

Oct-Nov-Dec 2023 Quarterly Report News and Issues

Type	Time	Date	Description
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/2/2023	The threat of a federal government shutdown lifted hours before the deadline over the weekend as Congress approved a temporary funding bill to keep agencies open. The package drops aid to Ukraine and increases federal disaster assistance by \$16 billion. The Government is now funded until Nov. 17.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	2-Oct-23	LewisGale Hospital in Blacksburg is now offering a rechargeable device that provides a long-lasting solution for patients suffering with overactive bladder. The new device is the size of a quarter and lasts 20+ years in the body, eliminating the need for repeat surgeries over the patient's lifetime.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	2-Oct-23	The National Park Service awarded \$3.6 million to a Virginia contractor to make repairs to the structures at Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Ocracoke Light Station. During the year-long project the 200-year-old light station will get repainted, a pathway will be added, and the keepers' quarters will be raised more than 4-feet to protect against storm surge.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	2-Oct-23	The University of Virginia is one of the nation's premiere institutions of higher education and it now has a new monument. The Memorial to Enslaved Labor honors the estimated 4,000 forgotten men and women who built and maintained the school from the early to mid-1800s.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	2-Oct-23	Federal student loan borrowers will need to start making payments again this month after a three-year pause due to the pandemic. You should expect a bill that lays out how much you have to pay each month at least 21 days before your due date. It's likely that most borrowers have received their bill already.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	2-Oct-23	Hyundai and the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters joined forces to bring hope to kids battling cancer across Hampton Roads. Hyundai's Hope on Wheels gifted the hospital a \$100,000 grant to invest in research, treatment and services for children battling cancer.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	2-Oct-23	A new Safe Haven Baby Box that allows parents to surrender an infant safely, legally, and anonymously is now in Gates County, only the second in North Carolina. The box is located on the side of the Gates County Rescue & EMS. A parent can surrender an infant up to seven days old, per North Carolina state law.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	2-Oct-23	75 volunteers from all over the city of Lynchburg came together to build a playground at William Marvin Bass Elementary School. Leaders say this kid-designed playground will allow the community to connect.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	9-Oct-23	Fighting in Israel is ongoing after Hamas fighters breached the border from Gaza in a surprise attack. Israeli officials say the death toll in Israel will surpass 600, and more than 2,000 are wounded. Israel formally declared war on Hamas yesterday, setting the stage for a massive military response.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	9-Oct-23	President Joe Biden condemned the Hamas' attacks on Israel and emphasized the United States' support for the Jewish state. U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken has spoken with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as well.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	9-Oct-23	Authorities in the Town of Bedford are searching for a suspect after dozens of tombstones and cemetery property were damaged. According to the Bedford Police Department, the vandalism happened in Longwood Cemetery. Over 40 plus tombstones were damaged or knocked over.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	9-Oct-23	John's Meltdown is a new gourmet grilled cheese food truck is cruising around Lynchburg. The food truck officially opened over the weekend, and they will be around town every day except for Sunday. Check their social media for locations.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	9-Oct-23	Earthquakes in Afghanistan have taken the lives of at least 2,000. Many are still trapped, and more than 1,000 are injured with over 1,300 homes destroyed. The magnitude 6.3 earthquake hit a densely populated area and was followed by strong aftershocks.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	9-Oct-23	Virginia Commonwealth University will begin a guaranteed admission program for freshman applicants who either are in the top 10% of their high school graduating class or have a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher. To participate graduating high school students can apply through the Common App and submit their high school transcript, with no other paperwork necessary for consideration.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	9-Oct-23	A shoaling alert to mariners has been posted for Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. Mariners should use extreme caution when approaching this area and use idle speed. If you are unfamiliar with the inlet and its condition seek local help.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	9-Oct-23	The Grinch will serve as Grand Marshal of the 2023 Dominion Energy Christmas Parade in Richmond. The Dr. Seuss character will be in Richmond for a run of Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas which will be showing at the Altria Theater December 12-17. It is the Grinch's second time serving as the parade's Grand Marshal. CBS 6 will broadcast the Christmas Parade on December 2 at 10 a.m.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10-Oct-23	Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin has ordered flags to fly at half staff due to the attacks in Israel. The order applies to American flags and also Commonwealth flags. The flag order will continue thru Saturday.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10-Oct-23	A 4.3 magnitude earthquake shook the Seattle area yesterday. A tsunami was not anticipated and it did not come. No damage or injuries were reported.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10-Oct-23	The average gas price in Virginia has fallen over the last week. The latest gas price has lost almost 6 cents. That's also down over 10 cents in the last month. Nationally, gas is down about 13 cents around the country.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10-Oct-23	A new Motion Wellness Studio has opened in Forest. They're hoping to bring some relief to those suffering from chronic pain. The team includes four stretch therapists.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10-Oct-23	The Jewish community has been coming together since the attacks on Israel over the weekend. Groups and synagogues in Lynchburg, Roanoke and throughout our area gathering together, praying for peace.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10-Oct-23	Hampton Roads Transit will relocate the Portsmouth downtown bus lineup. Starting Sunday, the 15th, the bus lineup will relocate to Crawford Street due to demolition of the County Street Parking Garage.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10-Oct-23	The Suffolk Police Department will hold an all-day hiring event on Friday, November 3rd. Applicants should expect to complete a written and physical test. The hiring event will take place at 111 Henry Place at 8am.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10-Oct-23	And milling and paving will take place in Lynchburg on Craigmont Street. It will continue for the rest of the week with flaggers in place to help direct traffic. There will be no "on street" parking as well. Towing will be enforced.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11-Oct-23	Israel's military has regained effective control over its south boarder and the border with the Gaza Strip. The Ford carrier strike group from the United States has also arrived in the far Eastern Mediterranean, to provide air support or long-range strike options for Israel if requested.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11-Oct-23	Governor Glenn Youngkin announced that Parkland Direct, a print and custom envelope manufacturer, will invest \$10 million to expand in Bedford County. The company will add 50,000 square feet to its facility to increase production capacity and create 41 new jobs.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11-Oct-23	A car crashed into a daycare in Troutville yesterday. Virginia State Police said four total were injured and three were sent to the hospital, including a child. A woman's foot got stuck under the pedals in her car, causing the vehicle to run into the building.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	11-Oct-23	Lynchburg Parks & Recreation announced a Glow Ride for Friday, October 20 at Riverside Park starting at 7 p.m. Bikes will have vibrant lights and glow sticks on them and there will be entertainment and refreshments.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11-Oct-23	President Joe Biden's second attempt at student loan cancellation is moving forward with a round of hearings. 14 will meet with the goal of guiding the Education Department toward a proposal. The panel includes students and officials from a range of colleges, along with loan servicers, and state officials.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11-Oct-23	Martinsville High School received a bomb threat yesterday. School safety and law enforcement officials immediately responded to the scene and all students were safely evacuated per the emergency procedures, according to the school.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11-Oct-23	The Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office is looking for a missing 10-year-old girl. Katelyn Clark left her home on Green Wing Drive in Carrolton through the back door. She is 4-feet-tall, weighs 80 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair. She was last seen wearing a black rain jacket, pajama pants and blue and pink shoes. Call the Isle of Wight Sheriff's office if you have any information.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11-Oct-23	The city of Newport News says they have a critical need for more staffing in their public works department. They're operating at 76% of positions filled right now but doing 100% of the work. If the 79 open positions aren't filled, citizens in Newport News may feel the impact in their wallet.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12-Oct-23	The number of U.S. citizens confirmed to have lost their lives in the Israel-Hamas war has risen to 22. U.S. citizens are also among the estimated 150 hostages captured by Hamas. Portsmouth-based nonprofit Mercy Chefs has teams from California, Florida, and Virginia which on their way to Israel to get food to those in need.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12-Oct-23	President Biden was joined by Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as they announced new efforts to crack down on junk fees and bring down costs for American consumers. Junk fees are hidden, surprise fees that companies sneak onto customer bills, increasing costs. It's the Presidents goal to eliminate those.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12-Oct-23	The Lynchburg Regional Airport was awarded a grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation, under the Small Community Air Service Development program. They've been given \$600,000 to improve airline service to Lynchburg. Through this grant, bigger jets could be flying

			back into Lynchburg and they're also looking into non-stop service to Chicago.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12-Oct-23	Lynchburg City Council voted yesterday on how to use money to fix part of 12th Street that is still closed. This is all because of flooding back in July that caused a retaining wall to come down. The plan involves fixing the wall using mesh and concrete costing around \$2.5 million. According to Public Works, this fix will last upwards of 20 years.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12-Oct-23	Republicans nominated Steve Scalise to be the next House speaker and will now try to elect the conservative in a floor vote after ousting Kevin McCarthy from the job. Republicans who have been stalemated after McCarthy's historic removal last week will seek to assemble their narrow House majority around Scalise in what is certain to be a close vote of the full House possibly tonight.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12-Oct-23	The Norfolk-based USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and its carrier strike group are getting ready to leave for a scheduled deployment tomorrow to Europe, bringing a second carrier group into the region amid the war between Israel and Hamas. The strike group includes more than 5,000 sailors, and it's the first deployment for the Eisenhower in more than two years,
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12-Oct-23	As Sandusky Elementary School students and families deal with the impending closure of their beloved school, Lynchburg's vice mayor is holding a town hall in the building to let them bring their concerns to him. The town hall at Sandusky Elementary will be on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12-Oct-23	Smithfield Foods is planning to close its pork-processing plant in Charlotte, N.C., and transfer production to its Tar Heel, N.C., facility. This closure of this plant will affect around 110 employees. They will provide financial and transition assistance to those affected and provide financial incentives to hourly employees who stay in Charlotte until the final day of production in December.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	13-Oct-23	The U.S. government has begun evacuation flights to help Americans leave Israel as Israel prepares to escalate retaliatory action against Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip. The U.S. government is arranging for at least four charter flights a day out of Israel through Germany.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	13-Oct-23	Well, we still don't have a speaker of the House. House republicans nominated Representative Steve Sca-lease, of Louisiana, who just abandoned his bid, and now Rep. Jim Jordan, of Ohio, is trying to secure the nomination from

			Republicans while Democrats are backing House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, of New York.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	13-Oct-23	The U.S. Navy broke ground on their 100,000 square foot Regional Training Center at the Institute of Advanced Learning and Research in Danville. U.S. Secretary of the Navy said the center will allow the military to be able to build submarines quicker than they have in the past, and it'll have a positive impact on Danville's economy. The building is expected to be finished in 2025.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	13-Oct-23	It's time to get outside and have some fun! The 13th Annual Anthem GO Outside Festival kicks off today at Elmwood Park in Roanoke. The three-day outdoor sports festival will have hundreds of hands-on activities and demonstrations, including biking, kayaking, bouldering, and stand-up paddleboarding.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	13-Oct-23	An official statement from the Hamas terrorist organization and comments from a former Hamas leader are calling for global mobilization against Israel today. Many Jewish organizations are on alert as the former leader of Hamas from 2014-2017, called for Muslims to "take to the streets" in a global protest against Israel.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	13-Oct-23	Governor Glenn Youngkin has met with leaders of the Jewish community in Hampton Roads as the conflict in Israel and Palestine continues. The location in Virginia Beach, was not revealed due to safety concerns. Governor Youngkin said he's working with law enforcement and synagogues across the state to prevent acts of violence.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	13-Oct-23	Millions of Social Security recipients will get a 3.2% increase in their benefits in 2024. The cost-of-living adjustment means the average recipient will receive more than \$50 more every month beginning in January.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	13-Oct-23	A dozen license plate readers are being installed on the Outer Banks. The Town of Nags Head will lease the cameras from a company called Flock Safety, which will also maintain the equipment. The advanced technology is already assisting other local police departments with crime fighting.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	16-Oct-23	U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will return to Israel this week after completing a six-country rush through Arab nations aimed at preventing the Israel-Hamas war from igniting a broader regional conflict. Right now, the U.S. is not interfering in Israel's military planning just asking that all military operations be conducted with civilian protection in mind.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	16-Oct-23	In forest one martial arts studio is lending a helping hand for Israel. FEKS Martial Arts Center is selling t-shirt's that say "I stand with Israel" to raise awareness about the war and to raise money to send to Israel for military equipment.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	16-Oct-23	14 trees with memorial plaques stand on the Blackwater Creek Trail to honor 14 local heroes, who paid the ultimate sacrifice and died in the War on Terror. The community came together to dedicate the memorial which includes a poster, with the 14 men arranged in chronological order of their passing. The goal is that as these 14 trees grow and live, so will the memory of these service members.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	16-Oct-23	A new server has rolled into Papa Gallo, a Mexican restaurant at River Ridge Mall, in Lynchburg. Papa Gallo has added a robot, Plato, to their team. Plato is controlled by a tablet or voice command and can deliver plates of food to tables. Papa Gallo pays about \$800 a month to lease Plato.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	16-Oct-23	Tons of vital humanitarian supplies are piling up on the Egyptian side of the border. In the wake of the Hamas attacks, Israel closed its two border crossings with Gaza causing a blockage of supplies, fuel, electricity, and water.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	16-Oct-23	House Republicans nominated Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio as their new nominee for speaker of the House of Representatives, after Rep. Steve Scalise abandoned his candidacy. On this vote, Jordan was well short of the 217 he would need in a formal vote on the House floor. They will possibly hold an official floor vote on Jordan's speakership tomorrow.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	16-Oct-23	Governor Youngkin is urging taxpayers to go online to file for a one-time tax rebate as part of his commitment to lower the cost of living and provide needed tax relief. Virginia's budget includes the rebate for eligible Virginians who file their taxes by November 1, 2023 and had a 2022 state tax liability. The 2023 Virginia General Assembly passed a law giving taxpayers with a tax liability a rebate of up to \$200 for individual filers and up to \$400 for joint filers.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	16-Oct-23	The Salem Volunteer Rescue Squad is being recognized for their hard work in the community. They were awarded the Volunteer EMS Agency of the year. It's a national award that recognizes dedication and service to the community. Two members from the rescue squad accepted the award in New Orleans. They are the second oldest volunteer agency in the country.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	17-Oct-23	The U.S. state department says 30 Americans have lost their lives in Israel. Hamas terrorists stormed into Israel on Oct. 7 and since then over 4,000 have lost their lives and 155 are being held hostage in Gaza. Their whereabouts are not publicly known, but their families have been urgently pressing for their release.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	17-Oct-23	President Joe Biden postponed his trip to Colorado to stay in Washington and focus on the growing conflict in the Middle East. President Biden is expected to hold a series of high-level meetings with aides on Israel and the growing humanitarian concerns in Gaza. There are concerns that a second front could open in Israel's north as well.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	17-Oct-23	Major U.S. pharmacy chain Rite Aid has filed for bankruptcy and obtained \$3.45 billion in fresh financing as it carries out a restructuring plan while coping with falling sales and lawsuits. Right now, they have reached an agreement with their creditors on a restructuring plan to cut debt and position themselves for future growth.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	17-Oct-23	A Suffolk school bus with 12 children on board overturned in a crash yesterday. The bus driver and twelve children were taken to area hospitals. All of their injuries were reported to be minor. The school bus was on its way to Southwestern Elementary School when the crash occurred. There is no word yet what caused the crash.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	17-Oct-23	More than a million have fled their homes in the Gaza Strip ahead of an expected Israeli invasion that seeks to eliminate the terrorists Hamas' leadership. Israeli forces, supported by U.S. warships, have positioned themselves along Gaza's border and are preparing a broad campaign to dismantle the terrorist group.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	17-Oct-23	Captain Daniel Reynolds graduated from the U.S. military's Ranger School this week, becoming the first Space Force Guardian to earn a Ranger status. He is effectively the military's first "Space Ranger."
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	17-Oct-23	Dozens have descended upon a Mountain Valley Pipeline construction site in Elliston in an attempt to halt work, according to Appalachians Against Pipelines. As a part of the protests, three have locked themselves to equipment at the site as well, stopping the MVP from drilling under the highway and train tracks next to the Roanoke River.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	17-Oct-23	The Jefferson Lab in Newport News has been selected by the Department of Energy to lead a new "high performance data facility." The project is expected to get more than \$300 million in federal funding over several years. Senator Mark Warner called it the single biggest technology investment in Hampton Roads ever.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	18-Oct-23	Several top commanders for Hamas have been killed in recent airstrikes by Israel. U.S. officials also have an agreement with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to create a mechanism for delivering humanitarian aid to the territory's 2.3 million in the Gaza Strip.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	18-Oct-23	Pacific Gas & Electric one of the nation's largest utilities whose equipment has sparked some of California's deadliest wildfires wants to bury power lines in some of its most at-risk areas to prevent destructive blazes. State regulators however don't like the plan because it would take too long and cost \$5.9 billion which the customers would have to pay for.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	18-Oct-23	The town hall meeting to discuss the closure of Sandusky Elementary school was last night. Lynchburg's Vice Mayor hosted the meeting to give folks the chance to voice their concerns over the School's planned closure. Under this current plan, T.C. Miller Elementary School would also be closed or converted, and the City Council would need \$15 million to renovate Bass Elementary School.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	18-Oct-23	The Triple-A Champion Norfolk Tides baseball team are getting a new owner, but fortunately for fans not much is expected to change. Their current owner will stay in an advisory role, and the General Manager and current front office staff will remain. The club will also remain a Triple-A affiliate for the Baltimore Orioles.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	18-Oct-23	The House was unable to elect a new speaker as a handful of Republicans refused to support Rep. Jim Jordan's bid. More votes are expected to come, and some have predicted it could be a similar situation to the election of McCarthy, who needed 15 rounds to win.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	18-Oct-23	Jet engine maker Rolls-Royce is cutting up to 2,500 jobs globally as part of a corporate overhaul that its new CEO is carrying out. The aerospace company was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic and their new CEO said the layoffs are aimed at making Rolls-Royce more streamlined and efficient.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	18-Oct-23	The city of Richmond says they are working now to improve pedestrian safety at 3 intersections in the city. Richmond Highway at Bellemeade Road, Belt Boulevard at Hopkins Road, and Oliver Hill Way at Fairfield Way. The improvements include high visibility crosswalks, pedestrian median refuges, accessible ramps, and countdown signals. The \$327,000 project should be completed by December of 2023.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	18-Oct-23	This Saturday NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton is letting you inside to see 16 different facilities. Admission to the open house is free, and it takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no entry after 3 p.m. Artemis II astronaut Victor J. Glover will be participating in the open house.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	19-Oct-23	Two drones that were launched at a base of U.S. troops in western Iraq were intercepted. Iraqi militia announced it had launched another drone attack on a second base. No injuries were reported in either incident, but Iranian-backed militias have threatened to attack U.S. facilities over America's support for Israel.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	19-Oct-23	Amazon will soon make prescription drugs fall from the sky when they become the latest company to test drone deliveries for medications. The company said that customers in College Station, Texas, can now get prescriptions delivered by a drone within an hour of placing their order. The list includes over 500 medications.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	19-Oct-23	The Head Start Program at Total Action for Progress is just one in central Virginia available for parents struggling to find affordable childcare. The program provides free childcare to impoverished families, and it currently has about 1,000 kids enrolled across 14 centers. If you are struggling with childcare you can reach out to them or to The United Way and the Department of Social Services.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	19-Oct-23	Two meetings are being held to get public input on the Miller Park pool Re-Imagined project. An in-person meeting at the Miller Center Community Room on Monday, October 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and a second Zoom meeting on Wednesday, October 25 starting at 6 p.m. to gather the public's input on two possible redesigns.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	19-Oct-23	Israel will allow Egypt to deliver limited quantities of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. After Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with U.S. President Joe Biden in Israel the Prime minister said Israel will not stop deliveries of food, water, or medicine, as long as they are limited to civilians in the south of the Gaza Strip and don't go to Hamas terrorist.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	19-Oct-23	Virginians are less than a month away from deciding who they want to represent them in Richmond. Ahead of this year's election, Christopher Newport University conducted a poll to determine what issues matter most to Virginia voters. Data shows the economy is the number one issue, followed by abortion and K-12 education.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	19-Oct-23	It will be about five years before work is done and the 1,100 employees are all in place at the Wells Fargo facility off Plantation Road in Roanoke, but the effects will be felt before the end of this year. Contractors will begin working on the remodel of the current building in just a few months, and their workers represent the first round of economic impact for the area.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	19-Oct-23	The Virginia Sales Tax Holiday returns this weekend a few months later than usual. The holiday is a chance for Virginians to save on qualifying school supplies, clothing, hurricane emergency items and Energy Star/WaterSense products. The 3-day sales tax holiday is being held Friday through Sunday.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	20-Oct-23	President Joe Biden delivered a rare Oval Office address last night making his case for providing billions of dollars in military assistance to Israel and Ukraine. The funding request is around \$100 billion over the next year, which also includes some money for Taiwan's defense and for managing the flow of migrants at the southern border with Mexico.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	20-Oct-23	NOAA's Climate Prediction Center released its outlook for the winter of 2023-2024. Based on trends in the El Niño, their forecast for Central Virginia and the coast calls for wetter-than-average weather, but also a warmer-than-average winter. Which could spell more mixed precipitation events than straight-up snowstorms.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	20-Oct-23	City leaders in Virginia Beach approved an apartment complex off Princess Anne Road, even after receiving strong opposition from neighbors. The Silo at Southern Pines will be constructed in what is now just a field near the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. The development has 176 apartment units, 53 of which will be workforce housing and ground could be broken by the end of 2024.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	20-Oct-23	As the fall kicks into full gear, one local ice cream shop is getting ready to wrap up the season. Mister Goodies announced that its 2023 Season will be coming to an end on Oct. 29. Until then you can stock up on pints and quarts of your favorite Mister Goodies flavors.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	20-Oct-23	The State Department issued a worldwide alert for all U.S. citizens. Americans are being asked to exercise increased caution due to tensions in various locations around the world, towards U.S. citizens. So far 32 Americans have lost their lives and 11 are unaccounted for after Hamas terrorists stormed into Israel.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	20-Oct-23	For those who take the daily commute through the Downtown and Midtown tunnels in Hampton Roads but make more than the current \$50,000 cutoff for toll relief there might be hope in site. VDOT in partnership with Elizabeth River Crossings announced that they're expanding relief to those who make up to \$65,000 a year, starting on October 29, giving 50% off per trip. They're also expanding the discount to 14 trips per week, up from the current 10.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	20-Oct-23	While the war between Israel and Hamas continues many are wondering how it will impact us here at home. One way could be gas prices. Right now, prices are falling but they could change dramatically if the war begins to impact countries near the Strait of Hormuz, a waterway used for transporting oil located between Iran and Iraq.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	20-Oct-23	Henrico County has broken ground on its portion of the Fall Line Trail. The Fall Line Trail once complete will stretch 43 miles from Ashland in the north to Petersburg in the south. Actual construction on the Spring Park portion will begin next month and Henrico will complete its 7.5-mile section by 2026.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	23-Oct-23	Israel's military is ramping up its aerial bombardment of Gaza as it prepares for the next stage of its war with Hamas terrorist. The US is seeking to delay an Israeli ground offensive in Gaza, in hopes of getting more hostages out and more humanitarian aid in to those in need. More than 4,600 have lost their lives in Gaza since the war began.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	23-Oct-23	A Chinese coast guard ship and an accompanying vessel rammed a Philippine coast guard ship and a military-run supply boat. Philippine officials said, the encounter has heightened fears of an armed conflict in the disputed South China Sea.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	23-Oct-23	Reimagining education is what the new educational non-profit "Why Not Workshop" is striving for, as the organization kicks off this new way of learning. The non-profit will serve students in Roanoke who are facing difficult experiences or just need a non-traditional way of learning.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	23-Oct-23	The Virginia Tech Jewish community honored those held captive by the Hamas terrorist group during a solidarity walk through the campus. Students carried signs with the faces and names of the hostages in Gaza. The walk ended with the names being read followed by prayer and song.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	23-Oct-23	Israel's military has pledged to step up its attacks in the Gaza Strip in the next stage of the war, vowing to continue to attack targets that could be considered a threat to its ground forces. Palestinians say they have received new warnings from Israel's military to move from north Gaza to the south or they may be identified as sympathizers with the terrorist organization if they stay put.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	23-Oct-23	Nine Republicans have announced that they will run for speaker of the House, after the party cast aside Representative Jim Jordan of Ohio. The lawmakers vying for the job include veterans of the House, committee chairmen, and a top member of Republican leadership. Virtually none have the kind of commanding national profile normally required of the speaker, who is second in line to the presidency.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	23-Oct-23	The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program is awarding 108 grants to fund state and local transportation safety initiatives. Most of the grants will go toward bicycle and pedestrian safety and traffic safety improvements. The grants total more than \$23 million.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	23-Oct-23	The Virginia Museum of History & Culture, and the University of Richmond will present the Legacy of Black Astronauts Program on Oct. 25-26. In the program, Virginia astronauts Leland Melvin and Dr. Robert Satcher will discuss the past, present, and future contributions of Black astronauts to space flight. They were the first African Americans to fly to space together on the same mission.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	24-Oct-23	U.S. Secretary of State and Defense Secretary said the United States expects the Israel-Hamas war to escalate through the involvement of Iran, and they asserted that the United States is prepared to respond if American personnel or armed forces become the target of any such hostilities.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	24-Oct-23	The Biden administration is designating 31 technology hubs across 32 states and Puerto Rico to help spur innovation and create jobs in the tech industry. The tech hubs are the result of a process to distribute a total of \$500 million in grants to cities for artificial intelligence, quantum computing and biotech.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	24-Oct-23	Parents are fighting to save two elementary schools from potentially being shut down. The Lynchburg school board has voted to close Sandusky Elementary School and close or convert T.C. Miller Elementary and now parents in the Save Our Schools Lynchburg group have filed a petition of appeal at the Lynchburg Circuit Court against the school board chairman and the superintendent. They are asking

			the court to review the school board's decision to close the schools and overturn it.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	24-Oct-23	Many who participate in long distance races begin their running careers early on, like in middle or high school, but an athlete from Blacksburg is starting her career earlier than most. Olivia Hawes has finished her 60th race of 5K's, 8K's and even a 9K race, all before she's even three years old. Olivia's dream is to go into the Olympics.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	24-Oct-23	The United States has said that it will defend the Philippines in the case of an armed attack under a 1951 treaty, after Chinese ships blocked and collided with two vessels in the South China Sea. Philippine diplomats summoned a Chinese Embassy official for a strongly worded protest following the collisions.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	24-Oct-23	Chevron is buying Hess for \$53 billion and it's not even the biggest acquisition in the energy sector this month as major producers seize the initiative while oil prices surge. The Chevron-Hess deal comes less than two weeks after Exxon Mobil said that it would acquire Pioneer Natural Resources for about \$60 billion.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	24-Oct-23	Thieves may be targeting your kid's identity. If your child has ever received a pre-approved credit card offer in the mail or is getting bills, or even junk mail that's not for kids, consider it a red flag. Some things you can do are check and see if your child has a credit report, or request a free credit freeze, making it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your children's names.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	24-Oct-23	The traveling aviation museum we talked about yesterday will be at Liberty University today. The African American Aviation Traveling Museum remembers the Black voices that have had an impact in aviation since the beginning. The museum will go across the country to schools and community centers and today it is open from 9am-4pm right outside the Freedom Tower on Liberty's campus.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	25-Oct-23	Republicans have picked Rep. Tom Emmer as their new nominee for House speaker. The nomination now goes to the full House for a vote. The federal government risks a shutdown in a matter of weeks if Congress fails to pass funding legislation by the Nov. 17 deadline to keep services and offices running and this vote is delaying work from being done.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/25/2023	An off-duty Alaska Airlines pilot struggled with the flight crew as he tried to cut the engines on a regional jet midflight, and even tried to grab the handle of an emergency exit after being restrained. Joseph Emerson, was initially arrested in Oregon where the plane landed safely with more than 80 onboard. He now faces federal charges.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/25/2023	With the war between Israel and Hamas continuing, Virginia's Attorney General asked all 123 Virginia sheriff's offices to donate their extra law enforcement gear to the Israeli military. The Henry County Sheriff's Office accepted the task. They packed up several boxes of extra armor and protective gear that will be shipped to Richmond then overseas.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/25/2023	The manufacturing company Morgan Olson says layoffs are coming to all three of its locations, including in Danville. The decision comes as they work to keep afloat with the current economic conditions. It is unknown how many Danville employees will be affected by the layoffs, and they did not provide a timeline for when the layoffs are happening.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/25/2023	The Pentagon has sent military advisers, including a Marine Corps general versed in urban warfare, to Israel to aid in its war planning days ahead of an anticipated ground assault into Gaza. They will also be advising on how to diminish civilian casualties. Israel is preparing a large-scale ground operation in an environment in which Hamas terrorists have had years to prepare tunnel networks and set traps.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/25/2023	Utah and 42 other states are filing a lawsuit against Meta, the owner of Facebook, Instagram, and Threads. The lawsuit accuses the company of harming the young kids through Facebook and Instagram by discouraging children's attempts to self-regulate and disengage with Meta's products, through inventions like infinite scroll, autoplay and shortform videos.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/25/2023	Neighbors in the Bonsack community are pleading for help after they said a Norfolk Southern railroad crossing has turned into a dangerous situation. They said the crossing by Layman Road is the only way in and out of town for them and when a train comes through sometimes it can be stopped for hours. Neighbors said they've reached out to Norfolk Southern, VDOT, and other agencies trying to get the issue resolved.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/25/2023	A team from Joe Gibbs Racing visited the Virginia Tech Helmet Lab to see how they could implement the lab's practices in their helmets. Virginia Tech's Helmet Lab started back in 2011 and now the lab is known for having a comprehensive list of the safest helmets on the market. Officials from Joe Gibbs Racing said their research lab is in its last stages of construction and they are hoping to recruit some Virginia Tech Students for internships.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/26/2023	Republicans have elected Rep. Mike Johnson as House speaker. Johnson of Louisiana swept the votes on the first ballot with support from all Republicans anxious to put the past weeks of disagreement behind them and get on with the business of governing. Democrats again nominated their leader Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, but Johnson won 220-209 and was sworn into office.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/26/2023	City council got a progress report on the construction of the new police headquarters across from Outback Steakhouse on Albert Lankford Drive in Lynchburg. Soon all activity will move to the interior work for the winter. The new headquarters is on schedule to be completed in early February of 2025.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/26/2023	Tax rebates are on the way after an extra billion dollars was added to the Virginia budget. Rebates will be distributed on a rolling basis, meaning that some taxpayers could receive their refunds within the next few weeks, with most receiving them by Nov. 7.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/26/2023	Qualifying students from Virginia at Radford University will receive a life-changing relief starting Fall 2024. Radford University announced the Radford Tuition Promise as a program guaranteeing coverage of tuition for all students who are residents of Virginia and who have a household income of \$100,000 or less. That promise covers all tuition costs, but not room and board, for all in-person undergraduate courses.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/26/2023	President Biden has issued a warning to Iran that the U.S. would respond if they continued to move against U.S. troops in the region. Drone attacks on U.S. bases in Iraq and Syria this month have injured at least two dozen Americans. The U.S. was attacked at least 10 separate times in Iraq and at least three separate times in Syria by a mix of drones and rockets and we have deployed two aircraft carrier strike groups to the region to deter hostilities.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/26/2023	Hurricane Otis came ashore in Mexico yesterday as a category 5 storm. Mexico's president said that the storm caused property damage, landslides, and obstructed roads, but there is no news of any lives lost. Now all eyes are on

			tropical storm Tammy as she's expected to become a powerful cyclone today.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/26/2023	Lynchburg City School leaders have decided the fate of two elementary schools. The Lynchburg City School Board voted 7-0 with one abstaining to close Sandusky Elementary School in 2025 and to close or convert T.C. Miller Elementary School in 2025 as well.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/26/2023	The three Lynchburg City Schools middle schools are joining forces to form the first softball team in the division for students in sixth to eighth grade. Made up of students from Dunbar, Linkhorne, and Sandusky middle schools, Lynchburg City Softball hopes to open a new world of possibilities to student-athletes starting this spring.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/27/2023	An intensive manhunt is still underway for a suspect in the incident at a bowling alley and a restaurant that took the life of at least 18 and injured 13 in Lewiston, Maine. Robert Card is 40 and should be considered armed and dangerous. Police are urging residents to shelter in place and report any suspicious activity to authorities.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/27/2023	In light of the incident in Maine Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in memory of the lives lost and those injured until October 30th. President Biden has also ordered all U.S. Flags to be flown at half-staff.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/27/2023	Toyota is recalling about 751,000 large SUVs in the U.S. to fix a problem with the tabs that hold the front bumper covers on. The recall covers certain Toyota Highlanders from the 2020 through 2023 model years including gas-electric hybrids.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/27/2023	Get ready to start your engines because race weekend is back in Martinsville. The first race of the weekend was last night, and track President Clay Campbell said that Sunday's race will be exciting because it's the last chance for racers to qualify for the championship.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/27/2023	Officials at the Canadian border said they are aware of the ongoing manhunt for Robert Card, who is accused of taking the lives of 18 and wounding 13 more during a rampage in Lewiston, Maine. Card has not been spotted since the incident that spanned a bowling alley and a restaurant. Residents are still being asked to shelter in place.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/27/2023	The United Auto Workers union has reached a tentative contract agreement with Ford that could be a breakthrough toward ending the 6-week strike against Detroit automakers. The four-year deal, which still has to be approved by 57,000 union members could bring a close to the strikes at factories run by Ford, General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/27/2023	Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority is sponsoring a job fair on November 1 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Attucks Theatre on Church Street in Norfolk. The job fair is open to the public, but the NRHA is dedicated to specifically to helping their residents achieve complete self-sufficiency which includes helping them get a stable and well-compensated job.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/27/2023	The countdown is on for Nauticus' Winterfest on the Wisconsin in Norfolk. Beginning Nov. 10, the Wisconsin will light up for the holidays with this annual display. You can climb aboard the Wisconsin as it is decorated for the holidays with more than one million twinkling lights. The holiday display features glowing tunnels, foot bridges and more.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/30/2023	The Lewiston, Maine suspect Robert Card was found dead as a result of an apparent self-inflicted injury near a dumpster at a recycling plant where he worked at one point in Lisbon, Maine. He was the primary suspect in the incident that took the lives of 18 at the Just-In-Time Recreation bowling alley in Lewiston.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/30/2023	Jeep maker Stellantis has reached a tentative agreement with the United Auto Workers union. UAW President confirmed the agreement and 43,000 members at the company will vote on it but it did end the strike. The pact includes 25% in wage increases over the next 4 1/2 years. Workers will also get a cost-of-living pay that would bring the raises to a compounded 33%.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10--30-23	Gleaning For The World will be hosting a collection Wednesday & Thursday this week from 10am – 6pm in front of Sam's Club in Lynchburg. This collection is for supplies asked for by the Salem Veterans Affairs Hospital and donated items will be given to Veterans under their care.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/30/2023	Friends" star Matthew Perry, who played Chandler Bing has passed away at 54. The actor was found in a hot tub at his Los Angeles home. An investigation into how he passed is ongoing.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/30/2012	A candlelight vigil to remember the victims that lost their lives in the incident in Maine was held over the weekend. While the police did find a note at the home of suspect Robert Card, they said a motive was not revealed in that note. Card was found dead in a parking lot from a self-inflicted wound.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/30/2023	Former Vice President Mike Pence has dropped his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, ending his campaign for the White House after struggling to raise money and gain traction in the polls. Pence is the first major candidate to leave a race.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/30/2023	The Virginia NAACP announced that its 88th Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, Nov 11. This year, the convention will focus on the theme: never silenced. The event will be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/30/2023	Amtrak has created a new structure that allows travelers to pick between two options that best meet their needs and budget. The fare structure launched this week, with two different booking types. Flex will be for customers who want a more flexible travel option, these tickets are fully refundable if canceled, and can be changed without fees before departure. Value is for customers who know their travel plans and want a more affordable option, these tickets are at a lower price than Flex tickets, non-changeable and you receive only a 75% refund if canceled.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/31/2023	President Joe Biden signed an executive order to guide the development of artificial intelligence. The order requires the tech industry to develop safety and security standards, and introduce consumer protections. The order reflects the government's effort to shape how AI evolves in a way that can maximize its possibilities and minimize its downfalls.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/31/2023	Crews are still working to contain a wildfire on Parrot Mountain in Pulaski County. Authorities said at this time, the fire is estimated to be more than 75 acres and spreading. It has also been difficult to control due to steep rocky slopes, increasing winds, and dry leaves.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/31/2023	The Youngkin administration says it created the All Virginia plan to ensure students across the Commonwealth get the academic support they need to recover from learning loss as a result of the pandemic. The plan is to focus on providing three to five hours a week of intensive tutoring for 3rd through 8th graders who have suffered the most learning loss on a persistent basis.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/31/2023	The wild horses are a staple to the Outer Banks. Preserving the herd is important, but it's becoming more difficult each year as more houses continue to be built in the 4-by-4 area, and with more houses comes more trash. County

			leaders say they're continuing to work with the rental companies, homeowners and trash collectors find better solutions.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/31/2023	Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made it clear that Israel would not agree to a ceasefire, saying "this is a time for war." Israel's military said it took out dozens of Hamas terrorists and has struck targets in northern Gaza as part of its expanded ground operations. Meanwhile, the UN warned that order is deteriorating after weeks of war with many breaking into warehouses to take survival essentials.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/31/2023	Authorities in Maine are continuing to piece together the events that led to the worst incident in the state's history. Apparently, the suspect had a record of interactions with police and warning signs involving mental illness before the incident. Robert Card, the suspect, underwent a mental health evaluation last summer after acting erratically at an Army training facility in New York, saying he was hearing voices which led him to threaten a military base.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	10/31/2023	More than five years after launching the Pulse, the Greater Richmond Transit Company has a project in the works to introduce new, larger buses to the transit line. The agency is planning to add four 60-foot buses to the fleet, which runs from Rocketts Landing in Richmond to Willow Lawn in Henrico County. These new vehicles are larger than the current buses allowing for more passengers.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	10/31/2023	The statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee that was once at the center of the deadly rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, has been melted down. The statue was rendered into bronze ore and will be given to a company dedicated to transforming the Lee statue into public art.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/1/2023	Israeli ground forces freed a soldier held captive by Hamas terrorists. The military said the soldier was captured during the Oct. 7 invasion. This is the first rescue since the war began. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said this rescue by Israel's security forces proves their commitment to free all the hostages.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/1/2023	Toyota will invest an additional \$8 billion in the hybrid and electric vehicle battery factory in North Carolina. The new investment will create about 3,000 additional jobs, bringing the total to more than 5,000 jobs. This will be the first U.S. automotive battery plant when it begins operations near Greensboro in 2025.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/1/2023	The Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge in Lynchburg is about to undergo some changes, and the city wants your input. They are hosting a meeting tomorrow at E.C. Glass High School,

			starting at 6:30 p.m. and they have another meeting slated for Nov. 16th.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/1/2023	Inside the doors of Fort Hill Community School in Lynchburg is a program on a to help the youth make good life choices. The School has partnered with the University of Lynchburg and the Police Department to host the "Good Gangs" program. There are 28 middle schoolers in the program right now focusing on things like self-efficacy, identifying career options, and conflict resolution.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/1/2023	U.S. Defense Secretary and Secretary of State made the case that the United States should immediately send aid to both Israel and Ukraine. The senate is on board to send aid to both, but the house of representatives would rather solely focus on Israel.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/1/2023	Five months before the deadliest incident in Maine's history, the suspect's family alerted the local sheriff that they were becoming concerned about Robert Card's mental health. The Sheriff's Office reached out to his Army Reserve unit, and on Sept. 15, a sheriff's deputy was sent to visit Card's home for a wellness check, but he could not be found.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/1/2023	We talked about it last week, how residents in a Bonsack neighborhood are being blocked from their homes by a train several times a week. One resident reached out to Norfolk Southern who responded by saying that they have issued special instructions to all train crews in that area to ensure that Layman Road is not blocked.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/1/2023	This week marked the start of a 30-day warning period if you're caught speeding in a school zone in Portsmouth. The city has installed cameras outside seven schools that record and take photos of you, police review the footage, and if your caught driving more than 10 mph over the speed, you'll receive a notice in the mail. Come Dec. 1, each violation will cost drivers \$100.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/2/2023	The mayors of Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, and New York want to meet with President Biden about getting federal help in managing the surge of migrants that are arriving in their cities with little to no coordination, support, or resources. With fewer available work authorizations, these migrants cannot find work that would allow them to get into proper housing.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/2/2023	A power company's plans for an enormous offshore wind farm off Virginia's coast gained key federal approval after the Biden Administration evaluated the project's potential impact on the environment. Dominion said its project will be the largest offshore wind farm under development in

			the United States. The project is expected to generate enough to power up to 660,000 homes.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/2/2023	Lynchburg Parks and Recreation has narrowed down the Miller Park Pool renovations to two concepts. Concept 1 will include a 25-meter pool and will remain in the same footprint, as the current pool, but will also have beach access and a walk-in feature for kids. Concept 2 will include shade structures and the removal of the 50-meter pool. Both concepts will include renovations to the pool house. The Miller Park Pool is currently 43 years old.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/2/2023	The pieces are all set. The new Lego Store in the Virginia Beach Town Center is getting ready to officially open tomorrow at 10 a.m. with a ribbon cutting. The store at 172 Central Park Avenue will be the first of its kind in Hampton Roads.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/2/2023	U.S. citizens, as well as wounded Palestinians and other foreign nationals, started to leave the war-torn Gaza Strip as Israeli airstrikes hit the area for the second straight day. Several of those who are fleeing headed into Egypt. At least 400 Americans in Gaza have expressed a desire to leave.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/2/2023	The arrest warrant for the Maine suspect reveals the possible motives of Robert Card's attack. The records detailed statements by his family about his poor mental health and a breakup. Some claim he targeted there because that's where he met the girl that broke up with him earlier in the year.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/2/2023	The City of Richmond has opened an inclement weather shelter to provide some relief to those without homes or in vulnerable situations. The shelter is on E. Broad Street and will be open again at 5:30 p.m. today. Dinner, breakfast, and snacks will be provided.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/2/2023	An eight-mile portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway is closed after park rangers say tourist have been feeding and trying to hold bear cubs. The Lane Pinnacle Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway has seen visitors feeding and attempting to hold a young bear in recent weeks. As a result, officials are closing it until further notice.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/3/2023	Many countries are trying to gain favor with President Biden by making it harder for their citizens to sneak into the U.S. Haiti, El Salvador, Mexico, and more are hoping the restrictions that they are putting on their citizens will increase chances of receiving aid, bargaining, and general goodwill from the U.S.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/3/2023	The Senate has confirmed Lisa Franchetti to be chief of naval operations, the first in a series of votes aimed at filling crucial positions to lead the Navy, Air Force and Marines. Franchetti has been serving as chief of naval operations in an acting capacity since August and will be the first woman to officially lead the Navy.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/3/2023	Up to 65,000 acres of previously coal mined land in Southwest Virginia could be transformed for energy purposes as part of a "landmark land development agreement. The agreement aligns with Virginia's Energy Plan to harness natural gas, nuclear, renewables, and other emerging energy sources to meet the Commonwealth's energy needs. Youngkin also wants to attract high-quality jobs to Southwest Virginia.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/3/2023	A new attraction is set to add a dash of winter magic to the Lynchburg community at River Ridge Mall. The mall is opening up "The Ice at River Ridge," an all-new ice rink on the West End on Nov. 18. Every Tuesday, themed skate nights will add a fun twist to the traditional ice-skating experience throughout the season.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/3/2023	The international community is continuing efforts to evacuate civilians from the Gaza Strip after an initial batch of foreign nationals were allowed to enter Egypt for the first time since the start of the conflict. Egypt is now working to evacuate 7,000 international passport holders.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/3/2023	Building 2 of the Municipal Center in Virginia Beach, where 12 lost their lives in a May 2019 attack, is about to reopen and become the home of the city's police administration, the 1st precinct, and the city's IT data center. A 5/31 memorial plaque will also be installed prior to the re-opening. Construction should be completed by Dec. 5 and the more than 300 officers and staff members should be moved in by the end of January.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/3/2023	The Albemarle Area United Way has been awarded a \$10,000 matching grant from the Northern Albemarle Community Foundation. The funds will be used by its Community Care Collaborative to help over 1,600 households across Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimans and Gates Counties and the organization hopes to secure \$10,000 in contributions from individuals or businesses by Dec. 31 to secure the match.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/3/2023	Starting in 2024, the Salem Red Sox will implement a clear bag policy. The team says the policy will enhance ballpark safety at Carilion Clinic Field. Under the new policy clear bags, clutch wristlets, and diaper bags will be permitted.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/6/2023	The United States and Arab partners disagreed on the need for an immediate cease-fire in the Gaza Strip. More than 9,400 Palestinians have been killed in the territory in nearly a month of war, and that number is likely to rise as the assault continues. U.S. Secretary of State met with Arab foreign ministers in Jordan a day after talks in Israel with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who insisted there could be no temporary cease-fire until all hostages held by Hamas are released.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/6/2023	Tyson Foods is recalling nearly 30,000 pounds of breaded chicken Fun Nuggets after consumers complained of finding metal pieces in the dinosaur-shaped patties. The nuggets were produced on Sept. 5. USDA said that there had been only one report of a minor oral injury associated with consumption of this product.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/6/2023	Campbell County Public Schools is making some big investments in their students. They officially celebrated the new Rustburg Middle School with a ribbon cutting. This is one of multiple big projects the school district has going on. The district is also renovating Brookville High School, which will cost about \$47 million.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/6/2023	Liberty gave its Homecoming Weekend crowd more than just another win to cheer about with its 56-30 Conference USA win over Louisiana Tech. Liberty has now secured the chance to host the CUSA Football Championship game at Williams Stadium on December 1.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/6/2023	US Secretary of State Antony Blinken made an unannounced visit to Iraq as part of a whirlwind Middle East diplomacy trip. Over the past three days, he met with Israeli officials in Tel Aviv, discussed violence in the West Bank, and met with key Middle Eastern leaders about growing calls for a Gaza ceasefire. Meanwhile, humanitarian agencies have lost contact with aid workers in Gaza.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/6/2023	The Virginia Department of Forestry, with support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, is offering grant funding for the 2023 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Assistance Program. The program is designed to encourage projects in the Commonwealth that help urban and community forest ecosystems. Virginia has received \$6.6 million allocated over four years, and can be distributed among civic groups, communities, local governments, tribal organizations, non-profits, neighborhood associations, public schools and state agencies.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/6/2023	The Lynchburg Fire Department said it's that time of year again when firefighters all across the country team up to "give the boot" to Muscular Dystrophy. For the next ten days or so you'll see their staff out at some of the busier intersections in Lynchburg, asking citizens to throw some spare change or dollars into the boot. All the proceeds will go towards finding treatments and cures for the numerous diseases that fall under the muscular dystrophy umbrella.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/6/2023	This year marks another successful nesting season for the green sea turtles at Cape Hatteras. The most recent nesting puts this year in the top three busiest nesting seasons, almost catching up to last year. With two months left in the year, however, there is still time to catch up and surpass the 2022 nesting season.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/7/2023	Hours after Hamas terrorist attacked southern Israel a month ago, the country's new fortified, blood bank kicked into action. Staffers moved equipment into the underground bunker and started saving lives. Located 50 feet underground at its lowest level, the \$135-million, 6-story, state-of-the-art facility is protected from rockets, missiles, chemical attacks, and earthquakes, ensuring blood processing can continue when it's needed most.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/7/2023	The U.S. Postal Service is gearing up for a busy holiday shipping season. They have made a number of changes to speed package delivery and to be the most affordable option. Some of the changes include the hiring of 10,000 employees, the purchase of 348 new sorting machines, and a cheaper way to mail packages. Dec. 20 is your last chance to mail by Christmas via priority mail express, but that comes with an added cost, so the earlier the better.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/7/2023	After nearly a week of burning, the wildfire that sparked on Parrott Mountain looks to be under control, according to officials. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined and is still under investigation.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/7/2023	Do you need a ride to get around the city in Lynchburg or Danville today for Election Day? If you choose public transit, you will be able to ride for free. The Greater Lynchburg Transit Company announced their bus lines will operate fare-free for Election Day.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/7/2023	Hundreds of pro-Palestinian protestors swarmed the Port of Tacoma yesterday in an attempt to block what they believed to be a ship that would be loaded with weapons and military equipment bound for Israel. Pedestrians and cyclists were seen demonstrating with signs and chants with their goal being to delay or stop arms shipments from the United States to Israel.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/7/2023	After decades of Republican dominance in Virginia politics, the last few election cycles have created a relatively even playing field for Democrats and Republicans. Today voters in Virginia will decide whether to create a unified government behind Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin. What makes the Virginia General Assembly so unique is it's one of just two state legislatures in the U.S. where the House and Senate have different parties in the majority. All 40 Senate and 100 House seats are up for grabs today.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/7/2023	Production at a new site for Newport News Shipbuilding division is now open and leaders say it will play a vital role in current and future shipbuilding projects. The new campus is located at the Fairwinds Landing development in Norfolk's Lambert's Point area. NNS says shipbuilders have been at the site for several months constructing steel panels for the Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/7/2023	Going to college for the first time can be nerve-wracking, but for kids who grew up in foster care, it can be impossible to overcome many of the hurdles. Now a program at all of Virginia's community colleges is making it easier. The Great Expectations program is a special program for those who've spent time in foster care and are now in college that need financial help and guidance.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/8/2023	A man with a weapon was arrested near the U.S. Capitol yesterday. The man was in a park outside Senate office buildings and across from Washington's Union Station. Police then searched the area where he was arrested as well as his belongings out of an abundance of caution.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/8/2023	The Air Force's is now asking Congress to help with towering wind turbines, which are edging closer to underground nuclear missile silos. As energy needs have grown, so have the number and size of the turbines. But the growth is making it dangerous for military helicopters who have to fly in low and fast. So, the Air Force is asking Congress to pass legislation to create a 2-nautical-mile buffer zone around each site.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/8/2023	One police department in a small Central Virginia town is taking steps to reduce crashes from police chases by implementing new technology. The Crewe Police Department will equip patrol vehicles with a GPS launch system from the Virginia Beach-based company StarChase. With the click of a button, officers can shoot the tracker from their car to the back of a fleeing suspect's car and can then follow the suspect's movements without having to engage in a chase.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/8/2023	Hampton Mayor Donnie Tuck held a town hall with local teens earlier this week to hear what they want to see in their community. Over 400 surveys were submitted by high school students via the Hampton Youth Commission, presenting him with questions and concerns about their city. They covered topics like how local government works, taxes and inflation, and teen violence.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/8/2023	Judea and Samaria leaders have criticized the Biden administration following a report that it had barred a shipment of weapons from going to Israeli civilian volunteer defense forces. U.S. State Department officials wanted to make sure that the weapons would only go to Israeli uniformed police officers.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/8/2023	Governor Glenn Youngkin has issued a State of Emergency as the threat of wildfires continues to grow in the Commonwealth. This executive order will ensure that the Commonwealth has additional resources and is using every tool at its disposal to keep Virginians safe. Although there's a statewide burn ban from February to April, there isn't one in the fall.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/8/2023	Bedford County officials are trying to put more money into the pockets of senior and disabled citizens. According to the summary, these are the qualifications you must have in order to receive the tax relief, a net income of less than \$50,000 and a net worth of less than \$150,000, 65 years or older, permanently disabled, and own said property as your sole dwelling.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/8/2023	It's the end of an era for one of the most longstanding storefronts in downtown Lynchburg. After 90 years in business, Bowen Jewelry Company on Main Street is closing its doors. The owner of the family business, Brian "Biff" Bowen, plans to retire, after running the store his grandfather founded. On Sunday, Bowen will announce to the public a liquidation sale, likely starting the next day, since the store is closed on Sundays.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/9/2023	The U.S. announced a \$553 million project to build a deep-water shipping container terminal in Sri Lanka's Port of Colombo as it competes with China in international development financing. The project will provide critical infrastructure for the South Asian nation with the potential to transform it into a world-class logistics hub at the intersection of major shipping routes and emerging markets.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/9/2023	General Motors' Cruise autonomous vehicle unit is recalling all 950 of its cars to update software after one of them dragged a pedestrian. The company said in documents posted by U.S. safety regulators on Wednesday that with

			the updated software, Cruise vehicles will remain stationary should a similar incident occur in the future.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/9/2023	Currently there are several counties in Southwest VA under a burn ban. Blacksburg, Rocky Mount VA, Covington, Bedford, and Danville are among those. Severe drought conditions and increased wind make the potential for fires greater.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/9/2023	The Ryan Resilience Lab is a new facility in Norfolk that explores how rising sea levels will affect us all. The building was actually built to flood and features things like solar panels, a green roof, walls that collect water for use in the toilets and a wall of coral honeysuckle vines that will reduce the need for heating in the winter and cooling in the summer.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/9/2023	Democrats seized victory in Virginia on Election Day as voters flipped the House of Delegates out of Republican control and enabled Democrats to hold the number advantage in the State Senate. All 140 legislative seats in the state were up for grabs.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/9/2023	The Republican Party held its third debate among candidates who have declared for the primary election last night in Miami. Those candidates consisted of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, and Entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy. There is still rumor that Virginia Governor Glen Youngkin could be talked into running.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/9/2023	Academy Sports + Outdoors is opening a new location in Christiansburg, with 60 new jobs expected, according to the company. A ribbon-cutting is scheduled for tomorrow at 8:40 a.m. on Market Street. Today though 20 kids with the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Virginia will each receive a \$150 Academy gift card to exclusively shop the store ahead of the grand opening.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/9/2023	This Saturday hundreds of runners will be hitting the streets for "America's Friendliest Marathon" the 2023 Richmond Marathon. And due to the marathon, this weekend there will be numerous "No Parking" zones and street closures around Richmond. Vehicles parked along the racecourse will be towed starting at 9:00 p.m. tomorrow. Signs restricting parking and detours throughout the city will be in place through Sunday.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/10/2023	Israel has agreed to put in place four-hour daily humanitarian pauses in its assault on Hamas terrorist in northern Gaza as the Biden administration said it has secured a second pathway for civilians to flee fighting. The Israelis have committed to announcing each four-hour window at least three hours in advance. They are also was opening a second corridor for civilians to flee the areas that are the current focus of its military campaign, with a coastal road joining the territory's main north-south highway.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/10/2023	Cinemark announced the expansion of its third-party delivery relationships with DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats, allowing concession lovers to bring movie snacks straight to their door. They plan to roll out their products on the platforms through the end of the year.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/10/2023	A new report reveals that Danville had a profitable year in the tourism industry, generating over \$112 million, according to the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The city itself isn't the only place benefiting from tourism the surrounding area has seen a boost as well. Pittsylvania County generated \$31.5 million which is a 9.3% increase from the previous year.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/10/2023	Tomorrow is Veteran's Day and downtown Roanoke will be honoring local heroes at the Virginia's Veterans Parade at 11 a.m. in Downtown Roanoke. This year's event will feature 60 different entries and if you aren't able to attend in person, you can see this year's parade on WSLS's website as they stream the event when it begins.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/10/2023	Since the horrific attacks on Israel antisemitism has been on the rise. The American Christian Leaders for Israel are calling all Christians to come together on November 14 to stand with Israel and the Jewish people against the hate. A MARCH FOR ISRAEL is set for Tuesday, the 14 at the National Mall in Washington, DC. Gates will open at 10 a.m. and the march will take place from 1-3 p.m.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/10/2023	Authorities in several states were trying to determine who sent letters filled with fentanyl or other substances to local election offices in the latest instance of threats faced by election workers around the country. Officials in at least three states Georgia, Oregon, and Washington reported concerns over suspicious letters targeting election workers.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/10/2023	The city of Williamsburg has a new fire station. The new station has a state-of-the-art station alerting system, individual bunkrooms, an emphasis on firefighter health and safety, cancer preventative measures, a museum, and an emergency operations center.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/10/2023	Also, in honor of Veterans Day Students at Liberty University hosted the first "Murph Challenge" on campus, raising over \$39,000 for local veterans. The Murph Challenge is a workout created to honor fallen Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy, and it consists of a 1-mile run, followed by 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 air squats, and then another 1-mile run. The money goes to Valor Farms, in Altavista that offers housing, wellness workshops, faith-based counseling, and other programs to veterans.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/13/2023	A U.S. military aircraft went down over the eastern Mediterranean Sea. The aircraft crashed while conducting training operations and the cause is under investigation, but there are no indications of any hostile activity involved.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/13/2023	Mercy Chefs, a faith-based nonprofit organization from Portsmouth VA, is in Israel providing meals to those who have been affected the most by the Hamas attack. Mercy Chefs is in the Tel Aviv now and have partnered with local organizations to provide meals in these circumstances.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/13/2023	The Blacksburg community met outside of Blacksburg High School to begin taking steps towards finding closure after two teens lost their lives in a Blacksburg parking garage last week. The vigil highlighted mental health resources for students and community members. Police said their deaths are still under investigation.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/13/2023	The Lynchburg Fire Department along with volunteers with the American Red Cross knocked on dozens of doors in the Rivermont and Victoria Avenue neighborhoods and installed smoke detectors in homes where there were none or whose alarms were badly out of date and needed replacing. This is part of their final neighborhood walk-through of the year.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/13/2023	A facility promised to bring more than 300 jobs and wind turbine blade manufacturing to Portsmouth will no longer be happening. The Port of Virginia confirms the estimated \$280 million-plus project that was first announced in 2021 was nixed by the Germany-based Renewable Energy company. This comes as the Portsmouth Marine Terminal is trying to become primary logistics center for the Mid-Atlantic's growing offshore-wind energy industry.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/13/2023	House Speaker Mike Johnson unveiled his proposal to avoid a partial government shutdown by extending government funding for some agencies and programs until Jan. 19 and continuing funding for others until Feb. 2. The bill excludes funding requested by President Joe Biden for Israel, Ukraine, and the U.S. border with Mexico.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/13/2023	As we inch closer to Thanksgiving the Chesapeake community is nearing the one year anniversary since the incident at the Walmart in Greenbrier that took the lives of six and injured others. This year, Wednesday night Nov. 22nd, the Sams Circle Walmart will close at 5 p.m. to give their employees time to grieve.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/13/2023	Wild pigs are one of the most destructive species in America, and they're spreading across the country, including right here in Virginia and North Carolina. They're as big as 400 pounds, fast as a car, sharp-toothed, hairy, and aggressive. If you see one avoid it and report it to animal control.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/14/2023	The U.S. military conducted airstrikes on two locations in eastern Syria involving Iranian-backed groups, hitting a training location and a weapons facility. It marks the third time in a bit more than two weeks that the U.S. has retaliated for what has been a growing number of attacks on bases housing U.S. troops in Iraq and Syria.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/14/2023	Los Angeles motorists should expect traffic as crews assess how much damage was caused by a fire that closed a major elevated interstate near downtown. Hazardous materials teams cleared burned material from underneath Interstate 10 to make way for engineers to ensure the highway can support the 300,000 vehicles that typically travel that route daily. It is believed that arson was the cause.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/14/2023	Governor Glenn Youngkin ordered for all American and State flags in Virginia to be lowered to half-staff in memory of the victims of the UVA incident. It's already been a year since the lives have been taken of Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr., and D'Sean Perry, students, and football players on UVA's football team. The flag order is in effect starting at sunrise today and ends at sunset.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/14/2023	For years, Dare County in North Carolina has been working on beach replenishment projects. But in Rodanthe, that hasn't happened just yet and some houses are teetering on the edge of the ocean. The problem is they just don't have the funding and currently, there are no other tools available under North Carolina law to combat the rising sea levels.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/14/2023	Samaritan's Purse is providing fourteen new ambulances to replace the ones that were destroyed by Hamas terrorist in Israel. The N.C.-based organization is also sending hundreds of life-saving trauma supply kits packed with essential medical supplies. These bags will be positioned with first responders throughout communities at high risk to increase the speed of emergency medical care.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/14/2023	President Joe Biden hosted the Indonesian President at the White House and is now leaving for San Francisco to attend a summit of Asian leaders. They talked about ways to expand the trade of critical minerals like nickel, which can be used to produce electric vehicle batteries. Indonesia is the world's largest producer of nickel.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/14/2023	This week is the 9th annual National Apprenticeship Week a nationwide celebration where employers, labor organizations, and other industry leaders host events to showcase the successes and value of Registered Apprenticeship. Virginia 529 has now expanded to help students obtain apprenticeship jobs. The SECURE Act now allows students to use 529 dollars to cover fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for a Registered Apprenticeship Program.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/14/2023	Dozens of businesses from across Hampton Roads will be offering deals in Virginia Beach's Vibe Park for Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., storefronts and pop-up markets will be offering specials and discounts to shoppers. Organizers said 75 local businesses are expected to participate in this year's event.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/15/2023	U.S. officials expressed hope that this week's meeting between President Joe Biden and China's President will help to reestablish military communication between the two nations. The two leaders will meet today on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/15/2023	If you noticed smoke in the air yesterday this time it wasn't from Canada, but from Bedford. The cause was a wildfire in the Jefferson National Forest at Matts Creek. The fire was 150 acres large and is not contained at all when authorities received notice. Dozens of firefighters and two helicopters are working to put out the flames and Big Island Elementary will be closed today due to the smoke.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/15/2023	The holiday season kicks off today at the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk with a visit from the Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan! The caravan will be set up outside of the zoo gates today from noon to 3 p.m. and is free to come see. Coca-Cola will have gifts, Coca-Cola products and even Santa himself.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/15/2023	The tiny Caribbean island of Dominica is creating the world's first marine protected area for one of earth's largest animals: the endangered sperm whale. Nearly 300 square miles of royal blue waters on the western side of the island that serves as key nursing and feeding grounds will be designated as a reserve.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/15/2023	President Joe Biden said he has been participating in daily discussions to secure the release of hostages that are being held in Israel by Hamas terrorists. He urged the hostages, as well as their families, to keep the faith that they will be rescued.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/15/2023	An adult was taken to the hospital after a reported explosion in the cafeteria area at R.S. Payne Elementary School yesterday. The entire school was immediately evacuated in response. According to the fire department, two adults were treated on the scene, while a third was transported to Lynchburg General Hospital for difficulty breathing. Upon investigation it was the sudden release of pressurized steam from a malfunctioning kitchen device.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/15/2023	Attention Lynchburg drivers! Street and parking closures will occur between Saturday and Sunday to accommodate Downtown Lynchburg Association's Bright Nights Festival. On Sunday from 2:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m., a portion of Commerce Street by 10th and Main will be closed to all traffic as well as portions of 11th, 12th, and 13th Streets. Drivers, including emergency vehicles, must use alternate routes during this time, officials said.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/15/2023	ESPN announced that James Madison University will be hosting College GameDay this Saturday when they face App State. JMU's football team is currently undefeated at 10-0.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/16/2023	Evidence showing how Hamas terrorists used a Gaza Children's Hospital as a terror base was revealed by the Israeli army. The Israel Defense Forces suspects that hostages, including small children and their mothers, were held in the complex and is analyzing the evidence to gain more clues as to the identity and the whereabouts of the hostages, now.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/16/2023	Firefighters are working day and night to try and make any progress in terms of containing the Matts Creek wildfire near Big Island. The fire has now grown to 2,500 acres according to the U.S. Forest Service and is still 0% contained. Because of the fire several schools in Buena Vista and Rockbridge County are closed today.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/16/2023	The Barry Art Museum at Old Dominion University is expanding. A new three-story wing will be added on to the current museum in a \$25 million expansion project. It will hold a multiuse event space, community gallery, educational laboratory and more. The expansion project will double the size of the gallery space at the museum.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/16/2023	All flags at state facilities in North Carolina will be flying at half-staff on Saturday from sunrise to sunset. Governor Roy Cooper ordered the flags at half-staff in honor of former

			NC House of Representative Edith Warren who recently passed away.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/16/2023	The Biden administration is running out of time to win the reauthorization of a spy program it says is vital to preventing terrorism, catching spies, and disrupting cyberattacks. The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act will expire at the end of December unless the White House and Congress can cut a deal. Right now, civil liberties advocates from across the political spectrum say the law infringes on the privacy of ordinary Americans, and changes are needed before the program is reauthorized.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/16/2023	Governor Glenn Youngkin announced \$14.7 million in Virginia Land Conservation Foundation funding for 29 projects throughout the Commonwealth. The projects include land acquisitions for new public outdoor recreation areas, and conservation efforts to protect active forests and farmland.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/16/2023	Hampton Roads Toys for Tots is working to help make sure local kids wake up with gifts on Christmas morning, but they need your help. They already have 56,000 Hampton Roads kids on their list this year. That's double the number of kids they served last year. They are collecting new and unwrapped toys for kids of all ages, and you can drop off the toys at their donation center in the Old Chesapeake Square Mall on Portsmouth Blvd.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/16/2023	The City of Richmond will soon offer more shelter options to those who need a warm, safe place to stay. The Salvation Army location off Chamberlayne Avenue will expand its inclement weather shelter's capacity to 150 beds between December and April. Another location, at 7 North 2nd Street, will become a year-round shelter with 50 beds, exclusively serving families.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/17/2023	Those living near the Matts Creek wildfire are growing more fearful by the minute. As of last night, the fire had spread to 3,600 acres with 2% of it contained, that's about the size of over 2,700 football fields. This fire is also affecting air quality as schools in Rockbridge County and Buena Vista are again closed today.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/17/2023	Hamas has reportedly agreed to a deal with Israel to release 50 women and children in exchange for the same number of Palestinian prisoners. The deal, which is reportedly being negotiated by officials in the U.S., Qatar, and Egypt, also calls for a temporary pause to the fighting in Gaza to allow more humanitarian aid in.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/17/2023	New River Valley Community Services is making access to their services easier for residents. They have launched their new app called HopeHub. The app connects locals with resources in one easy-to-use place, helping residents find programs for food and housing, mental health, and addiction treatment.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/17/2023	The grand opening of a new Publix Super Market in Suffolk has been set for Wednesday, Dec. 13. The new store is on Godwin Boulevard near King's Fork High School. Approximately 130 associates will be employed at the new location and the opening event will kick off at 7 a.m.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/17/2023	China's President said that China will send new pandas to the United States, calling them envoys of friendship between China and America after meeting with President Joe Biden this week. The next pair of pandas are most likely to come to California, probably San Diego and have long been the symbol of the U.S.-China friendship since Beijing gifted a pair of pandas to the National Zoo in Washington in 1972.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/17/2023	Fresh off attending the summit of Asian Leaders in California the White House has confirmed that President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden are scheduled to visit Norfolk this weekend, on Sunday. They have stops planned at Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, where they will participate in a Friendsgiving dinner with servicemembers and their families.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/17/2023	The mother of the boy who police say injured his first-grade teacher at Richneck Elementary in Newport News was sentenced to 21 months in prison and two years of probation after release. She plead guilty to two federal violations: using illegal substance while possessing a weapon and lying about using those substances when purchasing the weapon.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/17/2023	Ahead of the busy Thanksgiving travel season the Virginia Department of Transportation officials are lifting most lane closures and suspending many highway work zones in the Commonwealth. Starting at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 22 through 12:00 p.m. on Monday November 27th, most highway work zones and lane closures on interstates and major roads will be lifted.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/20/2023	Since the Oct. 17 attack on Israel there has been a spike in attacks from Iranian-backed terrorist in Iraq and Syria against U.S. forces. While most of the attacks have been largely ineffective, at least 60 U.S. personnel have been injured. The Biden administration is now balancing efforts

			to deter the attackers without triggering a broader Middle East conflict.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/20/2023	Gov. Glen Youngkin and First Lady of Virginia Suzanne Youngkin were in Danville to deliver the Spirit of Virginia award to God's Pit Crew. Since being founded in 1999, the organization has contributed to 175 disaster relief projects in 30 states.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/20/2023	The Salvation Army is putting out a call for real-life angels to help spread Christmas cheer. Their Angel Tree program at Lynnhaven Mall is underway. The program will offer new toys and clothes for children in need this Christmas. All you have to do to get involved is take an ornament or sign up online. All donations are due by December 8.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/20/2023	The Bodie Island Lighthouse, located just south of Nags Head, will be open for a winter climbing experience for two days this Dec. Dec. 2 and 16 from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m., guests are invited to climb the 219 stairs of the Lighthouse with the purchase of a ticket. Tickets go on sale at 7 a.m. and must be purchased on the same day of your climb.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/20/2023	The Matts Creek wildfire has grown to over 7,000 acres in size, and is only 15% contained, according to the U.S. Forest Service. There are now 286 personnel on the scene and a temporary flight restriction has been put in place due to the smoke. Some Bedford County Public Schools will operate on a two-hour delay today along with Liberty and Jefferson Forest, officials will be assessing the air quality at 7am this morning. Rockbridge County Schools are closed today and tomorrow along with all Lexington City Schools and, Buena Vista Public Schools are closed today.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/20/2023	Sen. Tim Kaine recently announced two separate bills to support survivors and victims of assault, and violence. The SUCCESS Act is meant to support victims of assault, and other violence, and provide them the tools necessary to succeed in college. This act will increase mental health services, provide higher education re-entry assistance for survivors, and increase training. It also allows for some financial and academic accommodations.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/20/2023	Honda is recalling nearly 250,000 vehicles in the U.S. because engines can stall increasing the risk of a crash. The recall covers 2018 and 2019 Honda Pilot SUVs and Odyssey minivans, some 2017 and 2019 Ridgeline pickup trucks. Also affected are 2015 to 2020 Acura TLX cars and 2016 to 2020 Acura MDX SUVs. Dealers will inspect and repair or replace the engines if needed. Owners will be notified by mail starting Jan. 2.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/20/2023	Volunteers with the Richmond Area Bicycling Association assembled hundreds of bikes to surprise Central Virginia children for Christmas. 560 new bicycles, and helmets, were brought from New Jersey to the Richmond Toolbank for assembly. The bikes will be delivered to area groups who will then distribute them to registered families.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/21/2023	The Matts Creek Wildfire is continuing to grow in acreage but also in containment. Now, officials are warning the public to stay safe if they plan to see the fire. Now close to 10,800 acres have burned and the fire is 33% contained, hopefully the rain today will help. Make sure your check for closing and delays before school this morning.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/21/2023	Americans can order more free COVID-19 tests online for home delivery. The U.S. government is offering to send another round of four at-home virus tests ahead of the typical surge in cases during the winter holiday season. Anyone who did not order a batch of four COVID-19 tests in September can secure up to eight of them at COVIDtests.gov for free.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/21/2023	Sheetz has lowered the price of its Unleaded 88 gas to \$1.99 a gallon to help with Thanksgiving travel. This will last until Monday, November 27.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/21/2023	Liberty and Bell can spread their wings without fear. The two Thanksgiving turkeys played their part in an annual holiday tradition at the White House, as President Biden spared them from becoming someone's dinner. President Joe Biden, the oldest president in U.S. history, also celebrated turning 81 and his wife, first lady Jill Biden, accepted the delivery of the Fraser fir from Fleetwood, North Carolina, as the official White House Christmas tree.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/21/2023	Three debates for next year's presidential general election are set to be held in college towns in Texas, Virginia and Utah between Sept. 16 and Oct. 9, with the lone vice-presidential debate happening in between in Pennsylvania. The first meeting will be Sept. 16 at Texas State University, the next one is planned for Virginia State University in Petersburg on Oct. 1, and the University of Utah in Salt Lake City is hosting the Oct. 9 debate.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/21/2023	U.S. President Joe Biden said that he believes a deal is near to secure the release of some of the hostages being held by Hamas in Gaza. Qatari mediators have been seeking a deal between Israel and Hamas to exchange 50 hostages in return for a three-day ceasefire that would help boost emergency aid shipments to Gaza civilians. Israel is hopeful that a significant number of hostages could be released by Hamas in coming days.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/21/2023	A water main break has closed 7th Street, at East Broad Street, in downtown Richmond. City work crews are working to fix the break and reopen the street and sidewalks as soon as possible.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/21/2023	Former U.S. first lady Eleanor Rosalynn Carter has died at the age of 96. Former President Jimmy Carter turned 99 in October and said that Rosalynn was his equal partner in everything he ever accomplished and as long as Rosalynn was in the world, he always knew somebody loved and supported him. Earlier, in July, the Carters celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/27/2023	Hamas terrorists have released 17 hostages, including 13 Israelis, from captivity in the Gaza Strip, while Israel freed 39 Palestinian prisoners in the latest stage of a four-day cease-fire. The cease-fire, by Qatar and the United States, is the first extended break in fighting since the war began. Overall, Hamas is to release at least 50 Israeli hostages, and Israel 150 Palestinian prisoners. All are women and minors.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/27/2023	Firefighters continue working to contain and control the Matts Creek fire in Bedford and Rockbridge counties, with the fire 93% contained after burning over 11,000 acres. The cause of the fire is still undetermined, but they say it was not caused naturally.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/27/2023	A \$141 million loan will go toward the Interstate 64 Express Lanes project in Hampton Roads according to the federal government. The project should improve drivers' safety and their ability to get around the region easier. The first phase has begun in Norfolk helping to relieve congestion at key locations along I-64.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/27/2023	The Lynchburg community came together to feed their neighbors on Thanksgiving. More than 50 volunteers, church members and students came together to cook and serve meals to those in need. It was all part of the 'They Eat, We Eat' event. They are thinking about organizing another meal next month for Christmas and are looking for volunteers.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/27/2023	The fragile cease-fire between Israel and Hamas is back on track as the terror group freed several hostages and the first American, in a third set of releases under a four-day truce. Some hostages were handed over directly to Israel, while others left through Egypt. A total of 50 hostages and 150 Palestinian prisoners are to be freed. All are women and minors.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/27/2023	The Matts Creek wildfire is now 93% contained. Crews are still investigating the cause of the wildfire. Early signs point to it not being natural.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/27/2023	Small businesses and agricultural cooperatives could soon see some help from the U.S. Small Business Administration in the form of disaster loans. The Federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans will be available in Virginia due to the drought that occurred on Nov. 7. The loan amount can be up to \$2 million, and you can apply online.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/27/2023	For the first time in the school's history, James Madison University is bowl eligible. The Bowl Alliance announced the news yesterday. Also, in college football Liberty University has moved to 12-0 and are now ranked 22nd with their conference championship game this Friday against New Mexico state at 6pm. You can listen to it right here on The Journey.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/29/2023	U.S. Secretary of State will return this week to the Middle East as the U.S. hopes to find a way to extend the cease-fire in Gaza and get more hostages released. It will be his third trip to the region since last month.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/29/2023	Tyson Foods held a grand opening ceremony for the Danville facility that's set to bring nearly 400 new jobs to Southside. The 3 million dollar facility is in the Cane Creek Centre, an industrial park owned by the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/29/2023	Lynchburg City staff are hoping to get \$3 million more dollars for their Riverfront Amphitheater project which would bring an amphitheater with a playground and permanent public restrooms to the site. The project is expected to cost close to 8 million dollars.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/29/2023	Alleghany High School will be closed today, due to a disruption in water service. A water leak in the building was quickly isolated and the maintenance staff will work today to ensure the building is safe and ready for students and staff to return tomorrow.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/29/2023	Growing numbers of ships are streaming toward Ukraine's Black Sea ports and heading out loaded with grain despite the threat of attack from Russia. It's giving a boost to Ukraine's agriculture-dependent economy and bringing back a key source of affordable food for Africa, the Middle East, and Asia where prices have risen, and food insecurity is growing.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/29/2023	A fire that spread rapidly through a field in Forest is now contained. Crews found a tractor in the field on fire when they arrived yesterday. Because of the wind, the fire spread rapidly and about 100 hay bales caught fire. Thankfully the fire is out, but both the tractor and a garage were lost, and two barns were also damaged.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/29/2023	A wind-energy project might be in jeopardy after Virginia Beach leaders told developers they don't have the support to bring the power transmission cables ashore in Sandbridge. The company plans to install 180 wind turbine generators off the coast of Corolla and has been working for several years with the city to establish a path to connect to the electric grid. It's not known if this is the end of the project or if the company will find another way.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/29/2023	The National Parks Service is inviting you to attend a groundbreaking event for the Ocracoke Light Station on Dec. 7. The project will make repairs to the Double Keepers' Quarters and other structures at Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Ocracoke Light Station. The 15-minute event will include a ground breaking and then the Double Keepers' Quarters will be open for public viewing from 11:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/30/2023	Japan said it has asked the U.S. to suspend all non-emergency Osprey flights over its territory after one fell into the sea yesterday in western Japan, marking the first fatal U.S. military plane crash in five years. The U.S. Air Force said the cause of the mishap during a routine training mission, which took the life of at least one person, is currently unknown. Search and rescue operations to find the remaining seven crew members are still ongoing.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/30/2023	Over 743,000 Virginians have been diagnosed with diabetes and many of those depend on live-saving insulin to survive. Now a new lawsuit filed by the governments of Henrico County and the City of Alexandria is trying to get that insulin more affordable. They say that despite costing manufacturers as little as \$2 to make, a vial of insulin now costs anywhere from \$300-\$700.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/30/2023	Lynchburg City Council voted to extend the city-wide youth curfew for another six months. Apparently, the curfew has been a success helping to lower crime rates in the city. The curfew was set to end tomorrow but the Chief of police asked for an extension in order to gain more data on the curfew.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/30/2023	An incredible piece of history is now at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford. A soldier found a Bible owned by a Bedford native on the beaches of Normandy and sent it to the family of the soldier. His family then gifted it to the D-Day Memorial. You can see Raymond Hoback's Bible, as well as the letter sent by the soldier who found it on the beach, in the memorial's educational space.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/30/2023	Officials with LewisGale Medical Center held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its new Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the facility in Salem. The

			state-of-the-art NICU features six bassinets with the space to expand if needed.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/30/2023	Toll prices are going up again for the 17.6-mile Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel that connects the Eastern Shore to Hampton Roads. Starting on Jan. 1, 2024, the price for a one-way trip for most vehicles during peak season May 15 to September 15 will go up to \$21, up from the current price of \$18. There will be a public information session about the toll increases next to the toll plaza on Thursday, December 14 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	11/30/2023	You've probably seen angel trees where you can buy Christmas gifts for kids, but here in Central Virginia, there are also trees for the elderly. The Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living is running its Elves for Elders program, where you can purchase gifts for nearly 500 elders. The tags can be found on trees across the area, and like a typical angel tree, you can purchase those gifts and return them to that tree.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	11/30/2023	Smithfield Foods has donated truckloads of food to food banks in Hampton Roads this November as part of its Helping Hungry Homes hunger relief program. They donated 50,000 pounds of ham, bacon, sausage, and other products to support the Mayflower Marathon, a three-day food and fund drive that benefits the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank and Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/1/2023	Israel and Hamas have agreed to extend a temporary truce by another day. Negotiations on extending it came down to the wire, with last-minute disagreements over the hostages to be freed. Hamas has currently been releasing 10 Israeli hostages per day in exchange for the release of 30 Palestinian prisoners.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/1/2023	South Korea has postponed the planned launch of its first military spy satellite, days after rival North Korea claimed to put its own spy satellite into orbit. Kim Jong Un, said that he's reviewed satellite images of Naval Station Norfolk, the White House, and the Pentagon.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/1/2023	Lynchburg Water Resources and the University of Lynchburg have announced the College Lake Dam Removal Project will begin in early January 2024. After many years of planning, the removal of the dam is set to start as the construction of the new bridge and roundabout have now been completed.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/1/2023	Today our friends at Gleaning will be hosting a collection in front of Sam's Club on Ward's RD in Lynchburg as part of their Helping our Neighbors program. The items donated during this collection will be distributed to families and individuals in Central Virginia who could use a helping hand this holiday season.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/1/2023	Most U.S. cities will have to replace lead water pipes within 10 years under strict new rules proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency as the Biden administration moves to reduce lead in drinking water and prevent public health crises. The public will have a chance to comment on the proposal and the agency expects to publish a final version of the rule in the Fall of 2024. There is then a waiting period before it goes into effect.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/1/2023	U.S. Senator Tim Kaine says small businesses across Virginia need federal help getting the resources they need. With childcare crisis hitting families hard, the American Rescue Plan is a step in the right direction. It expired in September. Now, the senator hopes to get it renewed. He believes the American Rescue Plan can help the economy, childcare, and small businesses.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/1/2023	The Henry County Board of Supervisors extended the deadline for personal property tax payments to February 5, 2024. As per the Henry County Code, these taxes are typically due by December 5 each year.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/1/2023	A new ladder truck will soon be going with firefighters to help put out fires in Roanoke County. The Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department said their new ladder truck has arrived, and training will happen next week. It will be replacing a vehicle that has been in service since 1999.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/4/2023	Israel's war with Hamas erupted again over the weekend, as airstrikes hit houses and buildings in the Gaza Strip minutes after a weeklong truce expired. Israel also dropped leaflets over Gaza City and southern parts of the enclave, urging civilians to flee to avoid the fighting.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/4/2023	The Danville Police Department is on a mission to make sure that hundreds of kids have a gift to open on Christmas morning. They are teaming up with UPS for their second annual Fill the UPS Truck Toy Drive. Danville Police will be accepting new toys at 1 Community Way Monday- Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. now through December 19.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/4/2023	The Roanoke Barbell Classic will take place Dec. 9 from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elite Health and Fitness Center of Roanoke. The purpose of the event is to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House and ensure that kids have a toy for Christmas with the Toys for Tots program.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/4/2023	Liberty University hosted its first-ever conference championship game and won. Liberty joined Conference USA this season and were able to go undefeated and punch a ticket to the Conference USA Championship game where they beat New Mexico state 49-35. They will now play in the Fiesta Bowl on new year's day in Arizona at 1pm against #8 Oregon!
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/4/2023	The House voted to expel Republican Rep. George Santos of New York. Santos became just the sixth member in the chamber's history to be ousted by colleagues, and only the third since the Civil War.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/4/2023	The Virginia Department of Education promises a faster, more effective teaching licensure process through a new online software. The system covers license renewals for existing educators, the transition from a provisional to a full license, and the applications for a temporary license. The program also intends to help curb teacher shortages.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/4/2023	The City of Lynchburg wants your input! The Lynchburg Planning Commission is going through the process of creating a new comprehensive plan. If you have some ideas for Lynchburg, the Planning Commission is holding another work session on Thursday, December 14 at 6 p.m. at Perrymont Elementary School.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/4/2023	If you drive through Downtown Lynchburg on a Friday, you've probably seen where dozens of local veterans meet up weekly at Monument Terrace, for their Troops Rally. This past Friday marked 22 years of the tradition.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/5/2023	U.S. and Japanese divers have discovered the wreckage and the remains of five crew members from a U.S. Air Force Osprey aircraft that crashed last week off southwestern Japan. The Osprey was carrying eight American personnel and crashed during a training mission. The joint search operation is still working to recover the remains of three other crew members. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/5/2023	Amazon is in talks to purchase a facility on Blue Hills Drive in Roanoke. If purchased, Amazon intends to build an approximately-125,000-square-foot fulfillment center.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/5/2023	There was a heavy police presence at Virginia Tech on University City Boulevard and Prices Fork Road due to a reported bomb threat yesterday. Drivers were asked to avoid that area while they investigated. Thankfully the threat was deemed unfounded.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/5/2023	A 12-year-old and her mom are helping kids overcome feelings of anxiety through creative arts! Our Daily Gnome Creative Arts Center is on S. Battlefield Boulevard inside the Glenwood Square Shopping Plaza. They offer a variety craft options to help kids deal with anxiety and depression. This Christmas they are offering Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 16 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. make sure you register to reserve your spot.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/5/2023	Commercial ships came under attack by drones and missiles in the Red Sea and a U.S. warship there opened fire in self-defense as part of an hours long assault claimed by rebels in Yemen. The attack marks a major escalation in a series of maritime attacks in the Middle East linked to the Israel-Hamas war as multiple vessels found themselves in the crosshairs for the first time in the conflict.'
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/5/2023	Democratic Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney announced that he will run for Virginia governor in 2025. In a campaign video announcement, Stoney said he wants all Virginians to have a fair shot at success. He was the first in his family to graduate high school and college and he served as the first Black Secretary of the Commonwealth and is now in his second term as mayor.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/5/2023	Drivers headed north on US-29 in Amherst County experienced traffic issues due to a tractor trailer that overturned with what appears to be a load of turkeys yesterday. The driver was sent to the hospital with minor injuries. Several of the turkeys escaped into the nearby woods following the crash but were eventually captured up by authorities.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/5/2023	The Carroll County Public Service Authority said they had a water leak that drained their tank, so residents need to wait for the water to build back up. Once customers have water restored, they are advised to boil water until further notice. Failure to do so could result in stomach illness. This includes water for drinking, food preparation, and making ice.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/6/2023	The White House says the U.S. may establish a naval task force to escort commercial ships in the Red Sea, after three vessels were struck by missiles fired by an Iranian-backed group in Yemen. The U.S. has been in conversations with allies about setting up the escorts as attacks endanger traffic on one of the world's most vital shipping lanes.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/6/2023	A massive explosion destroyed a duplex and shook a Virginian suburb outside of Washington, D.C. Officers went to the home after there were reports of someone firing a weapon, thankfully all officers escaped serious injury, but it was unclear what happened to the suspect who was inside

			when the explosion occurred. Fire officials do not know the cause of the explosion.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/6/2023	Four candidates have qualified for the fourth GOP presidential primary debate taking place tonight in Alabama. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy and former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie will face off in the smallest debate stage lineup so far this year.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/6/2023	A Bedford County bloodhound and his handler are one K9 team out of only ten in the country who have received a new certification for super-sniffers in law enforcement. They received the North American Police Work Dog Association "Hound Test" award.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/6/2023	The Biden administration has sent Congress a warning about the need to approve billions of dollars in assistance to Ukraine, saying their effort to defend themselves from Russia's invasion may grind to a halt without it. The Office of Management and Budget warned that the U.S. will run out of funding to send aid to Ukraine by the end of the year. Talks are expected to resume this week.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/6/2023	The U.S. House will vote next week on formally authorizing its impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. The Republican leadership team has been contemplating in recent weeks whether to hold a formal vote on their inquiry into the president. For the impeachment probe vote to succeed, nearly all House Republicans will have to vote in favor of the inquiry.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/6/2023	Know an outstanding crossing guard? The Virginia Department of Transportation is looking for nominations for its Most Outstanding Crossing Guard of 2023 award. Nominees will receive a letter of appreciation, while the most compelling will be posted on the Virginia Safe Routes to School website. Nominations must be in by Friday, Jan. 19, 2024.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/6/2023	It's an unprecedented phenomenon. A green sea turtle nest was found at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which is the latest in the year that sea turtle eggs have ever been recorded in the state of North Carolina.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/7/2023	Texas authorities have charged a man following a wave of daylong violence across two major cities that took the lives of 6 and sent two police officers to the hospital. It started with a cyclist in Austin who was wounded, and it ended with the suspect crashing his car that evening during a

			police pursuit, in the San Antonio area. It is unclear what, if any, relationship the man had to the victims.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/7/2023	In light of the recent violence against Israel and increasing antisemitism across the United States, The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry is calling on Christians nationwide to show their support for Israel and the Jewish people. The ministry is requesting that Christians light a candle in their window at sundown on the first night of Hanukkah, which is tonight and keep it lit through sundown on December 15, to honor the Jewish community during this time of crisis.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/7/2023	Virginia State Police executed an investigative search warrant at the Natural Bridge Zoo in Lexington. The owner's lawyers said that they will have 10 days to prepare for a court seizure hearing. No animals have been taken from the zoo at this time.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/7/2023	Work is now underway to lay down the path that energy produced from Dominion's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project will travel. The entire project is expected to be completed in 2026. For the next two years, work will be done to bring that energy to a substation in Chesapeake. The overhead work will begin in Chesapeake near Centerville Tpke and work its way back to Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach. The first signs of construction will be trees coming down along that path.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/7/2023	The Justice Department has filed war crime charges against four members of the Russian military accused of abducting and torturing an American during the invasion of Ukraine. The four Russians are accused of kidnapping the American from his home in a Ukrainian village in 2022. The American was beaten, and interrogated while being held for 10 days at a Russian military compound before eventually being evacuated with his wife, who is Ukrainian.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/7/2023	Two months after he was historically ousted as House speaker, Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy announced that he is resigning from his congressional seat in California. McCarthy is the only speaker in history to be voted out of the job.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/7/2023	President Joe Biden signed an executive order yesterday that aims to make it easier for Native Americans to access federal funding and have greater autonomy over how to invest those funds. He is also supporting their request to allow a tribe to compete under their own flag in the 2028 Olympics. The 190 agreements will allow tribes to manage federal lands, waters, and natural resources.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/7/2023	Virginia's state-run fine arts museum in Richmond has begun the process of returning 44 pieces of ancient art to their countries of origin after law enforcement officials presented the institution with irrefutable evidence that the works had been stolen. Many were taken as part of an international criminal conspiracy that is currently under investigation.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/8/2023	The Biden administration is giving more than \$6 billion to a pair of high-speed electric rail routes in the U.S.. Senators from California and Nevada said the federal government is planning a route between Las Vegas and the Los Angeles plus another route connecting Los Angeles and San Francisco.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/8/2023	Governor Glenn Younkin revealed his plan to address early childcare and education in Virginia yesterday at the Patrick Henry building in the City of Richmond. The plan should ensure that working families across the Commonwealth have access to quality childcare that prepares children for kindergarten while empowering parents to stay in the workplace.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/8/2023	The Hill City is ready to move forward with removing the College Lake Dam, on Lakeside Dr. in Lynchburg. A project they've been planning for years. The dam was built in 1934 and has served the area for quite some time, but in recent years, the dam has grown more and more hazardous. The plan consists of slowly draining the lake, constructing new wetlands, and restoring previous ones in its place. It should be completed by December of 2025.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/8/2023	After years of discussion and community feedback, Norfolk's school board voted to move forward with a proposal that calls for building a new Maury High School while preserving the existing historic building in Ghent. Under the proposal, the existing school will be repurposed as housing, and a new four-story high school will be built on the other side of Maury's football field.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/8/2023	Terrified students and professors locked themselves in classrooms and dorms as a man roamed the floors of a University of Nevada, Las Vegas building, taking the lives of three and critically wounding a fourth before being taken out by police. The attacker was a professor who had been rejected for a job at the school. He previously worked at East Carolina University in North Carolina.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/8/2023	The Wildlife Center of Virginia rehabilitated and released a bald eagle that was picked up on Oct. 23rd unable to fly. Yesterday the eagle was released back into the wild at Oak Grove Lake Park in Chesapeake.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/8/2023	A popular supermarket is opening a new store location in Roanoke. A spokesperson for Publix Super Market, announced a store is coming to the Southwest corner of Brambleton Avenue and Old Cave Springs Road and will employ approximately 130 associates. There is no opening date as of yet.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/8/2023	The Christmas Candy Drop tradition will live on in Manteo NC. The Candy Drop is a reenactment of and a tribute to a pilot who during the Berlin Airlift initiated a candy drop for the children of West Berlin and became known as the "Candy Bomber." This year though instead of falling from a plane the candy will be secured with a parachute and will be dropped from the Airport Balcony. Catch one of the special parachutes and win a prize. The Reenactment will be December 16 at 11 a.m. at the Dare County Regional Airport.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/11/2023	Severe storms tore through central Tennessee and took the lives of six and sent about two dozen to the hospital. Several homes and businesses were damaged in multiple cities after several tornados touched down. Shelters have been set up at area high schools to help those that were displaced.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/11/2023	The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued several warnings for high-powered magnetic ball toy sets after the agency said it was aware of seven deaths linked to swallowing the small magnets. When swallowed these high-powered magnets can attract to each other leading to blockage of the intestines, infection, and blood poisoning.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/11/2023	Some schools in the mountains will either be closed or delayed today due to weather conditions. Several counties got a little winter weather overnight so make sure you check before leaving home this morning.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/11/2023	One of the biggest and brightest stars in the night sky will momentarily vanish as an asteroid passes in front of it to produce a one-of-a-kind eclipse. The rare and fleeting spectacle will be visible late tonight into early tomorrow.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/11/2023	The United States drew criticism from several groups for blocking a U.N. Security Council resolution that called for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza, as well as the unconditional release of all hostages. The resolution had near-unanimous support from member states. In the meantime our State Department is selling \$107 million of tank supplies to Israel and subverting congressional approval to do so.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/11/2023	VA Governor Glenn Youngkin announced eight grants to invest in building emergency room alternatives to care for patients experiencing a behavioral health crisis. These awards include new sites, projects currently under development, and enhancements to current Crisis Stabilization Units across the Commonwealth.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/11/2023	The Virginia Attorney General's Office has released the warrants for the investigation at the Natural Bridge Zoo. Several animals were confiscated, and animal cruelty charges have been levered against the owners. A hearing has been scheduled for December 20.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/11/2023	The Liberty Christian Bulldogs faced the Lafayette Rams, hoping to claim a state title. LCA came out on top, defeating Lafayette 28-14, winning the VHSL State Championship.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/12/2023	Thousands of migrants recently arriving at a remote area on Arizona's southern border with Mexico, squeezed into the United States through a gap in the wall and walked about 14 miles overnight. A shift in smuggling routes has brought an influx of migrants into the United States prompting Border Patrol to seek help from other federal agencies.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/12/2023	More Americans than last year are expected to fly or drive far from home over Christmas. Auto club AAA said that over 115 million will go 50 miles or more during the 10 days between Dec. 23 and New Year's Day. However, they believe the holiday season will still fall 3% short of record travel in 2019, the last Christmas before COVID-19 hit the United States.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/12/2023	Norfolk police responded to a barricade situation at the River Oaks Apartments off E. Princess Anne Road yesterday. Thankfully the situation that lasted for more than 12 hours has been resolved peacefully, with a woman being taken into custody.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/12/2023	Tomorrow night and Thursday will feature the peak of the Geminids (gem-in-ids) meteor shower. They are one of the best showers each year because of their vivid meteors and frequency. You should be able to see up to 120 meteors per hour at the peak, you can start seeing them as early as 9pm.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/12/2023	Israeli forces are battling Palestinian terrorist in Gaza's two largest cities, with civilians still trapped in the fighting even after hundreds of thousands have fled to other parts of the territory. Israel has pledged to keep fighting until it removes Hamas from power, dismantles its military capabilities and returns all of the hostages taken by Hamas

			during the Oct. 7 surprise attack into Israel that ignited the war.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/12/2023	The Biden administration will provide \$35 million to BAE Systems to increase production at a New Hampshire factory making computer chips for military aircraft, including F-15 and F-35 jets. This is the first incentives from last year's CHIPS and Science Act, which provides more than \$52 billion to boost the development and manufacturing of semiconductors in the United States.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/12/2023	In 2024, travelers will have six fee-free days to visit the national parks: Jan. 15: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, April 20: First day of National Park Week, June 19: Juneteenth, Aug. 4: Anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act, Sept. 28: National Public Lands Day, and Nov. 11: Veterans Day.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/12/2023	Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's GardenFest of Lights in Richmond has ranked no. 1 in USA Today's 10 Best botanical gardens with holiday lights contest after coming in second for two years in a row. The garden is open daily from 4–10 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 7, but will be closed Christmas eve and Christmas day.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/13/2023	The historic town on the Hawaiian island of Maui that burned in the deadly wildfire that took the lives of at least 100, has reopened to residents and business owners. The access marks an important emotional milestone for victims of the Aug. 8 fire, but much work remains to be done to safely clear properties and rebuild.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/13/2023	In a preview of his 2024-26 proposed budget, VA Governor Glenn Youngkin announced he is including \$90 million in one-time funds to create Virginia's Research Triangle. The triangle would be a network between the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Tech to build collaboration in biotechnology, life sciences, and pharmaceutical manufacturing.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/13/2023	The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors is working to bring speed enforcement cameras to school zones in the county. This comes after a five-day testing period where 90% of drivers were found speeding. The speed enforcement cameras would give drivers a 10-mile-per-hour threshold and if violated, it's a \$100 fine.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/13/2023	The Roanoke Rescue Mission is asking for your help to give kids gifts this Christmas. You can donate to their North Pole gift distribution at the mission until Christmas eve. Right now, they have 325 kids signed up to get gifts.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/13/2023	Ukraine's President arrived at the White House to meet with President Joe Biden to push for more funding to Ukraine as Russia continues its invasion. This is his third visit to Washington since the war in Ukraine began. In addition to aid, they also discussed defensive cooperation efforts for the coming year, including joint projects to produce weapons and air defense systems.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/13/2023	More than 70 students at Nansemond River High School in Suffolk experienced respiratory issues after a fire extinguisher accidentally discharged in a hallway. The fire department declared this a "mass casualty incident" due to the number of students affected. This is declared when local agencies have an overwhelming number of those needing care. In this case there were not any casualties.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/13/2023	The Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk has adjusted their visiting rules due to an ongoing surge in respiratory viruses. Family members under the age of 12 are no longer permitted to visit hospitalized patients. This is expected to remain in effect until further notice.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/13/2023	Shenandoah National Park has announced a new permit system that will change the way visitors camp in the park. Beginning on Jan. 11 visitors looking to camp overnight in Shenandoah park must buy a permit through Recreation.gov. There is a \$6 permit fee, plus a \$9 recreation fee per person. For example, the total permit cost for a group of two campers would be \$24.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/14/2023	The House of Representatives has voted in favor of formalizing an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. Now, formalizing the inquiry does not mean impeaching the president is inevitable
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/14/2023	'Tis the season for Amazon workers to be working around the clock. To show a little gratitude to their drivers, Amazon is gifting \$5 to drivers who receive a "thank you" from their customers. All you have to do is say "Alexa, thank my driver" or by searching "thank my driver" on the Amazon shopping app or the Amazon website.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 Am	12/14/2023	Lynchburg City Council approved spending \$3 million more to help fund a new amphitheater at Riverfront Park. The city says construction inflation is the main reason they needed the additional money. The project is expected to cost about \$8 million overall.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/14/2023	Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin has reached a tentative agreement with the NBA's Washington Wizards and NHL's Washington Capitals to move those teams from the District of Columbia to northern Virginia. The proposal calls for the creation of a \$2 billion development south of Washington

			in Alexandria and would include an arena for what would be the state's first professional sports teams.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/14/2023	Tesla is recalling nearly all vehicles sold in the U.S. to update software to ensure drivers are paying attention when using Autopilot. The investigation found Autopilot's method of making sure that drivers are paying attention can be inadequate so added controls and alerts will encourage the driver to adhere to their driving responsibility.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/14/2023	You may remember repeated recalls involving over-the-counter eye drops. Now the Food and Drug Administration is asking Congress for the ability to mandate drug recalls and require eyedrop makers to undergo inspections before shipping products to the U.S. Many say however that those capabilities will do little without more staff and resources for foreign inspections.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/14/2023	River Ridge mall has submitted a site plan to the city of Lynchburg. They are hoping to demolish the Kemba Federal Credit Union on Candler's Mountain Road to build a new Starbucks in its place.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/14/2023	Two decorated Virginia veterans will forever be remembered after the Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke was renamed in their honor. The 31-year-old facility was renamed the Davis and McDaniel Veterans Care Center to honor Colonel Paris Davis and Captain Eugene McDaniel.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/15/2023	A U.S. Marine lost his life, and 14 others were taken to the hospital after a combat vehicle they were in rolled over during a training at a California base, north of San Diego. The incident is under investigation.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/15/2023	A pediatrician is warning about the 5 most dangerous gifts to give kids this Christmas. She said anything with button batteries, water beads, electronic scooters, hoverboards, and trampolines as they lead to many kids ending up in the ER.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/15/2023	A pair of local business consultants have thought up a new opportunity to provide users with an office away from the office. The Lost Office Collaborative at Rocketts Landing in Richmond will open in early January. for companies to rent spaces for workshops, team-building exercises, and similar events.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/15/2023	Get ready to hit the slopes! Wintergreen Resort is slated to open for the 2023-24 winter season today with skiing and

			snowboarding from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Plunge Snow Tubing Park will resume operations today as well.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/15/2023	Four alleged Hamas terrorist suspected of plotting terror attacks in Europe have been arrested by German and Dutch authorities. Three were arrested in Germany and one in the Netherlands on suspicion of planning attacks on Jewish institutions in Europe.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/15/2023	Nuclear power in Lynchburg is getting a boost with the announcement that a nuclear company will be investing almost \$50 million to expand its facilities, in a move that will provide 515 new jobs. Framatome, the company behind the expansion, is an international leader in nuclear energy. Lynchburg beat out two other competitors for the expansion: Pennsylvania and North Carolina.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/15/2023	U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine announced over \$25 million in federal funding for safety improvements along the Virginia Beach Trail. The trail will create a transportation link between Downtown Norfolk and Town Center. After its completion, the shared-use path will provide over three miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails separated from vehicles.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/15/2023	Virginia Beach's Mary Bell has been baking all sorts of treats for her family for years and now she's going to compete on a show called "The Greatest Baker" presented by the "Cake Boss" himself, TV's Buddy Valastro. The winner will get \$10,000, meet Valastro and have their work shared in "Bake from Scratch" magazine. If she wins, Bell wants to put the money toward opening her own bakery in Virginia Beach.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/18/2023	The USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier and one other warship will remain in the Mediterranean Sea for several more weeks as Israel's war with Hamas continues. It will be the third time the Ford's deployment has been extended. Currently there are 19 U.S. warships in the region.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/18/2023	Quaker Oats has recalled several of its granola products, including granola bars and cereals, saying the foods could be contaminated with salmonella. The full list of recalled foods includes granola oats cereals and Quaker Chewy Bars. The company is asking customers with recalled products to throw them away and contact its customer support line or visit the recall website for more information.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/18/2023	Across the country, volunteers honored the nation's fallen heroes by placing a wreath on their graves for National Wreaths Across America Day over the weekend. This happens every year at over 4,000 locations in all 50 states.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/18/2023	The Virginia Department of Transportation plans to open roads and even lift tolls in preparation for holiday travel. The lifted lane closures will start on Friday, at noon and many will continue through new year's day.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/18/2023	Israel Defense Forces claim to have discovered the biggest Hamas tunnel in Gaza, spanning a length of about 2.5 miles. It is wide enough to drive a large vehicle through, and is equipped with electricity, ventilation, and communication systems.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/18/2023	Governor Glenn Youngkin announced more than \$1.9 million in Growth and Opportunity grant awards for eight projects designed to empower workforce development, bolster startups, and promote economic growth in the Commonwealth. These initiatives will play a vital role in getting skilled talent, starting businesses, and bridging the gap between job seekers and employment opportunities.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/18/2023	A Confederate memorial is to be removed from Arlington National Cemetery in northern Virginia in the coming days, part of the push to remove symbols that commemorate the Confederacy from military-related facilities. Safety fencing has been installed around the memorial, and officials anticipate completing the removal by Dec. 22.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/18/2023	For almost four decades the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center has offered visitors a glimpse at ocean life. But the facility could soon see some changes to ownership and operations. Since city council didn't cover the cost of some renovations in next year's budget city leaders are now exploring alternative ownership options along with private sector and non-profits to balance the competing financial needs of the city.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/19/2023	Wilmington police say a 46-year-old driver believed to be intoxicated accidentally plowed into a parked SUV that was guarding President Joe Biden's motorcade while the president was leaving a visit to his campaign headquarters. Thankfully the president and first lady Jill Biden were unharmed.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/19/2023	A federal judge has issued a temporary restraining order barring the removal of the memorial to Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. A group called Defend Arlington, filed a lawsuit in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, seeking the restraining order. A hearing has been scheduled for tomorrow. Work to remove the memorial however has already begun.'
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/19/2023	Pulaski County staff are looking to bring affordable housing to the area by revitalizing three former schools, Pulaski, and Dublin Middle, and Claremont Elementary. Leaders

			said about 75% of the work is done to remove hazardous materials so they can start construction.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/19/2023	A Lynchburg woman has made it into the top 5 of a national Broadway singing competition: the Next on-Stage Awards, put on by Broadway World. Sara Elder has been a voice in the Lynchburg theatre community for years and is now making a name for herself nationally. The round of voting for the top 3 finalists is open now.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/19/2023	Amid attacks on cargo vessels by anti-Israel terrorist, oil giant BP has paused all shipments through the Red Sea, a move that will push up oil prices. Iran-aligned terrorist have been targeting ships along the key route since the war in Israel started. BP is the first major oil firm to halt shipping in the region.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/19/2023	Processing times for passport applications are back to pre-pandemic levels. The time for routine service is now six to eight weeks and two to three weeks for expedited service (which costs an additional \$60). The updated times apply for applications submitted on or after the 18th which was yesterday.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/19/2023	3-year-old girl who police said is "in extreme danger" may be in Virginia, hundreds of miles from her father's house on Staten Island in New York. The Virginia State Police issued a Missing/Endangered Alert on behalf of the New York City Police Department. The girl's name is Kadence France, she is a Black girl with brown hair and brown eyes. She's 3 feet tall and 35 pounds.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/19/2023	Local fire departments have teamed up with the Red Cross to host a blood drive to support retired Campbell County Sheriff Terry Gaddy. Gaddy is currently battling bone marrow cancer. This next blood drive will be held on December 26 at the Concord Fire Department from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Red Cross wants to make sure that you make an appointment before coming to donate.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/20/2023	The U.S. and a host of other nations are creating a new force to protect ships in the Red Sea that have come under attack by drones and ballistic missiles. Operation Prosperity Guardian, an important new multinational security initiative includes the U.S., the United Kingdom, Bahrain, Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, and Spain. Some of the countries will conduct joint patrols while others provide intelligence support.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/20/2023	A federal judge has denied an injunction filed by the owners of Natural Bridge Zoo, and they are still set to appear in Rockbridge County court today. The zoo's attorney plans to appeal the denial to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He believes that the ten days he's been given is not enough time to prepare for today's seizure hearing.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/20/2023	The City of Danville has announced who will serve as their new police chief. Christopher Wiles, who was named interim police chief back in September, has been promoted to the position. Wiles has been with the Danville Police Department for three decades, since 1993.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/20/2023	The New Year's Day showdown between the Liberty Flames and the Oregon Ducks is just two weeks away, and folks in Lynchburg are ready to fan the flames in the Fiesta Bowl. If you can't make it to Glendale, Arizona, don't worry, you can fan the flames in Lynchburg. For \$21.39 Regal Cinemas at River Ridge mall is showing it on the big screen.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/20/2023	A volcano has erupted in southwestern Iceland. Iceland, which sits above a volcanic hot spot in the North Atlantic, averages an eruption every four to five years. The eruption is expected to continue decreasing in intensity, but scientists have no idea how long it could continue erupting.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/20/2023	A divided Colorado Supreme Court declared former President Donald Trump ineligible for the White House under the U.S. Constitution's insurrection clause and removed him from the state's presidential primary ballot. This will likely set up a debate in the nation's highest court to decide whether the front-runner for the GOP nomination can remain in the race.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/20/2023	Governor Glenn Youngkin of Virginia and Governor Roy Cooper of North Carolina both ordered all state and U.S. flags to half-staff yesterday. The order was to honor the former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, she was the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court. A private funeral was also held for her yesterday at the Washington National Cathedral.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/20/2023	More than 300,000 air fryers sold at popular retail stores like Walmart, Target, and Kohls, are being recalled due to a potential burn hazard. Empower Brands is recalling two models of the PowerXL dual-basket air fryer after dozens of reported malfunctions. The recalled air fryers were sold in black or cinnamon colors between Aug. 2021 through Oct. 2023.

News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/21/2023	The supreme court will have to determine quickly if former president Donald Trump is even eligible to be on the ballot for 2024, and whether he's immune to prosecution from controversies stemming from his efforts to overturn the 2020 election leading up to the January 6, 2021, US Capitol attack. After Colorado voted to not allow him on the primary ballot, the decision will go to the Supreme Court.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/21/2023	Thousands of pounds of TGI Friday's boneless chicken bites are being recalled because they could contain pieces of clear, hard plastic. The affected products have a Best By date of Dec. 26, 2024.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/21/2023	After serving the City of Roanoke for nearly 20 years, Roanoke Mayor Sherman Lea has announced that he won't be seeking re-election. While the decision wasn't an easy one, Lea said he is forever grateful for having the opportunity to serve those in the Star City.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/21/2023	An African elephant calf was recently born at Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Florida. The calf, named Corra, weighed in at 218 pounds. She is the first elephant calf to be born at Walt Disney World in seven years.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/21/2023	Israel has proposed a fresh pause in fighting in exchange for Hamas releasing hostages that are still held captive in Gaza. A vote is expected to take place today. The development would mark a significant shift since Israel's military operations resumed and formal hostage negotiations came to a halt.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/21/2023	Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin proposed a new state budget that would lower income taxes and raise the state's sales tax in an effort to stabilize revenues and allow Virginians to keep more of their money. The governor's budget would also invest more in workforce training, job recruitment and education, and include bonuses and raises for teachers.
News	6:30/7:30 8:30 AM	12/21/2023	The new year will bring improvements to Mount Trashmore. Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation will invest \$1.6 million in renovations to the Kids Cove area of the park. The project is expected to be completed by late Summer of 2024.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12/21/2023	Season 24 of "The Voice" is over and the winner is a Virginia native. 16-year-old Michael Huntley, from Fredericksburg, Virginia came away with "The Voice" Season 24 crown, edging out Team Reba's Ruby Leigh.