possible. This might be one of their largest responses in the company's history, which calculates out between 20 and 25,000 meals daily.