

Type	Time	Date	News and Issues 2nd Quarter (April-June) 2021
News	7:00/8:00 AM	1 Apr-21	Pfizer has announced that its COVID-19 vaccine is safe and strongly protective in kids as young as 12, a step toward possibly beginning shots in this age group before they head back to school in the fall. Most COVID-19 vaccines being rolled out are for adults, who are at higher risk from the coronavirus. Right now, Pfizer's vaccine is authorized for ages 16 and older, but vaccinating children will help schools, at least the upper grades, start to look a little more normal after months of disruption.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	1-Apr-21	Dozens of Lynchburg residents voiced concerns over a possible increase to the real estate tax. City council held a public hearing and then voted to table the topic for the time being. Council members said they'd be willing to revisit the topic at a future meeting.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	1-Apr-21	Lynchburg City Schools announced it will offer two learning options for its students in the coming school year. Starting in the fall, the first option available to students is attending school for five days of in-person learning. The second option is called the LCS virtual academy which will require completing an application. If students participate in the virtual academy, LCS said they would still have opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities at their zoned school.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30	1-Apr-21	The Corolla Wild Horse Fund in North Carolina has welcomed a new foal. Billie is its name since they are giving "B names" this year per tradition. Officials are warning residents that it is extremely important that the family is not stressed or harassed in any way.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	1-Apr-21	President Joe Biden will convene his first Cabinet meeting today, that will be used to promote his new infrastructure plan. The full Cabinet won't meet in the room that bears its name, instead assembling in the more spacious East Room to allow for social distancing. All attendees, including the president, will wear masks.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	1-Apr-21	Originally launched to help provide appointments for those 65 and older, now any adults in Phase 1a and 1b can call to make a COVID vaccine appointment. Those who are eligible to be vaccinated can now call the dedicated hotline between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to schedule an appointment. These two health districts cover those living in Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig and Roanoke counties, as well as residents of Covington, Roanoke and Salem.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	1-Apr-21	With the March Madness basketball tournament ongoing, the Supreme court heard arguments in a case about how colleges can reward athletes who play Division I basketball and football. Under current NCAA rules, students can't be paid, and the scholarship money colleges can offer is capped. If the Supreme Court sides with the students, those caps could go away and schools could offer tens of thousands of dollars in education benefits for things such as postgraduate scholarships, tutoring, study abroad opportunities, vocational school payments.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	1-Apr-21	Movie lovers, Regal has some good news for you! After a little over a year of being closed Regal Theaters announced it's reopening its theaters in our region starting in May. Lynchburg will see its theater at River Ridge open on the 14th, with Christiansburg and Roanoke having their Regal theaters open a week later on the 21st. You will have to wear a face mask at all times, unless eating, and sit two empty seats apart from other groups to maintain social distancing.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	2-Apr-21	U.S. health officials have authorized two more over the counter COVID-19 tests that can be used at home to get rapid results. The move by the Food and Drug Administration is expected to vastly expand the availability of cheap home tests that many experts have advocated for. The home tests allow users to collect a sample themselves with a nasal swab that is then inserted into a test strip. Results are usually available in 10 to 20 minutes.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	2-Apr-21	Just in time for Easter the Cherry Blossoms are in bloom in Washington DC's Tidal Basin. So far, the crowds have been manageable and well-behaved. But the park service will be watching the area around the Jefferson Memorial to make sure social distancing can be maintained. This year you can live stream the festival, and experience 26 different sculptures painted by local artists, around the city. Residents are encouraged to track down all 26, and post the photos on social media.
News	6:00/7:00/8:00 AM	2-Apr-21	If you are a fan of drive-in movie theaters, you're in luck. One man enjoyed drive-in theaters so much as a child, he just opened up his own in Chesapeake. The land off Yadkin Road is now the new Chesapeake Family Movie Park, a drive-in movie theater. The lot fits about 100 cars, and it will cost you about \$30 per car.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	2-Apr-21	If you are looking for a unique opportunity with the Easter Bunny River Ridge Mall in Lynchburg is offering free selfies. Today and tomorrow from 11am -7pm the bunny will be in front of mission house coffee, and you can get a free goody bag as well.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	2-Apr-21	According to Governor Ralph Northam, all Virginians will be able to get a coronavirus vaccine in a little over two weeks. On April 18th all Virginians over the age of 16 will be eligible. You do still need to preregister though.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	2-Apr-21	A bill that would require school districts to offer in-person summer school that targets children at risk of academic failure due to poor virtual learning during the pandemic has passed in the North Carolina General Assembly. The bill now heads to Governor Roy Cooper's desk for consideration. While targeted to at-risk students who've struggled during the pandemic, it would be open to all families that want to participate.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	2-Apr-21	Gleaning For The World will be hosting their third collection of nonperishable foods and household supplies next week from Tuesday through Thursday, 10am until 6pm each day at Sam's Club on Wards Road in Lynchburg. All of the supplies collected will be distributed to those in need in central Virginia. They are asking for donations of boxed or canned foods, hygiene items, baby formulas and diapers, as well as household cleaning supplies and paper products.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	2-Apr-21	Several veterans' organizations worked together to honor their fallen comrades. The nonprofit organization Veterans & Athletes United partnered with the Monument Terrace Troop Rally to set up a memorial display in Lynchburg. The tribute is 28 feet wide and six feet tall, made entirely of dog tags with all the names of those who have fallen in the War on Terror.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5-Apr-21	The Center for Disease Control and Prevention issued new coronavirus restriction guidelines. Those fully vaccinated can gather without a mask, according to health experts. However, the agency recommends those who aren't fully vaccinated, meaning two weeks since the final shot, should still stick to being around those in their own household.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5-Apr-21	With the increasing supply of the COVID-19 vaccine, Phase 2 residents who are pre-registered in the Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts, Pittsylvania/Danville Health District and Southside Health Districts can now receive a vaccine starting today. The Virginia Department of Health announced it's moving into Phase 2, which is the general population, this week. Everyone still must pre-register for an appointment as walk-ins are not allowed.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	5-Apr-21	Summer is coming and that means America's Favorite Pastime, Baseball. Major League Baseball is moving the 2021 All-Star game and amateur draft from Georgia following the passage of a bill imposing voting restrictions. In a statement, the Atlanta Braves said moving the game from Georgia was not their decision or recommendation. A replacement city for the game has not yet been announced.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5-Apr-21	Get those hummingbird feeders ready! Bird watchers have reported the first sightings of hummingbirds in Southwest Virginia as the tiny birds are making their migration back to the states. As of April 1, ruby-throated hummingbirds were spotted in Salem, and Blacksburg. Many more sightings are expected by mid-April, early May.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5-Apr-21	A once-secret unit within the Guantanamo Bay detention center that had fallen into disrepair has been closed and the prisoners moved to another facility. The prisoners at Camp 7 were transferred to a facility next to where the other detainees on the base are held as part of an effort to increase operational efficiency. Among those held at Camp 7 were the five prisoners charged with war crimes for their alleged roles planning and providing logistical support for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5-Apr-21	If you want a vaccine, the City of Lynchburg is making sure you can get one. Anyone 18 or older can sign up for a shot. This week, Lynchburg announced they were opening a call center to allow you to book vaccine appointments. To schedule an appointment, you call 434-455-5889 and they will tell you what date to show up at the clinic at the Candler's Station Shopping Center to get your shot. In two weeks, the center will be open to all residents seven days a week.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5-Apr-21	There is now a call for businesses to put a stop to the sales of fake vaccination cards. 45 attorney generals nationwide are calling on companies to prevent the spread of fraudulent cards. Following vaccination appointments, you are given a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card to prove you've been vaccinated and to provide a reminder for when to get the second shot. Providers administering the vaccine hand these out to patients to keep. The forging of these cards and sale of forged cards violates many state laws.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5-Apr-21	Johnson Health Center has received over \$4 million in grant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, which officials plan to use to vaccinate individuals and overall improve the services and care it provides to the community. New mobile medical and dental units will also

			be arriving in a month or two and will be utilized in partnerships with the school systems.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6-Apr-21	The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finally issued the next phase of guidelines that will lead to getting cruise ships sailing again in the U.S. Cruise ships have been unable to sail in U.S. for more than a year. This next phase will include trial voyages to practice new COVID-19 operational procedures with volunteers before sailing with paying passengers. Several cruise lines have already announced they will require passengers to be fully vaccinated in order to sail.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6-Apr-21	Coronavirus vaccines are now on the go in Danville with the help of two new buses. By creating a clinic on wheels, these two buses can administer 250 Johnson & Johnson vaccines in one day. If there are leftover vaccines, you can sign up for an appointment the day before to get a dose. The next stop will be at Cane Creek Parkway today. You can check the City's website daily to see if any appointments are available for the mobile clinics.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6-Apr-21	Construction is already underway on the expansion of the J & J Truck Sales in Chatham. The new project will create 27 jobs in the community. Chatham beat out South Carolina to be selected as the site for a new construction.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6-Apr-21	The Academy Center of the Arts announced their return to live, outdoor music events in Lynchburg this May after a year of event restrictions. They will be using the Pacific Life Parking Lot on 7th Street as a new outdoor venue. Guests can enjoy the concerts from their own pod, allowing up to 10 guests maximum and you are encouraged to bring blankets or camping chairs, as seating is not provided. In addition, masks will be mandatory for all guests, except when seated within their pod.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6-Apr-21	April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Evangelical Council on Abuse Prevention is seeking to bring awareness to the issue. April 25 is called Blue Sunday which is a day of prayer for victims of child abuse, and a day for ministries to commit themselves to preventing abuse and creating safe environments for the vulnerable.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6-Apr-21	Health officials at Ocracoke Health Center and Engelhard Medical Center will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic this month. The event is scheduled for April 13 for patients 18 and up. No appointment is required but, anyone wishing to get a vaccine will have to be registered as a patient of the facility. They will be administering the Moderna vaccine, on a first-come, first-served basis. Ocracoke will offer vaccinations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Engelhard will offer vaccinations from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or until vaccines run out.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6-Apr-21	Roanoke Fire-EMS crews responded to a hazardous materials incident yesterday. Crews were dispatched to Coulter Drive to find a 1,000-gallon cylinder containing Ammonia that leaked an unknown amount of its contents. Everyone was evacuated and no injuries were reported.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6-Apr-21	God's Pit Crew is partnering with Martinsville Speedway and Mercy Crossing to host a Farmers to Families Food Box giveaway tomorrow. The food boxes will be distributed from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the speedway. Each box will have produce, meats, and dairy products and will be available to those living in Martinsville and Henry County.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	7-Apr-21	President Joe Biden is promoting his \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan by asking for public support. President Biden wants the investments in roads, schools, broadband and clean energy approved by summer. Congress is now starting to draft legislation and hoping that continued public attention will create that support.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	7-Apr-21	United Airlines says it will train 5,000 pilots, including taking on applicants with no flying experience. United will take you at the beginning of your flying career and train you at its own academy, which it bought last year. Airline officials said they are now accepting applicants for United's flight academy.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	7-Apr-21	The roof of Templin Hall at Thomas Nelson Community College's Hampton campus collapsed. School officials say no injuries were reported and no one was inside at the time. Officials from the school and Virginia Community College System offices in Richmond are set to conduct an investigation into the incident. Templin Hall will remain closed until further notice along with the college's library, which shares a wall with Templin Hall.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	7-Apr-21	The Roanoke Valley's newest 5K requires you to roll up your sleeves, throw some gloves on and grab a garbage bag. The goal is to get everyone together to pick up trash in honor of Earth Day on April 22. When you register, you receive a reusable bag that includes trash bags, gloves, hand sanitizer and souvenirs. You can decide to run, walk or hike your miles before, during or after you pick up litter. Where you do your clean-up is also up to you. Prizes will go to the teams that fill the most trash bags. The 5K begins Saturday, April 10 and goes until the day after Earth Day, April 23.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	7-Apr-21	President Joe Biden announced that he is shaving about two weeks off his May 1 deadline for states to make all adults eligible for coronavirus vaccines. With states gradually expanding eligibility beyond such priority groups as the elderly and essential, front-line workers, the president says that every adult in the U.S. will be eligible by April 19 to be vaccinated.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	7-Apr-21	A Navy medic got into it with two individuals at a Maryland business park before fleeing to a nearby military base where he was taken out by police. One victim remains in critical condition while the second is expected to be released today.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	7-Apr-21	Southern Virginia Health's Danville Emergency Room has been approved for more than \$12 million in renovations. The funds are intended to enhance access for patients and improve emergency care for residents across Southern Virginia and Northern North Carolina. Construction is slated toward the end of this year and will include a complete overhaul of the current layout of the ER with an expansion to improve patient and staff flow, and reduce wait times.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	7-Apr-21	A fun initiative in Bedford is hoping to inspire folks to get out and enjoy all that the town and county have to offer. The Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce and Destination Bedford have teamed up for a month-long photo challenge. Each day there is a new photo prompt or theme about Bedford, like Smith Mountain Lake or the D-Day Memorial. On that day, you are encouraged to post a photo on your social media about that theme.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	8-Apr-21	China's government warned the US not to boycott next year's Winter Olympics in China after President Biden said we were talking with allies about a joint approach to handle China's human rights abuses. The U.S. State Department suggested an Olympic boycott was among the possibilities, but a senior official said a boycott has not been specifically discussed.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	8-Apr-21	New jobs are coming to the New River Valley. Governor Ralph Northam announced that Oransi, a veteran-owned air purification company, will invest over \$5 million to establish its first manufacturing facility on Corporate Drive, and create 101 new jobs. These jobs will focus on developing and manufacturing the company's air purifiers for consumers, businesses, and professionals in the health, dental, and medical fields.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	8-Apr-21	All North Carolinians 16 and older are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. North Carolina officially moved to phase 5 yesterday, nearly two weeks ahead of President Biden's April 19 goal. Virginia will have eligibility open to all adults statewide by April 18.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	8-Apr-21	Authorities gave the all-clear at Hidden Valley Middle School in Roanoke yesterday after they said a threat made toward the school was fake. Officers responded to the school, but they didn't find anything. This is currently under investigation.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	8-Apr-21	In the United States, more than 100 million Americans have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine. With each dose that is administered, the CDC and health providers give out 4-by-3-inch paper COVID-19 vaccine cards. In a post-pandemic world, these cards could help those vaccinated travel more freely. The CDC said if someone lost their vaccination card, or doesn't have a copy, they should contact their vaccination provider directly to get another. They also recommend keeping the card somewhere safe, and not posting pictures of the card on social media.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	8-Apr-21	If you're collecting unemployment compensation soon you will have to prove that you're looking for jobs to receive benefits. The weekly job search is a requirement of state and federal law, but was temporarily suspended during the pandemic. If you're currently receiving benefits, you will be notified soon of reinstatement of the requirement to apply for two jobs each week and report information about your job searches to the state.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	8-Apr-21	Accomack County Public Schools are expanding in-person learning to four days a week for hybrid students. All pre-K through 5th grade students will transition to four days on April 19, with middle and high school following on April 26. Students who chose virtual instruction will still have that option. The school board also decided to cancel this year's prom and changed guidelines to allow for one student per seat on school buses.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	8-Apr-21	With the weather getting warmer ticks are resurfacing and there are some things you need to be aware of. To avoid ticks, the CDC says to use registered repellents, and equally as important to know what to do if you're bitten. The first step is removal, in which you should use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible to make sure you remove the whole tick. Also, you can dispose of a live tick by putting it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed container, wrapping it tightly in tape, or flushing it.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	9-Apr-21	Seniors are still one of the top-priority groups as many are hesitant to get the vaccine. Even though supplies have increased, the number of seniors getting the vaccine has stalled. This is a growing source of concern because of the potential for preventable deaths and serious illness among seniors.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	9-Apr-21	Over 100 new jobs are coming to Wythe County. STS Group AG, a supplier of interior and exterior parts for commercial vehicles, will invest \$39 million to establish its first U.S. manufacturing operation in Wythe County's Progress Park. The new facility will supply Volvo Trucks in Pulaski County and other truck and automotive facilities throughout Southeastern and Midwest U.S. markets.
News	6:00/7:00/8:00 AM	9-Apr-21	The Virginia Beach Police Department has had to reassign 10 school resource officers away from their duties with the school division. Virginia Beach police said the reassignments are temporary and are simply happening earlier than usual ahead of summer break. Those affected officers will report back to their positions as resource officers when school resumes in the fall.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	9-Apr-21	The Small Business Administration is now offering grants for venues that closed due to the pandemic. The program offers more than \$16 billion in grants for closed venues. Eligible applicants can apply for grants equal to 45% of their revenue. The maximum grant amount for a single award is \$10 million.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	9-Apr-21	The U.S. government picked up nearly 19,000 children traveling alone across the Mexican border in March, the largest monthly number ever recorded. A complex mix of factors in the United States and Central America drove the increase. This has left the government scrambling to find space and hire staff to care for children long term until they can be placed with sponsors.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	9-Apr-21	The Department of Motor Vehicles said that many aren't showing up to their scheduled appointments and it's adding to wait times in Virginia. Right now appointments are necessary to accommodate required social distancing mandates. If you no longer need your appointment, the DMV is asking you to cancel it to allow time for someone else who needs it.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	9-Apr-21	Governor Ralph Northam is backing Terry McAuliffe in the race to succeed him. The Nov. 2 general election will include the governor's race, the attorney general, lieutenant governor and seats in the House of Delegates. The Democratic primary is scheduled for June 8 and republicans have opted to cut down their field at a convention on May 8 that will be held at sites across the state.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	9-Apr-21	Liberty University has announced its new campus pastor. Jonathan Falwell, current Senior Pastor at Thomas Road Baptist Church, has been named to the position. It's not clear what his role at TRBC will be moving forward.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12-Apr-21	The CDC is tracking reactions to COVID-19 vaccines through its Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. So far, there are close to 1,300 reports of severe reactions from the vaccines statewide. While Wake County and UNC Health put a pause to Johnson and Johnson vaccinations after more than a dozen bad reactions, the CDC said the vaccines are still safe to use.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	12-Apr-21	Honda is recalling more than 600,000 vehicles in the U.S. to replace fuel pumps that can fail, causing the engines to stall. The recall covers much of the Honda and Acura model lineup from the 2018 to 2020, including the CR-V. Owners will be notified by mail in late May and dealers will replace the fuel pumps for free.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12-Apr-21	A memorial to enslaved workers who built the University of Virginia has been dedicated. The memorial commemorates more than 4,000 enslaved and free laborers who built and worked at the university in Charlottesville, Virginia.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	12-Apr-21	King's Dominion announced that they are reopening on May 22. The parks' water attraction, Soak City, will open the following Saturday on May 29. They will also be hiring 2,100 seasonal associates. Daily tickets and passes are now on sale.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	12-Apr-21	Both the City of Portsmouth and the Western Tidewater Health District which encompasses Suffolk, Franklin, Southampton County and Isle of Wight will be moving into Phase 2 for vaccines today. Phase 2 includes those over the age of 16 that work or reside in the respective districts. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Appointments are required to visit clinics and those appointments can be made through the state's vaccination website.
News	6:30 7:30/8:30 AM	12-Apr-21	The Giles County Department of Social Services is in crisis and needs your help. Right now, there are only six approved foster families in Giles County, and 35 foster kids in the system. In Virginia, there are more than 5,200 kids in foster care. To learn more about becoming a foster home, contact DePaul Community Resources, or your local department of social services.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	12-Apr-21	With broadband internet expansion is a continued county priority, that was accelerated by the pandemic. Now with millions in federal funding, Campbell County looks toward a plan to deliver fiber broadband to area homes. This would bring internet access to the most remote areas of the county.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	12-Apr-21	Prince Philip's funeral will take place on Saturday at Windsor Castle in a family service that will be closed to the public. The 99-year-old duke passed away last week. Prince Harry, who stepped away from royal duties last year and now lives in California, will attend the service along with other members of the royal family. His wife, the duchess of Sussex, who is pregnant, has been advised by her doctor not to attend.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	13-Apr-21	President Biden has struck an agreement with Central American nations to temporarily send security forces to their borders in an effort to reduce immigration to the U.S. border. Mexico will maintain a deployment of about 10,000 troops, while Guatemala has sent 1,500 police and military personnel to its southern border and Honduras deployed 7000. Guatemala will also set up 12 checkpoints along the travelling route throughout their country.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	13-Apr-21	The USDA has issued a public health alert for more than 200,000 pounds of ground turkey meat over salmonella concerns. The products were produced by Plainville Brands. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to throw them away or return them to the place of purchase.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	13-Apr-21	The weather was perfect for the VMI cadets that went out to Smith Mountain lake yesterday to learn from Firefighters how to perform water rescue missions. The cadets learned how to extinguish boat and dock fires and how to maneuver boats in the tides and wind.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	13-Apr-21	Angels of Assisi, a Roanoke nonprofit animal shelter announced that they received a \$500,000 grant from Petco Love. The money will help fund the new facility that's under construction. The new building, which is at the corner of Elm Avenue and Franklin Road, is expected to be completed the end of the year.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	13-Apr-21	If you've had a loved one pass after contracting the coronavirus, you may be eligible to receive thousands of dollars from the federal government. FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance program is now accepting applications. The program is designed to provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	13-Apr-21	The Virginia Beach Convention Center vaccination site will start allowing you to schedule an appointment in-person this week. The walk-up option is available to those who live and work in Virginia Beach from 10am-3pm, teenagers who are 16 and 17 still need a parent or guardian with them to receive the vaccine.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	13-Apr-21	Saturday marks the return of the Foot Levelers Blue Ridge Marathon. The marathon has more than 2,700 runners already registered. There is a virtual option, but the majority of those registered are competing in person. Runners will start the race wearing a mask, remove it throughout the course, and then put it back on when crossing the finish line.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	13-Apr-21	You can now join Virginia Tech in remembrance of the 32 lives taken on April 16, 2007, wherever you are. The university launched its new digital exhibit, We Are Better Than We Think. On the site, you can view art pieces and condolence cards featuring messages of hope, love and healing from across the country. The exhibit will remain online as something you can visit throughout the year. Also, starting Friday, the university is hosting a virtual remembrance run.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	14-Apr-21	The Food and Drug Administration asked states to temporarily halt using Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution after six women in the U.S. developed a rare blood-clotting disorder. All six cases occurred in women ages 18 to 48, with symptoms developing six to 13 days after they received the shot.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	14-Apr-21	The U.S. government's highway safety agency is investigating complaints that the air bags may not inflate in a crash on thousands of General Motors vehicles. The investigation covers nearly 750,000 Chevrolet, Cadillac and GMC vehicles from the 2020 and 2021 model years. Most are full-size pickup trucks and SUVs.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	14-Apr-21	Tis the season for sneezing, scratchy throats and coughing as pollen levels continue to rise in the coming weeks for Central Virginia. Some ways to limit your reactions to pollen are avoid the outdoors between 5:00 - 10:00 a.m., save outside activities for after a heavy rain, and keep your windows closed. Also don't touch your eyes, shower after being outside, and change your clothes after being outdoors.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	14-Apr-21	If you want to see some stars, Natural Bridge State Park is officially a good place to look. The park has been certified as an International Dark Sky Park, which means that the absence of city lights nearby makes it easier for visitors to see stars. Natural Bridge is only the fourth Virginia state park to get the certification from the International Dark Sky Association.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	14-Apr-21	President Joe Biden has decided to leave American troops in Afghanistan beyond the May 1 deadline negotiated with the Taliban. The new deadline is this year's 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Right now, there are 2,500 troops remaining in Afghanistan.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	14-Apr-21	The Lynchburg vaccination clinic in Candler's Station is seeing younger faces walk through the door. The Lynchburg Fire Chief says the site gives out between 700 and 1,500 shots each day. While they recommend that you sign up for an appointment, they are a little more flexible for those without one. The best time to walk in is around 4 p.m. when they are open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	14-Apr-21	Centra announced this week its plan to sell four long-term care and skilled nursing facilities. The transaction is expected to be completed around Aug. 1. A smooth transition for patients, residents, families and employees is expected, and current staff members will be offered jobs with the new operators.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	14-Apr-21	Richmonders can now take a direct flight to the Windy City! Now Southwest Airlines will offer new nonstop flights from Richmond to Chicago Midway. To start, flights will be departing five days a week, but the airline hopes to make flights daily in May. According to the Richmond Airport, Chicago was Richmond's sixth-most popular destination pre-pandemic.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	15-Apr-21	Frist Lady Jill Biden underwent a common medical procedure yesterday and came through it well. She is expected to resume her normal schedule next week with a trip to Illinois on Monday.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	15-Apr-21	One of the biggest nursing facilities in Virginia is in the process of changing ownership. The change would affect 30 nursing homes currently owned by Medical Facilities of America, accounting for 4,000 beds across the state, with many being in Southwest, Central Virginia, Richmond and at the coast. The Virginia Department of Health says the company is Innovative Healthcare Management and the change of ownership will take effect on June 1.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	15-Apr-21	Target is bringing back its car seat trade-in program. The event runs through Saturday at all locations. If you bring in an old car seat to recycle you will receive a 20% off coupon toward a new car seat or select baby gear. This time around, the process is contact-free. You can drop off your old car seat in a box near guest services and get a digital coupon.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	15-Apr-21	Police departments nationwide are struggling with staffing and now Roanoke says they're losing officers at an alarming rate. Officially, the department has 34 openings and there are 27 officers who can't be deployed in the field right now because they're either in the academy, training or on some sort of leave. They are hoping that an increase in pay will help recruit more officers.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	15-Apr-21	The countdown is on. Less than 100 days until the Opening Ceremonies of the Tokyo Olympics. Athletes are hopeful that after a year-long delay, they'll be able to compete for gold this summer. However, there's no question these games will be unlike any other, with temperature checks, mask-wearing, sanitizing stations and frequent COVID-19 testing. Vaccinations are encouraged for athletes, but they are not required.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	15-Apr-21	The Berglund Center will be offering walk-in appointments today. You won't need to register for an appointment, and the Moderna vaccine will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Anyone who is 18 or older is eligible to receive a vaccine. All previously scheduled clinic appointments will still happen at their designated times.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	15-Apr-21	A proposal to move elections in Chesapeake to odd-numbered years failed. In a split 5-4 vote, Chesapeake City Council turned down the proposal, which would have moved city council, school board, and mayor elections from November in even-numbered years to November in odd-numbered years. The

			new law for local elections goes into effect July 1, 2021, meaning local elections set for May 2022 will now be held November 2022.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	15-Apr-21	Bedford County's most recently acquired park officially has been named Independence Park following a unanimous vote of approval. Bedford County purchased a 46-acre property off Venhurst Drive, just outside the Town of Bedford. The property has several existing amenities, including a pavilion, a nine-hole disc golf course, trails and two stocked ponds, making it park material.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	16-Apr-21	President Biden announced the expulsion of 10 Russian diplomats and sanctions against nearly three dozen individuals and companies as it moved to hold them accountable for hacking federal agencies. Russian hackers are believed to have infected widely used software with malicious code, enabling them to access the networks of at least nine agencies in what U.S. officials believe was an intelligence-gathering operation.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	16-Apr-21	The flag-draped casket of U.S. Capitol Police Officer William Evans was carried into a Massachusetts church yesterday by his fellow Capitol officers as dozens of state troopers stood in the street and saluted. Evans lost his life when a driver struck him and another officer at a barricade outside the U.S. Senate in Washington. He laid in honor at the Capitol Rotunda, where President Joe Biden in a eulogy said he was defined by his dignity, decency, loyalty and courage.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	16-Apr-21	One person lost their life, and a second person was injured after a portion of an old bridge on the North Carolina Outer Banks collapsed and fell into the water. Workers were dismantling a section of the old Bonner Bridge when that section fell approximately 110 feet into Oregon Inlet.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	16-Apr-21	Drivers are urged to be alert to a change in traffic on U.S. 460 East next month. The right lane of U.S. 460 east between Campbell Avenue and Concord Turnpike in the City of Lynchburg will temporarily close to traffic in the coming weeks for bridgework. The lane will close from 7 p.m. on May 4 until 6 a.m. on May 5 to allow contractors place beams on a new bridge structure.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	16-Apr-21	We just talked about them yesterday and now there is still a possibility that they might not happen, which has athletes everywhere on edge. With less than 100 days until the start of the Olympics, some officials suggested they still could be canceled, and some said even if they proceed, it will most likely be without any fans. Tokyo organizers said, they are doing all they can to make it happen.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	16-Apr-21	A group of congressmen introduced legislation to add four seats to the Supreme Court, which appears to be a long shot. Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that she has no plans to even bring that legislation to the floor for a vote. President Joe Biden did however create a commission to spend the next six months examining the issues of expanding the court and possibly instituting term limits for justices.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	16-Apr-21	A local competition that could help shape our local economy is heating up. After 10-weeks of mentoring and online classes, dozens of local entrepreneurs have finished the final week of the Gauntlet. Entrepreneurs are now to finishing their business plans that will be entered for judging to see who will win the top cash award. Every entrepreneur who signed up will receive some assistance for their business.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	16-Apr-21	Duck Donuts, the popular doughnut chain that got its start on the Outer Banks, was sold to a private equity firm in Pennsylvania with big plans for expansion. The franchise currently has 101 stores based in 21 states, primarily on the East Coast., but soon there could be more.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	19-Apr-21	The State Department has ordered non-essential diplomats at the U.S. Embassy in Chad to leave the African nation due to potential attacks on the capital. In addition to non-essential embassy staff, the department also ordered the families of American personnel stationed there to leave because armed groups appear to be moving on the capital.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	19-Apr-21	Safety regulators warned those with kids and pets to immediately stop using a treadmill made by Peloton after one child passed away and others were injured. If adults want to keep using the Tread+ treadmill, they should use it only in a locked room so children and pets can't come near it.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	19-Apr-21	About 3,000 auto workers at the New River Valley Volvo truck plant in Dublin, Virginia have gone on strike. The strike comes after a 30-day contract extension between the workers and the truck manufacturer. In a statement, the company said they are seeking to provide better wages, job security and benefits and they don't

			understand why United Auto Workers is against employees continuing to build trucks as negotiations continue.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	19-Apr-21	During the pandemic, health officials are stressing that outdoor activities are the best. So, if you're looking for some fresh air, Norfolk Botanical Garden is one place you can visit. The garden is 175 acres and includes seven miles of paved paths, and another seven miles of unpaved paths to explore. It's located at Azalea Garden Road in Norfolk and prices range from free to \$15.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	19-Apr-21	All of-age Virginians can get a COVID-19 vaccine starting this week. The Virginia Dept. of Health has moved the entire Commonwealth into Phase 2 of its vaccine rollout plan, meaning all residents over the age of 16 are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As part of the move to Phase 2, you no longer need to pre-register for the vaccine, but appointments at most locations will still be required. To sign up for an appointment, visit the Vaccine Virginia website.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	19-Apr-21	Albemarle Regional Health Services has provided a list of clinics for an upcoming COVID-19 vaccine event in the region. There is currently a waitlist for residents in ARHS's eight-county region who still need the vaccine. The clinics are tomorrow and Wednesday between 4-6pm at various locations.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	19-Apr-21	The American Red Cross is having a blood drive in Norfolk tomorrow from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. located at the front lobby of Chartway Arena on Hampton Boulevard. All blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies and the test results will be available within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or on the donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	19-Apr-21	Proceeds for Poverty, a yard sale which has been happening since 2011, was back in Botetourt County after going virtual last year. All of the money made from sales helps those in Southwest Virginia, as well as those around the world. It raises money for those in poverty, as well as feeds families in third-world countries, protects local women from human trafficking and helps foster families with needed children supplies. If you missed this weekend's sale there will be another one in August.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	26-Apr-21	With a green light from federal health officials, many states have resumed use of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine. Scientific advisers decided that the vaccine's benefits outweigh the rare risk of a blood clot. Virginia health officials also told providers to immediately resume their use of the J&J vaccine.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	4/26/2021	More Than Gourmet is recalling almost 7,000 pounds of ready-to-eat beef and veal broth that may be contaminated with hydraulic oil. The ready-to-eat broth and stock items were produced on March 1, April 7, and April 8, with a use by date of March 1 and April 8th 2023.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	4/26/2021	Roanoke City Council still plans to implement a plastic bag tax but said they need to figure a few things out. Earlier this week, the council postponed a vote until May amid concerns that the tax would disproportionately affect low-income residents. The proposed tax would start on January 1. Retailers will get to keep a small cut of the tax for their efforts. Another public hearing is scheduled for May 17.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	4/26/2021	More than 15,000 on the Southside will receive a hot meal thanks to dozens of volunteers. Members of West Main Baptist Church in Danville joined together to package healthy breakfasts. The meals will be distributed by God's Storehouse in Danville to help children and families get the nutrition they need.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	4/26/2021	Next month, Virginia will see some coronavirus restrictions eased. Governor Ralph Northam said that starting May 15, sports and entertainment venues in Virginia may begin to operate with expanded capacity and social gathering limits will increase. The increase in vaccinated Virginians is the reason for the easing of restrictions, as more than half of all adults in Virginia have been vaccinated with at least one dose.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	4/26/2021	Two public universities in Virginia have announced they are freezing tuition for students for the 2021-22 academic year. The College of William & Mary and Old Dominion University both cited the financial impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic on families as the driving force behind the decision.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	4/26/2021	LewisGale is making a big move for cancer treatment in Pulaski and Salem. The hospital is partnering with Sarah Cannon to expand its services. Now, the facilities will have more advanced care available, from screenings, diagnostics and surgery to radiation, chemotherapy, and clinical trials. This also allows patients to be closer to home for treatment.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	4/26/2021	In Norfolk's Villa Heights neighborhood, residents' young and old say they have had it with spotty internet service. City of Norfolk officials heard their cries for help and help is on the way. Norfolk Mayor announced a new partnership with Indiana-based MetroNet that will bring high-speed internet to the area, via a 100% fiber-optic infrastructure.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	4/27/2021	President Joe Biden is expanding a program to feed as many as 34 million schoolchildren during the summer months, using funds from the coronavirus relief package. Families of eligible children will receive around \$7.00 per child for each weekday. That adds up to \$375 per child over the summer months.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	4/27/2021	Now that more than a quarter of Virginians are fully vaccinated, many are wondering when we can get rid of our masks. Doctors at UVA Health say it's safe if you've been fully vaccinated to gather without a mask with others who are fully vaccinated indoors or outdoors or with those at low risk for COVID-19. Experts say as more get vaccinated, we should start to see cases drop and that's when we will be able to safely get rid of mask mandates.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	4/27/2021	SpaceX's four astronauts had barely settled into orbit last week when they were ordered back into their spacesuits because of a potential collision with orbiting junk. Thankfully there were no objects and no threat, the false alarm is under review.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	4/27/2021	The town of Christiansburg is now being recognized across the globe all because of a sign war between local businesses. It all started with a message from a music shop on North Franklin Street, challenging a neighboring shoe store, now almost every business in town is involved. More than 19,000 from around the world are keeping tabs on the battle through a Facebook group. Friends say after businesses faced a tough hit from the pandemic, this moment is a sign of business owners joining forces.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	4/27/2021	Virginia's attorney general says the state's colleges and universities could require students to get the COVID-19 vaccine before being allowed to attend in-person classes and activities. There is no federal law stopping Virginia colleges and universities from imposing a vaccine requirement.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	4/27/2021	Lawmakers in Washington, D.C. are still considering sweeping federal reform for police departments across the country. Both Republicans and Democrats are reportedly involved in ongoing discussions about a final bill. Right now, the details of bipartisan meetings among lawmakers on police reform have not been made public.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	4/27/2021	Schools in Bedford County were placed on lockdown due to an incident yesterday. Two men were injured, and one lost his life at the scene. As a precaution, area schools were placed on lockdown. Deputies are still investigating, but authorities said there was no immediate threat to schools.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	4/27/2021	Spend less to eat local during the very first Smith Mountain Lake Restaurant Week. This event has a list of more than 25 participating restaurants stretching from Moneta to Franklin County and is going on now through Saturday. Each restaurant has its own dine-in or take-out specials between a \$5 to \$30 price range.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/4/2021	The reunification process for families at the border has begun. Four families that were separated will be reunited in the United States this week in what Homeland Security calls just the beginning of a broader effort. Parents will return to the United States on humanitarian parole while authorities consider other longer-term forms of legal status.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/4/2021	AOL and Yahoo are being sold again, this time to a private equity firm. Verizon is selling Verizon Media, which consists of the two tech platforms, to Apollo Global Management. Verizon will keep a 10% stake in the new company, which will still be under the name Yahoo.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/4/2021	President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden stopped in Hampton Roads yesterday as part of the president's Getting America Back on Track Tour. The tour promotes President Biden's American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan. The visit highlighted how the legislation will benefit schools, with trips to Yorktown Elementary School and Tidewater Community College in Norfolk.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/4/2021	The Town of Waverly's drinking water system services around 900 customers and is now being sold to Virginia American Water. Virginia American Water plans to put over \$4 million into improvements to the water system including water main replacements, valve installation, upgrades to the chemical feed systems and improvements to wells and tanks to make the water system safer, more secure, and more reliable.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/4/2021	Today the G-7 leaders will meet in London in their first face-to-face discussions in two years. Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven leading industrial nations will meet with the United States and the U.K. in discussions with Iran over the release of prisoners.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/4/2021	Minimum wage workers in Virginia are making about 27 percent more now that a state-mandated increase has taken effect. The minimum wage in Virginia has increased from \$7.25 an hour to \$9.50. The May 1 increase is part of a state law passed last year. Minimum wage will increase again in January to \$11 an hour and in 2022 to \$12 an hour.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/4/2021	Thousands were on the hunt for a bargain in the 100-Mile Yard Sale along Route 29. Stretching from Amherst County to Danville, more than 70 vendors set up tables and signs this weekend after missing it last year due to the pandemic. Residents say that it helps put the towns on the map, and helps young entrepreneurs start their own businesses.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/4/2021	A new Forest find is now officially open for business. The new food truck court called The Backyard offers a variety of foods like hotdogs, pizza and barbecue. The 11 acres of land also features outdoor seating, fire pits and space to hold events. Beginning May, they will have campfire nights which will be held Friday and Saturday evenings weather permitting.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/5/2021	Help is on the way for restaurants that suffered during the pandemic. Businesses within the food service industry can now get help from the Small Business Association's \$29 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Those who receive the funding are not required to pay it back if it's used no later than March 11, 2023. Funds received can help cover mortgage obligations, food expenses, as well as outdoor seating construction.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/5/2021	Hyundai is recalling nearly 400,000 vehicles for two problems that can cause engine fires. Owners are being told to park their vehicles outdoors until repairs are made. Owners will be notified in June if they need to schedule the repair.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/5/2021	If you live out in Forest, a new pharmacy just opened. Forest Pharmacy, next to the Centra Urgent Care Center, can even deliver your medication to your front step if you live in Bedford County, Lynchburg, or Madison Heights. They also offer a wide variety of household items like toilet paper, cleaning supplies and vitamins.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/5/2021	Body cameras must now be activated immediately when a police officer marks "en route" to a call for service in Virginia Beach. Now the only time the body cameras will be turned off is when officers are at the jail, at a precinct or on a personal break.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/5/2021	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is expected to authorize Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for those ages 12 to 15 by next week. This is in hopes to set up shots for students before the beginning of the next school year. It is also expected that the FDA will approve Pfizer's use by even younger children sometime this fall.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/5/2021	Virginia Tech announced that Boeing will invest \$50 million and become the first foundational partner of the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus in Alexandria. Along with supporting the creation of a dynamic new physical campus Boeing's investment will go toward scholarships, fellowships, and a variety of academic programs.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/5/2021	Virginia Military Institute is set to remove General Stonewall Jackson's name from several buildings across campus to foster a more inclusive environment. The institute's Board of Visitors voted to remove Jackson's name from the front of the Old Barracks and from Memorial Hall.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/5/2021	The COVID-19 mass vaccination site in Danville will close this week. Saturday will be the last day for the vaccination center at the Danville Mall. Officials say less than 700 appointments are scheduled for this week, which isn't a lot considering health officials wanted to administer 3,000 doses per day.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/6/2021	Today is National Day of Prayer. In 1952, the United States Congress passed legislation directing the president to set aside one day each year as a National Day of Prayer and President Harry S. Truman signed the bill into law. You can learn more about the National Day of Prayer and events in your area by visiting nationaldayofprayer.org .
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/6/2021	Teams of experts are projecting COVID-19's toll on the U.S. will fall sharply by the end of July. However, they are also warning that an increase is possible if those unvaccinated do not follow basic precautions such as wearing a mask and keeping their distance from others. With COVID-19 deaths, hospitalizations and cases declining since January, many states and cities are already moving to ease or lift restrictions
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/6/2021	Governor Ralph Northam announced that \$250 million is being invested to bring a passenger rail to the New River Valley. Christiansburg is getting an Amtrak station, starting in 2022. Northam announced that a second train will also be departing Roanoke to Washington, D.C. The Amtrak station in Christiansburg is part of both Amtrak's 2035 vision and the Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/6/2021	Parks in Richmond have seen record-setting numbers of visitors during the pandemic and a new exhibit just opened at the Valentine Museum that looks at the origins and changes of Richmond's parks and green spaces. It's called "Breathing Places" and it's artifacts, documents, and photos that take you from the founding of Richmond's first park, Capitol Square in 1851, to modern uses of places like the James River or Byrd Park.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/6/2021	After 4 prime minister elections that ended in a stalemate, Israel's president called on the opposition leader Lapid to form a new government, a step that could lead to the end of the lengthy rule of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu is Israel's longest-serving prime minister holding the post for a total of 15 years.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/6/2021	CVS Health announced that are now accepting walk-in vaccine appointments at CVS Pharmacy locations across the country, including 342 locations in Virginia, with no appointment necessary. In addition to walk-in availability, they are now offering same-day scheduling on CVS.com. This includes appointment as soon as one hour from the time of scheduling, due to same-day cancellations.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/6/2021	Senator Mark Warner will be traveling across the Hampton Roads community today and tomorrow for a series of socially distanced events focusing on tourism and transportation relief efforts. He will start at the American Theatre in Hampton where he'll focus on the impacts that COVID-19 has had on the entertainment industry. The he is expected to meet with transportation leaders at the Virginia International Gateway tomorrow.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/6/2021	Freckles the lobster wasn't destined to be served up next to a delicious basket of Cheddar Bay Biscuits. The extremely rare Calico lobster is now at the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News after being discovered at a Red Lobster in Manassas, Virginia. Restaurant staff discovered the orange and black speckled lobster and decided it was lobster best for Freckles to head to the museum for the world to see. Only 1 in 30 million lobsters in the world have his special shell.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/7/2021	Our prayers are with the families and students at Rigby Middle School in Idaho this morning after an incident injured two students and a custodian. A male student has been taken into custody. Thankfully the victims' injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. Students were evacuated to a nearby high school, where parents lined up to be reunited with their children.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/7/2021	The number of Americans seeking unemployment aid fell last week to the lowest point since the pandemic struck, a sign of the job market's growing strength as businesses reopen and consumers step up spending. As vaccinations have been more widely administered, restrictions on businesses have gradually lifted and consumers have become more willing to travel, shop and dine out, which has boosted hiring.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/7/2021	North Carolina lawmakers passed an act that would guarantee at least one visitor at hospitals, nursing homes, and similar facilities. The No Patient Left Alone Act came in response to concerns first raised last year as the pandemic began. Those facilities can still require visitors to wear masks and get screened for COVID-19. They can also restrict someone who tests positive for COVID.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/7/2021	A local High School Senior will be featured on the NFL Network tomorrow for winning "NFL Player of the Week." Conner Hill is the first-ever hometown high school athlete to win this prestigious honor coming from a small Christian school. Hill plays tight end and middle linebacker for Liberty Christian Academy.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/7/2021	Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced that the Commonwealth will soon lift COVID-19 restrictions. June 15 is the day that all capacity and social distancing measures and potentially the mask mandate could be lifted. The current State of Emergency requiring masks in public ends on June 30.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/7/2021	President Biden has proposed revoking a rule that weakened the government's power to enforce a century-old law that protects most U.S. bird species. The Migratory bird Treaty Act is an environmental law that is critical to protecting migratory birds and restoring the declining bird populations. More than 1,000 North American bird species are covered by the treaty.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/7/2021	The Virginia Department of Health is recommending that you do not swim or take part in recreational activities in the Pound River in Dickenson and Wise counties due to an ongoing release sewer water by the town of Pound's wastewater treatment plant. These advisories are in effect from the Skeetrock Bridge to the Flannagan Reservoir.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/7/2021	If you are looking for something to do this weekend Jamestown's 414th birthday celebration is tomorrow. The museum is commemorating Jamestown Day, with new programs and activities including interactive programs, military salutes and maritime demonstrations. The usual sights and attractions will also be open, including the Godspeed, a re-creation of one of the English ships that brought colonists across the Atlantic Ocean and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, has also named it "Indigenous Arts Day" to highlight Native American culture through music, dance and art.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/10/2021	States asked the federal government this week to withhold the COVID-19 vaccine amid declining demand for the shots, contributing to a growing U.S. stockpile of doses. From South Carolina to Washington, states are requesting only a fraction of what's been allocated to them. More than 150 million Americans about 57% of the adult population have received at least one dose of vaccine.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/10/2021	China's space agency said a core segment of its biggest rocket reentered Earth's atmosphere above the Maldives in the Indian Ocean and most of it burned up. Usually, discarded rocket stages reenter the atmosphere soon after liftoff, normally over water, and don't go into orbit. China plans 10 more launches to carry additional parts of the space station into orbit.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/10/2021	Lynchburg Parks & Rec has a wide variety of activities for those of all ages to experience the Hill City. They're offering more than 220 programs this summer, including kayaking, archery, culinary classes, and wildlife education. Parks & Rec is also looking for your input on how they plan for the future. All this month, you can take an online survey of what you want to see.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/10/2021	Veterans from across southwest Virginia came together in Roanoke over the weekend to bring awareness to the mental health issues many of them face after leaving the military. The event organizer said the march was all about veterans supporting each other to prevent veteran suicide. This year, the event organizers partnered with New Freedom Farm to raise funds for the farm's mission of "Healing Heroes through Horses."
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/10/2021	The U.S. Navy seized an arms shipment of thousands of weapons, hidden aboard a ship in the Arabian Sea, apparently bound for Yemen. An American defense official said that the Navy's initial investigation found the vessel came from Iran, despite a United Nations arms embargo.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/10/2021	Albemarle Regional Health Services has provided a list of clinics for an upcoming COVID-19 vaccine event in the region. The clinics will administer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at various locations today through Thursday from 1-3pm.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/10/2021	Some schools across Virginia will be adding electric school buses to their fleet thanks to a program by Dominion Energy. Chesapeake school district added two of the new vehicles to their transportation compound recently and Dominion Energy's electric school bus program is on track to bring 50 buses to localities across the Commonwealth. To ensure that everyone from the bus drivers to the local emergency responders know the ins and outs of an electric bus, Chesapeake Public Schools and its partners will undergo a week-long training.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30n AM	5/10/2021	Community leaders and pastors are fighting back against the recent rise in violence at the James Crossing Apartment complex in Lynchburg. Many community leaders came together and held a small prayer circle where pastors shared their thoughts and prayers for the community. They hope it will help put an end to violence.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/11/2021	The cyber-attack that has forced the shutdown of a vital U.S. pipeline was carried out by a criminal organization. The shutdown has stretched into its third day, with President Biden loosening regulations for the transportation of gas on highways as part of an all-hands-on-deck effort to avoid disruptions in the fuel supply. Experts said that gasoline prices are unlikely to be affected if the pipeline is back to normal in the next few days.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/11/2021	Pfizer and BioNTech have started the process to seek full approval from the Food and Drug Administration for their COVID vaccine. When it comes to whether those who are fully vaccinated will need booster shots down the road, more data is needed. But those who've been naturally infected as well as those who've gotten vaccinated, might have immunity for more than a year, maybe two.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/11/2021	Washington and Lee University might have a new name next month. The university announced earlier this month that they will decide on whether to change their name in June. The university has changed its name several times in its nearly 300 years of existence.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/11/2021	NASA has postponed the KiNET-X 4 rocket launch for a third time due to upper-level winds last night. The rocket will now launch no earlier than 8:05 p.m. tonight. If you're near the coast, you might be able to see the launch from Wallops Island Flight Facility. This rocket is going to release

			vapors in upper atmosphere to study Earth's Magnetic field so you might see green and possibly purple clouds.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/11/2021	Big news for Virginia. 3 million are now fully vaccinated in the commonwealth, that's more than a third of Virginians, and Virginia reported just over 300 new cases yesterday. That's the lowest one-day reporting since the beginning of the pandemic. Hospitalizations are also at their lowest level since the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association began tracking the data.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/11/2021	If you haven't yet filed your taxes, the filing and payment deadline is just days away. Officials say you have until May 17 to submit your return. According to Virginia Tax, it generally takes up to four weeks to process an electronically filed return, and up to eight weeks to process a paper return. As a result of this year's filing and payment extension, no penalties or interest will apply so long as a return is filed, and full payment is made by Monday.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/11/2021	One company is continuing to give back to those working to keep everyone healthy. Crocs is offering health care workers a free pair of shoes. Even the shipping is free! Health care workers can request their free pairs of shoes now until May 14. In 2020, the company said it donated over 860,000 free pairs of shoes to healthcare workers on the frontlines of COVID-19.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/11/2021	The need has increased so much at the Lynchburg Daily Bread, they have to renovate their building to keep up. Many used to crowd into the Daily Bread to eat, but they had to switch to carry out when the pandemic hit which allowed them to serve more in a quicker and safer way. From now on, they will only serve to-go meals through 2 new windows that they are renovating. Right now, they are serving 300 to 600 meals a day.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/12/2021	President Joe Biden is highlighting new programs from ride-sharing companies Uber and Lyft to provide free rides to and from vaccination sites. President Biden also announced new funding for community outreach efforts to encourage Americans to get vaccinated, as well as a new initiative to host federally supported vaccination sites at community colleges.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/12/2021	Virginia Governor Ralph Northam is looking to get ahead of the impact that the cyberattack on the Colonial Pipeline system could have on Virginians. The governor's state of emergency allows for state agencies to issue their own waivers and provides increased flexibility and funding for state and local governments to ensure adequate fuel supply in case of a shortage.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/12/2021	Hurricane season is from June 1 to Nov. 30, but Pulaski County Emergency Management Coordinator warns not to wait until then to get everything in order. One important thing to do is find out if you are in a flood-prone area and if so, make sure you update your flood insurance because it takes 30 days to be in full effect. Also, sign up for your city or county's warning system and make a plan for your family including your pets.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/12/2021	You "donut" want to miss this sweet summer opportunity! Duck Donuts and Sanderling Resort are launching a one-of-a-kind experience that promises to make the summer travel season even sweeter: a donut-themed guest room! Packed with donut-themed experiences, the room pops up in time to celebrate National Donut Day on June 4.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/12/2021	Hit by a cyberattack, the operator of a major U.S. fuel pipeline said it hopes to have services mostly restored by the end of the week as the FBI and administration officials identified the culprits as a gang of criminal hackers. So far there have not been any widespread disruptions, but they are monitoring supply shortages in parts of the Southeast. President Joe Biden has directed federal agencies to bring their resources to help.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/12/2021	U.S. regulators expanded the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to children as young as 12, offering a way to protect the nation's adolescents before they head back to school in the fall and paving the way for them to return to more normal activities. Shots could begin as soon as tomorrow.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/12/2021	This week is National Police Week, a time to thank law enforcement who selflessly fight on the front lines. One million of these heroes are contributing to something greater than themselves. Be praying for officers and the communities that they serve for peace and reconciliation.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/12/2021	If you ever happen to find a dryer sheet inside your mailbox, it's not a prank, there's actually a pretty simple explanation for how it got there. Turns out, some postal workers use dryer sheets to keep from getting stung by wasps while placing mail in residents' mailboxes. The dryer sheet trick should only be used as a preventative solution,

			if wasps do set up shop, the nest needs to be removed immediately.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/13/2021	A number of U.S. schools remain closed to minimize infections, but many districts from Alabama to Wyoming have decided to ditch student mask mandates and more are likely to follow before the next school year starts. While the Food and Drug Administration has approved Pfizer's vaccine for children as young as 12, it's unlikely that many young adolescents will be vaccinated before the end of the academic year, meaning the CDC is still recommending they wear masks if they return to in person learning.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/13/2021	The Treasury Department has launched its \$350 billion program to distribute aid to state and local governments, giving the U.S. economy an added boost. Officials said payments could begin to go out in the coming days to eligible governments, allowing officials to offset the economic damage from the pandemic. Virginia is set to receive \$7.2 billion from the American Rescue Plan.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/13/2021	If you've got what it takes to protect and serve your community, the Roanoke Police Department wants you to apply. Interested applicants must complete an online exam, currently offered on a weekly basis, and two phases of an agility test. Unlike many other departments, cadets can technically start work before the academy begins.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/13/2021	National Nurses Week is this week and with the pandemic, we are realizing just how critical the need is for nurses. A nonprofit organization called Care4Frontline is helping medical professionals in Hampton Road by delivering Pantry Boxes filled with on-the-go snacks and now they are organizing events outside the hospital to help nurses and other medical professionals get a break.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/13/2021	An Israeli army soldier that lost his life in an attack, was the first military death in 3 days of fighting in the Holy city. More than 300 have been wounded, including 86 children and 39 women. Right now, there are no signs that either side is willing to back down.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/13/2021	Gas stations across our region are seeing long lines and some even experienced temporary outages as many are flocking to the pump. This comes following a disruption to one of the East Coast's largest fuel pipelines due to a cyber-attack. Fears of a perceived gas shortage sent many to the pump whether they needed gas or not. Governor Ralph Northam has declared a state of emergency. Good news is the pipeline is now back online and gas is flowing again.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/13/2021	BJ's Wholesale Club is hosting a statewide hiring event on Saturday and looking to fill 150 open positions in Virginia. The hiring event is slated for Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone interested can stop by any BJ's location and apply. They are offering a \$500 sign-on bonus and a \$500 referral bonus for employees who are in good standing for 90-days.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/13/2021	Roanoke City's Parks and Recreation has announced it plans to open the Washington and Fallon Park pools this summer. Opening day, is hanging on the Virginia Department of Health's approval and the pools will only operate at 75 percent capacity. Entrance will be on a first come, first-served basis and you will be required to answer COVID screening questions before you're allowed in.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/14/2021	In a move to send the country back to normal, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eased indoor mask-wearing guidance for those fully vaccinated, allowing them to safely stop wearing masks inside in most places. The new guidance still calls for wearing masks in crowded indoor settings like buses, planes, hospitals, prisons and homeless shelters, but will help clear the way for reopening workplaces, schools, and other venues.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/14/2021	The Williamsburg-James City County school division announced it will partner with Williamsburg Drug Co. to host a free pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic for anyone 16 years or older. The event will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Warhill High School. Pfizer vaccines will be available for anyone with no appointments needed. Anyone younger than 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/14/2021	A new daycare is coming to Lynchburg. HumanKind Early Start will set up shop in the building next to The Crown along Fort Avenue. The team plans to completely renovate the inside of the building. Applications for kids' birth to age 3 are now open.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/14/2021	Strawberry fields across Virginia and North Carolina are now open. If you are looking for a great outdoor activity for the whole family, you can look up strawberry fields in your area. Before you go check their covid guidelines and find out if you need to bring your own container.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/14/2021	Thousands of gas stations across more than a dozen U.S. states are reporting no gas despite the pipeline company's claims of substantial progress in restarting its supply line. Drivers on the East Coast are having trouble, with more than half the stations tapped out in Virginia and North Carolina. Gas is flowing again across most of the South, and other parts that were offline in the Mid-Atlantic region are expected to be operational now.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/14/2021	The Blue Ridge Poison Center at the University of Virginia has issued a warning regarding siphoning gasoline after the center received calls about gasoline poisoning from some who said they accidentally swallowed gasoline after trying to siphon it through a tube from one container to another. If the gasoline gets on your skin, mouth, or eyes it could result in chemical burns and if you swallow gasoline it could lead to nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/14/2021	While some businesses had to shut their doors due to the pandemic, NanoTouch in Forest thrived. The company produces a line of self-cleaning surfaces to stick on high-contact areas, like light switches and door handles. They hit a 3800% increase in sales in 2020 and grew from just three employees to nearly 20 in the past year. They are also doubling the size of their building to triple production. Next month they'll release some new products, like doorknob covers.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/14/2021	More than twenty organizations in Virginia received large literacy grants to help with their education initiatives. Dollar General Literacy Foundation announced that it donated more than \$100,000 in grants to support summer, family and adult literacy programs in Virginia. This donation is its largest one-day grant donation in its 28-year history and will help nearly 3,000 Virginia residents.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/17/2021	The operator of the nation's largest gasoline pipeline that was hit by a ransomware attack announced that it has resumed normal operations, delivering fuel to its markets. The system delivers millions of gallons per hour to markets all along the east coast including South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Washington D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. So we shouldn't see anymore shortages.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/17/2021	Governor Ralph Northam announced that masks are no longer required in most circumstances for those fully vaccinated. However not all businesses are ready to leave the masks behind just yet. Walmart though has said that it won't require vaccinated shoppers or workers to wear a mask in its U.S. stores unless state or local laws say otherwise.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/17/2021	The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles will open more windows in its customer service centers, beginning June 1. This will create 184,000 more appointment opportunities across the commonwealth. You are now able to start scheduling new appointments and additional windows will open in stages on June 1, 15, and in July. They are also hiring new employees to help with those added appointments.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/17/2021	A turtle nest has been spotted in eastern North Carolina. According to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, the first sea turtle nest of the season was found on Ocracoke Island this weekend. Officials said it is a loggerhead nest.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/17/2021	Continue to pray for the unrest in Israel as the violence in Gaza continues. An Israeli airstrike recently targeted and destroyed a high-rise building in Gaza City that housed offices of The Associated Press and other media outlets. At least 145 have lost their lives, including 41 children and 23 women.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/17/2021	Even as railroads are operating longer routes the companies have drastically reduced staffing, prompting unions to warn that moves meant to increase profits could endanger safety. More than 22% of the jobs at Union Pacific, CSX and Norfolk Southern have been eliminated since 2017. The railroads acknowledge they have cut staff, lengthened trains, and made other adjustments to reduce spending, but they are adamant none of those changes increase danger.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/17/2021	A new massive park in Christiansburg aims to provide space for children to play, give dogs a chance to roam free and attract money from visitors. The 63 acres near Huckleberry Trail, will soon be Christiansburg Signature Park. The nearly \$18 million park will have four fields to play football, lacrosse, and soccer. The hope is to attract visitors as far as 200 miles away, especially since the park will have an inclusive playground and splash pad that will help children with disabilities. The full completion of the park is set for the spring of 2023.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/17/2021	The Virginia Military Institute is getting its first female commander. Cadet Kasey Meredith took on the role at a change of command parade on Friday. She is the first female regimental commander in VMI's 182-year history. She will be responsible for the training, appearance, discipline, health, welfare and morale of about 1,700 cadets.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/18/2021	About 1,000 Los Angeles residents remain under evacuation orders as firefighters protect canyon homes from a smoky wildfire. The cause of the fire has been deemed suspicious and is under investigation. Thankfully no buildings have been damaged, and no injuries have been reported.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/18/2021	Last year, over 10,000 families participated in the inaugural National Backyard Concert and Campout. This year, on Friday, families will gather in their backyards, at their churches, and in parks and campgrounds to participate in the second annual event. Registration is free and membership in Trail Life is not required. The event will kick off at 9:00 p.m. with a performance by for King and Country.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/18/2021	Newport News Shipbuilding no longer requires fully vaccinated employees to wear masks at work. They did say however that unvaccinated employees must still wear masks and could face disciplinary action if they don't have one.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/18/2021	The National Park Service has begun a project to evaluate how to repair and possibly relocate the historic lighthouse on North Carolina's Ocracoke Island. It is the second-oldest lighthouse in the nation that's still operating, but has been damaged several times in recent years by hurricanes. The Park Service is now seeking a range of options, including whether to repair the structure as is, elevate it, or relocate it. The Park Service will hold more public meetings in the coming months.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/18/2021	Workshops for Warriors, a San Diego school aims to fix two of America's biggest problems through programs that retrain former military service members into the manufacturing workforce the country needs. They train vets over a four-month period to work in trade programs such as welding and manufacturing, allowing them to take on good jobs with decent salaries paying an average of \$60,000 a year.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/18/2021	The U.S. Secretary of State said that the U.S. would not join growing calls for an immediate cease-fire between Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers as fighting has entered its second week. The U.S. outreach so far is to try to de-

			escalate hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel, from afar by making calls to leaders overseas.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/18/2021	The City of Lynchburg will host a virtual town hall meeting this week to discuss the renaming of Fifth Street. City Council members say they have received inquiries about the possibility of renaming Fifth Street to “Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.” They say the meeting will be tomorrow at 7 p.m. and residents can join via Zoom. If city officials wish to rename the street, the city will need to receive permission from the King Center.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/18/2021	Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Water Country USA will no longer require visitors who are fully vaccinated to wear masks. However, officials said park employees will continue to be required to wear face coverings. They will also not require proof of vaccination.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/19/2021	The European Union foreign ministers met yesterday to discuss how to end the fighting between the Israeli armed forces and Palestinian militants. The EU has been united in its calls for a cease-fire and the need for a political solution to end the latest conflict. No firm decisions involving sanctions or other measures are likely.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/19/2021	Dr. Anthony Fauci is acknowledging the confusion after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that those fully vaccinated don’t need to wear masks in most instances, even indoors. The problem is that there is no way of knowing who is vaccinated and who’s not vaccinated. Meaning it is reasonable that some businesses and localities are maintaining mask requirements because they can’t be sure of an individual’s vaccination history.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/19/2021	After it made VDOT’s list of high crash locations, the City of Lynchburg plans to redesign the Rivermont and Bedford Avenue intersection. The city wants feedback from you and is holding a virtual town hall next Monday at 6 p.m. The project will improve vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle safety by eliminating left turns onto Rivermont Avenue.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/19/2021	Kings Dominion is reopening on Saturday and the park has made updates to its operating protocols to be in alignment with both CDC and Virginia guidelines. All guests ages 5 and older who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a face-covering, while face coverings are not required for fully vaccinated guests.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/19/2021	After the capitol riots in DC on Jan 6th a new security bill is making its way to a vote. The security spending bill would provide congressional offices with more money to combat threats, including enhanced travel security, upgrades to home and district offices and better intelligence to track threats down. The bill would also reinforce doors and windows, add security cameras and provide money for removable fencing that could quickly be erected during a threatening situation.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/19/2021	President Joe Biden said that the U.S. will share 20 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines with the world as domestic demand for the shots has dropped. The doses will come from the existing production of Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine stocks, marking it the first time that U.S.-controlled doses of vaccines will be shared overseas.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/19/2021	The Norfolk Tides kicked off their season last night with a few changes at Harbor Park for their first home game since 2019. Seating was limited for social distancing, with a capacity limit of just under 5,000 fans, spacing markers are in place, and all concession locations now feature streamlined menu options in order to speed up service and minimize lines. Right now there are also no condiment stations.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/19/2021	Colonial Williamsburg is offering bonuses to potential new employees. The bonuses are \$500 for hourly positions and \$1,500 for exempt positions. Those interested in working at Colonial Williamsburg can attend a hiring fair today at Williamsburg Woodlands Conference Center from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/20/2021	Texas has become the largest state with a law that bans taking life in the womb. More than a dozen other states also have a law that bans taking a life after the detection of a fetal heartbeat, as early as six weeks. Although state officials are prohibited from enforcing the ban, anyone even someone outside Texas can sue a provider or anyone else who may have helped someone take a life after the limit.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/20/2021	Kroger is making some changes to its store mask policy. Starting today, fully vaccinated customers and associates will no longer need to wear a mask in their stores. Non-vaccinated associates and customers will be required to wear a mask.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/20/2021	Starting in July, Appalachian Power customers will see their bill go up by around \$11. This comes after the State Corporation Commission approved an AEP request to raise rates to cover transmission costs. AEP services about 500,000 customers in Virginia, and the change only applies to customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/20/2021	A Danville farm has started on a big project to bring food and farm education to the city. God's Storehouse Urban Farm has begun building a greenhouse to help grow fresh food. It plans to donate nearly 1,000 pounds of food to God's Storehouse every year and teach local youth how to grow fresh food. So far about 55 kids have signed up for the farm's summer program.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/20/2021	President Joe Biden increased the pressure on Israel to end the war with the Palestinians that has taken the lives of more than 200, telling Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that he expected significant de-escalation and soon. Egypt and some others have worked without success to broker a halt to fighting, while Hamas officials indicated that they would keep up their rocket strikes into Israel as long Israel continues airstrikes.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/20/2021	President Joe Biden used his first commencement address as commander in chief to tell Coast Guard Academy graduates, they will play a vital role as the United States reasserts itself on the world stage. The president used the speech to position the United States as a defender of global rules, trade and marine law, specifically in the South China Sea and the Arctic.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/20/2021	Yesterday was the first day of vaccinations for kids 12 and over at the Richmond Raceway's vaccination clinic, which has been up and running since January. Officials hope a lot of kids 12 and over as well as 16 and 17-year-olds will get vaccinated at the raceway over the next several days. The clinic will open for the last time next Thursday, May 27. As a result, those getting their first dose will have to go elsewhere to get their second.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/20/2021	You can catch a live ballet performance for free this weekend in Roanoke. Coppelia will be Southwest Virginia Ballet's first live performance since the start of the pandemic. While it won't cost anything to attend the outdoor performance at Elmwood Park you do have to register online ahead of time. You can choose from the 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. performance. The audience will still sit in pods and performers will wear masks especially because many of them are younger and not vaccinated.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/21/2021	One of the biggest questions right now is whether a business can ask to see proof of your vaccination, and legal experts say yes, it is legal for a business to ask you. Also, when the state's emergency order expires at the end of June it will again be illegal for anyone over the age of 16 to wear a face covering in public. Governor Northam said he is committed to making sure individuals who are not vaccinated and/or not comfortable going without a mask still have the option to wear one.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/21/2021	Those attending the University of Virginia this fall will have to be fully vaccinated no later than July 1. For those who request a medical or religious exemption to the vaccination requirement, if granted, they will be subject to weekly COVID-19 testing requirements. Also, at William & Mary, all students, faculty and staff intending to participate in in-person activities in the Fall must provide proof of their vaccination status by July 15.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/21/2021	The City of Danville announced that they have received \$740,000 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for construction of the Riverfront Park to be located next to the White Mill. Officials say the construction would begin next spring, with completion in the spring or summer of 2023.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/21/2021	Tonight, is the night for the annual Trail Life National Backyard Concert & Campout. The event kicks off at 9:00 p.m. with a performance by for King and Country. The brothers, Joel and Luke Smallbone of for King & Country, resonate strongly with the culture and mission of Trail Life which is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/21/2021	The National Hurricane Center has released their forecast for the upcoming hurricane season, an outlook that calls for above-average activity in the Atlantic. The forecast calls for 13-20 named storms and 6-10 hurricanes, 3-5 of which could become major storms.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/21/2021	Norfolk Police have appointed a new Assistant Chief of Police. Michelle Epps makes history as the Department's highest-ranking African American female. She has been with the Department since 2002 following her graduation from the police academy.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/21/2021	Off to his strongest start in four seasons in the NASCAR Cup Series, Liberty University student William Byron hasn't forgotten those who have fought for and sacrificed their lives in service to the United States of America, assuring the freedom its citizens celebrate every Memorial Day. For the fourth year in a row, Byron will drive in the 600 Miles of Remembrance at Charlotte Motor Speedway in honor of a fallen service member. This year, Byron will sport the name of Staff Sgt. Cole Condiff on the windshield of his No. 24 car.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/21/2021	Next week is National Safe Boating Week. Bridgewater Marina is participating in a social media campaign on Facebook and will post tips daily. They are located on Smith Mountain Lake and have a few reminders they wanted to share. Make sure you have enough life vests for everyone on board, have a working fire extinguisher on the boat, and bring a whistle.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/24/2021	New coronavirus cases across the United States have dropped to the lowest rates in more than 11 months. As cases, hospitalizations and deaths steadily drop, pre-pandemic life is starting to resume. However, health experts are cautioning that not enough Americans have been vaccinated to completely extinguish the virus, leaving the potential for new variants that could extend the pandemic.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/24/2021	Several days ahead of the June 1st start date tropical storm Ana has become the first named storm of the 2021 hurricane season. In general, tropical storms thrive where the surface ocean is 80 F or warmer. That's why hurricanes are rare before June 1 and are most likely to occur August through October, when the ocean is at its warmest. Experts say that, now, before a hurricane happens is the best time to prepare your disaster plan.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/24/2021	A Patrick Henry High School teacher that was making care packages for homeless students has now won the title of Education Hero. Allison Gray was nominated for the Cox Education Hero award and out of 250 nominations, she was one of 10 teachers in the state who was selected. Gray will receive \$1,000 to revamp her classroom.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/24/2021	The Norfolk Tides announced that Harbor Park will begin operating at 100% capacity next weekend when the Tides host the Charlotte Knights. Additionally, they will host their first Post-Game Fireworks Extravaganza on Saturday. Fans are now able to buy tickets, with no restrictions, and single-game tickets for the rest of the season go on sale at 10 a.m. on May 26.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/24/2021	Federal health officials' say fully vaccinated Americans can largely skip getting tested for the coronavirus. While those vaccinated can still catch the virus, they face little risk of serious illness from it. They are also very unlikely to spread it.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/24/2021	Mobile COVID-19 vaccine clinics designed to help underserved communities kicked off over the weekend in the Roanoke and Alleghany area. More clinics will be held in Roanoke, Rocky Mount and the New River Valley in the coming weeks.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/24/2021	A new budget airline coming to Norfolk International Airport is expected to create more than 100 new jobs, with nonstop flights to Charleston, New Orleans and more. Breeze Airways will invest \$5.2 million to create a new operations center in Norfolk and tickets are on sale now with introductory fare starting at only \$39 each way.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/24/2021	Hundreds laced up their sneakers this past weekend to help the homeless in Roanoke. More than 330 runners raced virtually and in-person for the Hustle for Homeless 5K in downtown Roanoke. The race raised more than \$17,000 for the homeless.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/25/2021	The US Secretary of State is heading to the Middle East to press the Israelis, Palestinians and regional players to build on last week's Gaza cease-fire by laying the groundwork for an eventual resumption in peace talks. He will visit Israel, the West Bank, Jordan and Egypt for what will be the Biden administration's highest-level in-person meetings on the crisis that erupted earlier this month.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/25/2021	President Joe Biden announced that he's doubling U.S. emergency spending to help communities prepare for hurricanes and other extreme weather events. The \$1 billion in spending is a small fraction of what the U.S. spends on weather-related disasters each year. Last year alone, the nation endured 22 weather disasters with losses greater than \$1 billion each. The disasters, including wildfires, hurricanes and snowstorms, had a cumulative price tag of nearly \$100 billion.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/25/2021	A truck carrying at least 160 pigs overturned in Suffolk yesterday morning. Police said the driver was charged in connection with the accident. The Smithfield Foods truck was the only vehicle involved and the driver of the truck had minor injuries and was cited at the scene for failure to maintain proper control. Smithfield Foods didn't respond to requests for comment on the accident and there is no word on the condition of the pigs.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/25/2021	The CMA CGM Marco Polo, the largest container ship to call on the East Coast, has arrived in Norfolk. The Port of Virginia will celebrate the ship's arrival in a cruise aboard the American Rover, which is docked at Waterside. The company announced this year it's expanding operations, with 400 new jobs expected.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/25/2021	Nearly five months after being deployed to the U.S. Capitol to help stop the Jan. 6 riots, National Guard troops are set to leave and turn over security of the area to Capitol Police. The Pentagon announced that an extension of the Guard presence of over 2,000 troops has not been requested.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/25/2021	Today marks one year since George Floyd, lost his life after former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin held his knee on Floyd's neck for almost 9 minutes. Officer Chauvin was convicted and members of George Floyd's family, and others who lost loved ones to police encounters, joined activists and citizens in Minneapolis for a march over the weekend that was one of several events planned nationwide to mark the one-year anniversary of Floyd's death.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/25/2021	A Roanoke County favorite is not returning. The Wingate family announced The Homeplace Restaurant located in Catawba (ku-taa-buh) will not be reopening. The extremely popular restaurant, closed on Oct. 18, 2020, because its family-style eating did not work amidst the pandemic. In the days before the restaurant closed, hundreds came out to have a final meal at the establishment of more than 38 years.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/25/2021	Hampton University will give financial assistance to graduates in the classes of 2020 and 2021. Graduates with federal student loans will be given \$500 towards their loans and students who do not have federal student loans will be reimbursed their graduation fee of \$150. Graduates will be honored at an in-person ceremony on-campus in December. Students will be provided details by the end of June.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/26/2021	The Biden administration says many American citizens holding recently expired U.S. passports will be allowed to return home from abroad on that document until the end of year. Due to delays in passport renewals caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the State Department said certain passports that expired on or after Jan. 1, 2021, will be honored for reentry into the United States until Dec. 31.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/26/2021	President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden will kick off the Memorial Day weekend with a visit to Hampton Roads. The Bidens will travel to Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton on Friday. This will be their second visit to the Hampton Roads region this month.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/26/2021	Join Virginia Career Works on June 3, from 3:00 PM to 6:00pm for their outdoor hiring event at the Virginia Career Works Roanoke Center located on Thirlane Road NW. Not only could you potentially get a job on the spot, but you can also get a free Pfizer vaccine. Pre-registration is not required for either the hiring event or the vaccination clinic.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/26/2021	Members of Roanoke County and Vinton cut the ribbon on the newest portion of the Roanoke Valley Greenway system, the Glade Creek Greenway Phase II yesterday. This part of the greenway will provide a fitness facility for residents, a connection to downtown Vinton, a park, and a connection to the wider greenway network.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/26/2021	Moderna said its COVID-19 vaccine strongly protects kids as young as 12, a step that could put the shot on track to become the second option for that age group in the U.S. Moderna will submit its teen data to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other global regulators early next month.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/26/2021	The federal government will issue cybersecurity regulations in the coming days for U.S. pipeline operators following the cyber-attack that led to fuel shortages across much of the Eastern US. The Transportation Security Administration, which oversees the nation's network of pipelines, is expected to issue a security directive this week that will include a requirement that pipeline companies report cyber incidents to the federal government.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/26/2021	The Norfolk Department of Public Health has issued a swimming advisory for East Community Beach in Ocean View. Officials say water testing revealed bacteria levels in the area exceeding State Water Quality Standards. Signs have been posted to alert the public of the advisory. Health officials say they will continue testing beach water and will remove posted signs and notify the public when the bacteria levels decrease to meet state standards.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/26/2021	The Norfolk and Western Class 611 steam engine rolled through Lynchburg earlier this week. The 611 train is a part of the Norfolk and Western Railway's J Class steam locomotives, built between 1941 and 1950. Whenever you get the chance, it is always a sight to see.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/27/2021	If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 you can still test positive for the virus. It's what health officials call vaccine breakthrough cases. So far, in the U.S., 125 million have been fully vaccinated, which means those breakthrough cases account for fewer than one in 64,000.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/27/2021	Amazon, is buying MGM, the movie and TV studio with the hopes of filling its video streaming service with more stuff to watch. Amazon is paying over \$8 billion for MGM, making it the company's second-largest acquisition after it bought Whole Foods for nearly \$14 billion in 2017.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/27/2021	As coronavirus cases decrease in our area, Carilion Clinic is set to loosen visitation restrictions for patients. Carilion will transition its visitation restrictions from the yellow level, which only allowed adult patients one visitor, to the green level, which will allow for each adult patient to have two visitors per day during an inpatient stay. At this level, hospital waiting rooms are still closed.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/27/2021	The nationwide search for a new Lynchburg city manager has reached an end. Council has officially appointed Winter Benda, current chief deputy city manager for Norfolk, as the new city manager. City council unanimously adopted a resolution appointing Benda to the position, effective Aug. 4. Benda began working for the city of Norfolk more than 10 years ago and is excited for this opportunity in Lynchburg.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/27/2021	President Joe Biden has asked U.S. intelligence officials to redouble their efforts to investigate the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.S. intelligence agencies will report back on their findings within 90 days. He also directed U.S. national laboratories to assist with the investigation and called on China to cooperate with international probes into the origins of the pandemic.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/27/2021	The City of Lynchburg announced that they are working on plans to improve the James River experience. In 2020, Amherst County was awarded funds to help provide National Park Service staff assistance to facilitate outdoor protection and recreational initiatives. The Amherst grant will guide a vision and action plan to expand interaction with the James River and its waterfront. You can give your feedback by taking the James River Survey online about how to improve the river.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/27/2021	With restrictions easing travel is resuming. More are taking to the skies and that's great news for the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport. This April the airport reported over 32,000 passengers flying into and out of the Star City. That marks a massive increase from last April when the airport only had 1,800 travelers.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/27/2021	This Memorial Day it's not just about those service men and women we've lost in combat but those veterans we've lost to depression too. U.S. Army veteran Jarrad Turner is remembering the seven he lost in combat, but also the 11 that have taken their own life. The Shepherd's Men is a group that just spent 22 hours at each stop on a weeklong, seven-city journey while wearing 22-pound vests representing 22 veterans who take their lives in the United States each day. Their mission is to raise awareness about head injuries and veteran mental health.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/28/2021	After more than a year of restrictions, today is the day when the vast majority of COVID-19 restrictions in place will be lifted by Governor Ralph Northam. Despite the removal of restrictions, some businesses are still choosing to wear a mask. Capacity limits and social distancing are also being tossed out as restrictions are lifted.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/28/2021	With this being the first semi normal holiday in over a year AAA is warning you to expect delays if you plan on traveling this weekend. AAA predicted that more than 37 million are expected to travel at least 50 miles over the weekend. Travel times are expected to be about 20% higher than usual, with delays mostly in the late afternoons and early evenings.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/28/2021	Whether the sun's shining or just peeking through the clouds, as the temperatures rise, so does the risk of car-related deaths. Cars heat up 20 degrees every 10 minutes, and children's bodies can't cool themselves like adults. Remember to "A.C.T." Avoid leaving a child in a car under any circumstance, and under Virginia law, if you acting in good faith to rescue a child from a hot car won't be prosecuted.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/28/2021	The mission is in the name the Miss & Mister Abilities pageant is a new event to Southwest Virginia and it's redefining what it means to have special needs by spotlighting the "ability" in "disability". The event will be virtual on October 23rd, and contestants will record their runway walk, their talent, and there's also an interview portion. The deadline to enter is September 10th and they are only taking 45 contestants.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/28/2021	One question a lot of us have been asking is can employers make COVID-19 vaccination mandatory, and the short answer is yes, with some exceptions. Experts say U.S. employers can require employees to take safety measures, including vaccination. That doesn't necessarily mean you will get fired if you refuse, but you might need to sign a waiver or agree to work under specific conditions to limit any risk you might pose to yourself or others. For example,

			you can request exemptions for medical or religious reasons.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/28/2021	Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told Congress that America's troop withdrawal from Afghanistan is slightly ahead of schedule, but he provided no details. President Joe Biden has ordered a full U.S. troop withdrawal by Sept. 11. The Defense Department's proposed \$715 billion budget will include money to help the military develop the capabilities to prevent attacks against the United States by terrorist groups in Afghanistan once the troops are home.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	5/28/2021	Why should tourists come to Virginia Beach? Well it all has to do with Operation Oceanfront a three-part investigation into preparations for what officials hope will be a summer of recovery from COVID-19 and social unrest over the past year. Part 1 is how Virginia Beach is working to reduce crime and rebuild for a successful summer season, part 2 is getting workers back, and part 3 includes more entertainment programming and revitalization projects.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	5/28/2021	Officials in Virginia Beach announced their plans for the 2021 remembrance of the May 2019 Virginia Beach Municipal Center incident that took the lives of 12 and injured multiple others. Virginia Beach is closing early today and modifying services in remembrance. Officials plan to release a ceremony on the evening of Sunday May 30. The goal of this ceremony is to honor those lost while encouraging the community to pledge to serve or commit to acts of kindness in remembrance.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/1/2021	President Joe Biden marked his first Memorial Day weekend as commander in chief by honoring the nation's sacrifices in a deeply personal manner as he paid tribute to those lost while remembering his late son Beau, a veteran who passed away six years ago. President Biden started the day in Delaware and then headed to Arlington National Cemetery.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/1/2021	A rocket carrying supplies for China's new space station blasted off from an island in the South China Sea. The agency said the craft entered orbit 10 minutes later and the launch was deemed a perfect success. The Chinese space agency says 11 launches are planned through the end of next year to deliver two more modules for the 70-ton station.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/1/2021	Repairs on a water main break in Chatham are underway. Pittsylvania County Safety says the breach occurred between Cherrystone Creek and Columbia Forest Products in a swampy forest area. A boil water notice is in effect until further notice. Residents can bring containers for water to the Chatham Volunteer Fire Dept., where they're also distributing bottled water.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/1/2021	The city of Williamsburg announced that it plans to reopen all of its facilities today. Fully vaccinated residents will no longer be required to wear face coverings in city buildings, in accordance with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control guidelines.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/1/2021	The expanded child tax credit will take effect soon and bring money every month to the bank accounts of eligible parents. The payments, which are part of the American Rescue Plan, start July 15. Nationally, experts predict the tax credit will cut child poverty substantially. As with anything tax-related, this can be complicated, and the payments phase out at certain incomes.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/1/2021	North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper directed \$51 million in new funding to help students access and complete education as the state recovers from the pandemic. They will invest \$44 million of the funds to help students access college and earn degrees starting this fall; \$5 million to support mental health initiatives across state institutions; and \$2.4 million into equity-focused initiatives for K-12 students and families.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/1/2021	The charity group ICNA Relief partnered with Henrico County Public Schools to distribute foods to more than 100 area families. The drive featured items like canned foods, fruits, veggies, pasta and sauce with the goal of supporting families in need for up to two weeks.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/1/2021	If you're looking for a fun family night, The Backyard in Forest will be kicking off summer with a new event. They will soon host movie nights once a month, with the first one being this Saturday. Tickets are 30 dollars and are on sale now. The event is limited to 40 cars.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/2/2021	It may be too little, too late as Japan scrambles to catch up on a slow vaccination drive less than two months before the Summer Olympics. The Olympics risk becoming an incubator for "a Tokyo variant," as 15,000 foreign athletes and tens of thousands of officials, sponsors, and journalists from about 200 countries descend on a largely unvaccinated Japanese population.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/2/2021	Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, a favorite feature of Sam's Club for many has been missing. Thankfully now it's back. Sam's Club announced the return of its sampling and demo program, Taste & Tips. Along with the free samples Sam's is testing new ways to sample items, such as roaming events that bring sampling directly to members as they checkout, visit the member services desk or use Sam's Club Curbside Pickup.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/2/2021	Paid sick leave for thousands of Virginia home healthcare workers is now a reality. Once the bill takes effect on July 1, employers will be required to provide paid sick leave to 30,000 home healthcare workers who work for clients under the state's Medicaid plan.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/2/2021	Two counties have put negotiations on hold when it comes to funding a fire and rescue agency. Pittsylvania and Franklin Counties have been discussing how to fund the Cool Branch Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Both counties have decided to halt negotiations as Franklin County leaders consider their options.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/2/2021	Moderna, the manufacturer of one of three COVID-19 vaccine available in the United States, announced it has initiated the process with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for full authorization of its vaccine. In May, the biotechnology company said its COVID-19 vaccine strongly protects kids as young as 12 – which could put it on track to become the second option for that age group in the U.S.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/2/2021	To collect unemployment, Virginia residents will now have to prove they're looking for work. According to the Virginia Employment Commission, the job search requirement will be active again this June. If you claim unemployment you will have to report two job searches per week starting by the end of this week.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/2/2021	As the summer approaches, the American Red Cross is looking to boost their volunteer rolls. The agency has a critical need for donor ambassadors and transportation specialists. For more information, you can check out redcross.org/volunteertoday .
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/2/2021	Good news for shoppers. As the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, fitting rooms are now reopened. That means you can once again try on clothes before buying them.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/3/2021	The largest warship in the Iranian navy caught fire and later sank yesterday in the Gulf of Oman under unclear circumstances. The ship was used to resupply other ships in the fleet at sea and conduct training exercises. 400

			sailors and trainee cadets on board fled the vessel, with 33 suffering injuries.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/3/2021	Amazon said that it will hold its annual Prime Day over two days in June this year, the earliest it has ever held the sales event. Amazon said it was holding it earlier due to the Olympics, which starts next month. Last year, Amazon postponed Prime Day to October because of the pandemic and used the sales event to kickoff holiday shopping early. This year, Prime Day will be held from June 21 to June 22.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/3/2021	Students will be able to continue receiving meals throughout the summer months, according to an announcement by Lynchburg City Schools. The locations include six neighborhood community centers, Miller Park, Heritage High School, E.C. Glass High School and Linkhorne Middle School.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/3/2021	Get excited race fans! We will see a full-capacity Martinsville Speedway this fall. The Speedway announced that there will not be any attendance restrictions during NASCAR race weekend on Oct. 30 and 31.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/3/2021	The state Senate has voted for a bill that would give bonuses to North Carolina's unemployment benefit recipients who get a job soon. The measure would provide \$1,500 to those who accept reemployment within 30 days of the bonus program starting. The bonus would drop to \$800 after 30 days.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/3/2021	New Zealand is the latest country to sign a space agreement with NASA, just as New Zealand's space industry begins to take off. New Zealand became the eleventh signatory to the Artemis Accords, a blueprint for space cooperation and supporting the U.S. space agency's plans to return humans to the moon by 2024 and to launch a historic human mission to Mars.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/3/2021	You can call now to reserve your ticket for the St. Jude Dream Home. One lucky ticket winner will get a brand-new house, valued at \$525,000! Tickets are available for just \$100, and the money raised goes to help St. Jude save the lives of a children with cancer. Last year the community raised more than \$650,000. The sooner you reserve your ticket the more prizes you could win. All of the prizes will be given away on August 25!
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/3/2021	Prince William County has reported the area's first positive West Nile virus case. Public Works officials applied an insecticide throughout the area that targets adult mosquitoes, and they will continue to monitor the area during mosquito season and will act accordingly.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/4/2021	Buckingham Palace says Queen Elizabeth II will meet U.S. President Joe Biden at Windsor Castle during his visit to the U.K. to attend the Group of Seven leaders' summit next week. The monarch will host the president and first lady Jill Biden on the final day of summit. The leaders of the industrialized nations are holding their first face-to-face meeting in more than two years.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/4/2021	Know anyone between the ages of 16 and 21 who is looking for a summer job? From June 21 through July 30, Goodwill will host a six-week program where students can receive classroom training to enhance their job skills along with paid summer employment in a job that best aligns with their skill set and interests. Valley Metro bus passes will be provided if transportation is needed.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/4/2021	Governor Ralph Northam said that Walraven, Inc., a global installation company, will invest \$7 million to relocate its headquarters and manufacturing operation to Danville-Pittsylvania County. The company will occupy the Cane Creek Shell Building in Cane Creek Centre bringing 46 new jobs to the area.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/4/2021	The Downtown Lynchburg Association has announced the return of fireworks downtown on Friday, July 2 to celebrate Independence Day. The fireworks display will be the first-time fireworks will be provided downtown since 2017. Riverfront Park, the Lower Bluffwalk and a portion of Midtown Parking Deck will be available for free to viewers of the fireworks that are set to begin around 9:15 p.m.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/4/2021	Today marks the beginning of the National Month of Action with the goal of getting 70% of U.S. adults at least one COVID-19 shot by July 4. For Virginians, the best place to go to find out where to get the vaccine is vaccinate.virginia.gov . If you want to get vaccinated today to mark the National Vaccine Day of Action, Centra is hosting a vaccination clinic at Candler's Station, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments aren't required but they are encouraged.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/4/2021	Nationwide, more than 7,000 have passed away in the summertime due to teen driving related crashes from 2010 to 2019. That's more than seven per day during the 100 days between Memorial Day to Labor Day. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety says teen drivers ages 16-17 are three times as likely as adults to be involved in a deadly crash. The three main factors that commonly cause these crashes are distraction, not wearing a seat belt, and speeding.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/4/2021	Grab your resumes! River Ridge Mall is hosting a job fair today. The job fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Center Court and will feature over a dozen of River Ridge retailers and businesses that are seeking new employees.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/4/2021	Big things are happening this weekend at the National D-Day Memorial. Sunday marks 77 years since the Allied invasion of Normandy in World War II. Today kicks off a three-day commemoration starting at 1 p.m. with a virtual panel discussion with world-renown historians. Then on Saturday the memorial will have the Enduring Freedom band and if you would like to visit the memorial admission is free on Sunday from 9:30am to noon, and at 10 a.m., there is a wreath-laying ceremony.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/7/2021	On D-Day, more than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches in Normandy. This year the beaches stood vast and empty exactly 77 years since the invasion. For the second year in a row, anniversary commemorations were marked by virus travel restrictions that have prevented veterans or families from making the trip to France. Only a few officials were allowed exceptions. Charles Shay, 96 who now lives in Normandy, was a 19-year-old U.S. Army medic at the time and was the only veteran present in person at the beach yesterday.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/7/2021	There are still some waiting to get the latest stimulus checks and there's even talk of another round of payments. It comes as tax credits and this one could get you \$8,000 if you qualify. If you care for one child or dependent, you can claim \$8,000 in expenses, and if you care for more than one child, you can claim up to \$16,000 in expenses.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/7/2021	Washington and Lee University will not change its name. The Board of Trustees voted 22-6 in favor of maintaining the name. The vote comes after an 11-month review of the university's name, symbols and other issues related to its history and campus environment. While keeping the name, the board also decided to expand diversity and inclusion initiatives and make changes to campus buildings, practices, and governance.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/7/2021	Taking back the community one step at a time that's what the Newport News Police Department will be doing over the next several weeks in an effort to connect with residents across the city. Chief Steve Drew said these engagement events are important, to help strengthen police relations with weary residents.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/7/2021	President Joe Biden intends to confront Russia's leader, Vladimir Putin, about Moscow's harboring of ransomware criminals when the two men meet in Europe later this month. The Biden administration has also promised to boost defenses against attacks, improve efforts to prosecute those responsible and build diplomatic alliances to pressure countries that harbor ransomware gangs.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/7/2021	There's now a COVID-19 memorial in downtown Danville on the corner of Main Street and North Union St. The memorial is open to everyone in the community. It's a place to remember any family or friends who passed away from the virus.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/7/2021	Finding someone to respond to emergencies in Lynchburg is becoming a big challenge for both the fire department and police department. The police department has 23 vacancies, and the Fire Department has eight. If you are interested in applying you can do so online.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/7/2021	A local non-profit is back with its Chalk It Up initiative to help spread positivity and love in the Star City. Picking their favorite color and getting right to work, many wrote messages of love on the walls and on the ground in chalk. In 2020, Humble Hustle created the event as an outlet for the community during the peak of the coronavirus pandemic and social justice movements. The organization encourages others to step outside of their home and keep the momentum going by displaying their masterpieces online using #ChalkItUp in their caption.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/8/2021	The Justice Department has recovered the majority of a multimillion-dollar ransom payment to hackers after a cyberattack that caused the fuel pipeline to halt its operations last month. Colonial officials have said they took their pipeline system offline before the attack could spread to its operating system and decided to pay a roughly \$4 million ransom in hopes of bringing itself back online as soon as it could.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/8/2021	Fisher-Price says it is recalling a model of its 4-in-1 Rock 'n Glide Soothers. Fisher-Price said they are designed to mimic the motion of a baby being rocked in someone's arms. They were sold from January 2014 through December 2020.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/8/2021	The battle over removing the Robert E. Lee Statue in Richmond heads to the Supreme Court of Virginia today. The court will hear arguments to decide whether the commonwealth can proceed with taking it down. The Supreme Court will announce its decision within the next couple months.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/8/2021	Offering good home cookin' since 1952, a Botetourt County restaurant will soon be permanently closing its doors. Greenwood Restaurant, located on U.S. Route 11 in Troutville, will serve its final meals on Saturday, June 19.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/8/2021	Jeff Bezos will be aboard for Blue Origin's first human space flight next month. In an Instagram post Bezos said he, his brother, and the winner of an ongoing auction, will be aboard Blue Origin's New Shepard spacecraft during it's scheduled launch on July 20 which is the anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/8/2021	Virginia Commonwealth University announced that all students either living, attending classes or working on campus must be vaccinated before the fall semester. Students have until July 15 to report their vaccination to VCU's University Student Health Services.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/8/2021	Crews from Lynchburg Water Resources are working to repair a water main break on US Route 460 westbound along Richmond Highway and east of the Falwell Airport. Customers may experience discolored water and temporary interruption to water service while repairs are being made.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/8/2021	The monument honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stands once again on a small island at the busy intersection of East Brambleton Avenue and Church Street in Norfolk. The city ordered the 83-foot-tall memorial to be restored which means two lanes of traffic are closed for the next two weeks.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/9/2021	Shortly after United Auto Workers rejected a new six-year labor agreement at the New River Valley truck assembly plant in Dublin, Volvo Trucks North America announced that the union decided to resume their strike at the plant. Volvo says the Dublin plant is the largest manufacturer of Volvo tractor-trailer trucks in the world, and one of the largest employers in the region.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/9/2021	The Virginia Department of Social Services announced it will release emergency allotment for its Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) this month. The agency said these benefits will be automatically loaded onto recipients' Electronic Benefits Transfer cards on June 16. If you have any questions about your benefits, you can contact your local department of social services
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/9/2021	A military transport bus overturned in Prince George County resulting in injuries for 14 of the 25 soldiers onboard. Of the 14 injured, four were taken to the hospital. The rest only had minor injuries that were treated at the scene. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/9/2021	Lynchburg Beacon of Hope has received \$270,000 for three multi-year scholarships to assist Lynchburg City School students. The Hilltopper Alumni Football Scholarship, the Ainslie Teachers Scholarship and Incentive, and the George and Cinda Hurt Commonwealth Scholarships, will help close the financial gap for dozens of Lynchburg's students pursuing their futures.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/9/2021	U.S. employers have posted a record 9 million job openings as the U.S. economy is reopening at record speed. The only downside is employers only hired around 6 million, suggesting that positions are opening faster than companies can fill them. Hotels and restaurants reported the biggest increase in job openings.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/9/2021	Roads are being closed off around Tokyo Olympic venues, including the new \$1.4 billion National Stadium where the opening ceremony is set for July 23. This is a clear sign that Tokyo Olympic planners and the International Olympic Committee are moving forward despite public opposition and warnings about the risks of the games becoming a spreader event. Tokyo and other parts of Japan are under a state of emergency until June 20.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/9/2021	The Lynchburg Fire Department is seeking applicants for the position of Firefighter/Recruit. If you are interested in a rewarding career serving our community the deadline to apply is June 14th.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/9/2021	The largest songwriter's festival on the east returns this year. Lyrics on the Lake Songwriters Festival will kick off on June 23 at Smith Mountain Lake. This year's festival will raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals which raises funds for 170 children's hospitals across the United States. These funds will specifically go to Carilion Children's, Centra, Virginia Baptist, and Lynchburg General Hospitals in Roanoke and Lynchburg.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/10/2021	President Joe Biden is eager to reassert the United States on the world stage as he heads to Europe for the first time as President. Building toward his trip-ending summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, President Biden will aim to reassure European capitals that the United States can once again be counted on as a dependable partner. The president first travels to Britain for a summit of the Group of Seven leaders and then Brussels for a NATO summit and a meeting with the heads of the European Union.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/10/2021	If you're looking for a new job, you may be in luck, Kroger wants to hire approximately 10,000 new associates. The company is planning a hiring event today to provide opportunities in retail, e-commerce, pharmacy, manufacturing, and logistics operations. This hiring event will be held in a hybrid manner, which means you can apply either in-store or online.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/10/2021	Shentel is continuing to work to bring service into the Lynchburg area which has resulted in several roads having temporary lane closures in the city. Work will continue through Monday, July 26, including weekends, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day, weather permitting.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/10/2021	A bear got himself into a tricky situation that left him 20 feet off the ground. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources was sent to a manufacturing plant in Pulaski County after receiving the report of a bear stuck in the rafters of the building. After they arrived, officers decided that it was best to immobilize the bear to safely remove it. Then using a forklift and a platform, the bear was safely removed and released back into the wild.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/10/2021	For months, President Joe Biden has laid out goals for taming the pandemic. Now, the U.S. is unlikely to meet his target to have 70% of Americans at least partially vaccinated by July 4. So far 14 states have reached 70% coverage among adults, with about a dozen more on pace to reach the milestone by July 4. They are asking states, with low vaccination rates, to step up their efforts.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/10/2021	Beech-Nut Nutrition has issued a voluntary recall of Beech-Nut Stage 1, Single Grain Rice Cereal. According to the company a sample tested came back as having arsenic in it. The recalled lot carries an expiration date of May 1st 2022. Either toss the product or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/10/2021	Virginia Tech is the latest among the Virginia universities to require its students to be vaccinated before returning to campus. Vaccinations will be required for all students with exemptions for medical and religious beliefs. While COVID-19 vaccinations aren't required for faculty and staff, it is strongly encouraged.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/10/2021	As Virginia begins to recover and businesses reopen, the commonwealth is making it easier for parents to get back to work. Virginia's Child Care Program has been temporarily expanded and now covers job seekers. To qualify at the expanded income eligibility level, the family must include at least one child under the age of 5 who's not yet enrolled in kindergarten. All children 12 and

			younger will be covered. The deadline is July 3, to apply, visit childcareva.com .
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/11/2021	U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine announced over \$15 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help Virginians access affordable housing. The funding was awarded through the Emergency Housing Vouchers Program and authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act. This will help American families and individuals access quality housing resources.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/11/2021	Do you own an Amazon smart device? If so, odds are good that the company is sharing your internet connection with your neighbors unless you've specifically told it not to. They launched a program that forces users to automatically share a small portion of their WiFi with neighbors. The only way to stop it is to turn it off yourself. It's called Amazon Sidewalk, and you can turn it off by going through your settings, just make sure you do it on all your devices.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/11/2021	The remains of an Army Staff Sargent, who lost his life during World War II, have been identified. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that Army Staff Sgt. Raymond C. Blanton, of Richmond, Virginia, was identified. Blanton will be buried on July 1, in his hometown.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/11/2021	Heavy rain brought flooding across Central Virginia and resulted in over a dozen flooded vehicles. The Richmond Fire Department warned citizens to be careful on the roads as they received multiple calls for vehicles stuck in high water. The department is reminding you do not drive through standing water.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/11/2021	The leaders of Britain and the United States are vowing to defend their countries' values against challenges old and new, in a document set out ahead of a the Group of Seven summit in England. President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Boris Johnson, met for more than an hour yesterday and signed a document that promotes free trade, human rights and a rules-based international order, and to counter those who seek to undermine their alliances and institutions.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/11/2021	Johnson & Johnson said that U.S. regulators extended the expiration date on millions of doses of their vaccine by six weeks. The company said a review concluded the shots remain safe and effective for at least 4 1/2 months. The FDA has been reviewing expiration dates on all three U.S. authorized vaccines and the vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna, have a six-month shelf life.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/11/2021	An area library system is thanking the community after it got a huge donation of children's books. Roanoke Public Libraries says it got a total of almost 42,000 books valued at \$538,000. Roanoke Public Libraries says it plans to share all of the donated books with the community over the coming months.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/11/2021	In recent weeks, residents of Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. have been finding sick and dying birds. Most of them have been blinded. The cause of what appears to be a neurological disorder has not yet been discovered. Some have suggested the problem might be caused by spraying insecticides on cicadas, which experts warn against because many animals, including dogs, cats, and birds eat cicadas and could get sick.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/14/2021	Israel is set to swear in a new government that will end Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's leadership after a record 12 years in office. Netanyahu, who is on trial for corruption, remains the head of the largest party in parliament and if just one faction leaves, it would be at risk of collapse, giving Netanyahu an opening to return to power.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/14/2021	The airline industry's recovery from the pandemic passed a milestone as more than 2 million traveled through U.S. airport security checkpoints for the first time since early March 2020. The fear of large-scale furloughs has lifted for airline workers as well. United Airlines, which lost \$7 billion and threatened to furlough 13,000 workers last fall, told employees this week that their jobs are secure even when the federal money runs out in October.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/14/2021	A search and rescue ground team from the Civil Air Patrol's Danville Composite Squadron in the United States Air Force Auxiliary was tasked with locating a hidden object in a remote area ten miles east of the city as part of a training exercise. The team included cadets, ages 12-18, and senior members, age 18 and over.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/14/2021	A fifth ocean has been designated by National Geographic. The icy waters surrounding Antarctica below the Earth's southern 60th parallel are officially being named the Southern Ocean. The waters are colder and ecologically

			distinct, making it a home for thousands of species that can't live anywhere else on Earth.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/14/2021	The head of the World Health Organization has welcomed the vaccine-sharing announcements coming out of the Group of Seven summit. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the summit's host, has said the group would pledge at least 1 billion doses, with half that number coming from the United States and 100 million from Britain over the next year. Reaching the goal requires 100 million doses in June and July, and 250 million more by September.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/14/2021	Governor Ralph Northam announced a new "Return to Earn" program in hopes of encouraging many to return to work. The pilot program will match an employer bonus up to \$500 with federal aid, meaning a new hire could get up to \$1,000. That could come in a lump payment or installments to offset ongoing costs of childcare, transportation, and other things.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/14/2021	This week is Lynchburg's restaurant week! Community leaders hope it will bring a big boost for struggling businesses. About a dozen restaurants are participating and offering specials. Part of the proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels of Greater Lynchburg. It runs through Saturday.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/14/2021	Miller Park Pool is back up and running this summer. This year they will have special events including paws in the pool, National Guard Day, and even glow light swim. This is their first time opening since 2019. Staff will be required to wear masks, and admission is three dollars for ages 3 and up. They are open every day from 1-6.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/15/2021	Vice President Kamala Harris visited South Carolina to kick off a nationwide push to vaccinate millions more Americans against the coronavirus as the July 4 holiday approaches. Vice President Harris will next head to Atlanta on Friday to encourage vaccinations. Rideshare services are offering free rides to vaccine sites, and pharmacies across the country are staying open 24 hours a day to help get the vaccines out. Also many childcare facilities are offering free childcare while you get vaccinated and recover from their side effects.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/15/2021	Dominion Energy is investing billions of dollars to change energy in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and the United States as a whole. That includes giving up fossil fuels for wind and solar power. 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach it takes about two hours to reach the wind turbine site, and right now, the two turbines produce enough electricity for 3,000 homes.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/15/2021	Some lakes are dealing with high water levels after record-breaking rainfall in parts of Southwest Virginia. If you are planning a day on the lake, there are some safety tips you should keep in mind. Make sure you always have a life jacket for everyone on board and adjust them to fit correctly. Also, with the recent rain it's important to watch out for debris in the water.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/15/2021	The National Museum of the U.S. Army debuted during the pandemic, on Veterans Day in November of 2020 and then was forced to close. Finally, yesterday it reopened on the 246th birthday of the U.S. Army. A special day for the Armed Forces and a special place in Fairfax County located just outside Fort Belvoir that tells the story of the oldest and largest military branch in the nation. Admission is free, but you must book your tickets online in advance and only 5 tickets per order.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/15/2021	President Joe Biden made his entrance at a NATO summit, aiming to consult European allies on efforts to counter actions by China and Russia while highlighting the U.S. commitment to the 30-country alliance. The summit comes as President Biden tries to rally allies for greater coordination in checking China and Russia, whose actions on economic and national security fronts have become the chief foreign policy concerns in the early going of the Biden presidency.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/15/2021	If Walt Disney World in Florida is on your summer vacation list, they are now making it easier to see smiles again, but guests still can't hug the characters. Starting today face masks will be optional for visitors who are vaccinated. Disney officials said they expect to ease up on physical distancing guidelines in the near future.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/15/2021	It's been a hard year for students, now Lynchburg City Schools is starting their summer learning programs and they have more students than ever. Nearly 2,000 students have enrolled. The programs are running now through mid-July.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/15/2021	The Virginia Aquarium's newest seal has had quite the journey to Virginia Beach. The unnamed seal, which is just over 1 year old, has been rescued three times already. The seal will soon begin behavior training, but it needs a name so the aquarium will open a naming auction this week for you to bid on a naming opportunity. The auction will run from today to June 25.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/16/2021	Cue the fireworks. President Joe Biden wants to encourage nationwide celebrations on Independence Day to mark the country's effective return to normalcy after 16 months of the pandemic. The White House is expressing growing certainty that July Fourth will serve as a breakthrough moment in the nation's recovery, even though the U.S. is not expected to quite reach its goal of having 70% of adults vaccinated by the holiday.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/16/2021	The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has awarded \$30 million to Virginia to address health imbalances created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The two-year grant provides \$27 million to the state and an additional \$3 million for the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health. About \$12 million will be used in rural Virginia communities and most of the grant, \$14 million, will be administered through mini-grant programs in communities.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/16/2021	The second named storm of the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season has developed off the Eastern Seaboard. Meteorologists continue to warn of the potential for development in the southwestern Gulf of Mexico later this week. The tropical disturbance over the eastern Caribbean Sea is projected to drift toward the region tomorrow and could help to provide a spark to initiate a tropical development.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/16/2021	With Hurricane season underway the staff at Gleaning For The World is ramping up their disaster response program. The nonprofit organization will be hosting a disaster relief collection at Sam's Club on Wards Road in Lynchburg this Friday and Saturday from 10am until 6pm each day. Supplies collected this week will be held in preparation of Gleaning's hurricane response.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/16/2021	The Biden administration says it will enhance its analysis of threats from domestic terrorists, including the sharing of intelligence within law enforcement agencies, and will work with tech companies to eliminate terrorist content online. The new strategy includes improving the information that is shared between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/16/2021	Radford University joins other Virginia colleges by requiring students who want to return to in-person classes for the upcoming fall semester to get a coronavirus vaccine. For students returning to campus in the fall, all vaccine-related documentation is required by Aug. 2.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/16/2021	NASA successfully launched a Minotaur rocket carrying three national security payloads for the National Reconnaissance Office yesterday. The launch was originally scheduled for around 7 a.m. but was pushed back due to the weather. Lift off happened right at 9:35 a.m.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/16/2021	The Danville-Pittsylvania County Fairgrounds is back open after a year of canceled events. This will be a special year for the fair as they celebrate 30 years of operation. The fair will run from September 17-25.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/17/2021	President Joe Biden and Russia's Vladimir Putin arrived at a Swiss mansion for their highly anticipated summit, a moment of significant diplomacy. The two leaders shook hands while appearing briefly before cameras and then entered the mansion to talk for several hours. The goal is to decide where it's in our mutual interest, and in the interest of the world, to cooperate, and see if we can do that.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/17/2021	The Senate and the House have now passed a bill to establish Juneteenth, the day marking the end of slavery in the United States, as a national holiday. The bill now goes to President Joe Biden's desk, and he is expected to sign it into law.. Celebrated on June 19, Juneteenth, or Freedom Day, recognizes and marks the emancipation of formerly enslaved African Americans.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/17/2021	There's a new place for teens to hang out in Virginia Beach. The new Woodstock skate park is on Providence Road just off Interstate 64. It's a skate park, but this one in particular offers up a little more than just skating. The park serves a dual purpose, one that will also help the environment in the area, especially when there's the chance of flooding.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/17/2021	The Hyde County North Carolina manager's office will seek islanders' input on adding the Ocracoke Lighthouse to existing tram service at a meeting from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today in the Ocracoke Community Center. The goal of the addition of this lighthouse tram stop is to provide quality visitor access to the lighthouse without impacting traffic.

News	7:00/8:00 Am	6/17/2021	Japan is expected to ease their coronavirus state of emergency in Tokyo and most other areas this weekend, with the Olympics starting in just over a month. Daily cases have since significantly declined, and they are expected to downgrade the state of emergency when it expires on Sunday for several weeks. Only 5.6% of Japan is fully vaccinated.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/17/2021	General Motors will raise its spending on electric and autonomous vehicles and add two U.S. battery factories. For months, the automakers have been one-upping each other with electric vehicle announcements. GM wouldn't give details about where it will build the new plants, but those factories each will employ more than 1,000 workers and cost about \$2.3 billion.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/17/2021	Yesterday was the last day the Virginia Beach Convention Center operated as a community vaccination center. The clinic closed at 5:30 p.m., marking the end of its distribution of Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. There is no longer a huge need for mass vaccination sites, if you still want the shot you can go to the Vaccinate Virginia website to find out where to get it.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/17/2021	A cannonball was discovered at the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project construction site. The Hampton Fire Department and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team from Joint Base Langley-Eustis responded to check out the cannonball and deemed it safe. There was no information on where the cannonball will be taken, or if it will be studied to find out more about its history.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/18/2021	President Joe Biden spent his first trip overseas pitching the United States as a reliable ally. European allies welcomed the pitch. At the summit's conclusion President Biden did however acknowledged that he could not be confident that Russia's leader Vladimir Putin would change his behavior even with newly threatened consequences.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/18/2021	A tropical disturbance over the Gulf of Mexico is becoming better organized and could become the season's next depression today. This system is slowly moving northward over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico, and it is bringing waves of rain and thunderstorms across Central America, the Florida Peninsula, and central Gulf Coast.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/18/2021	Lynchburg, police are finally getting more help. LPD welcomed eight new officers yesterday, but they still have 16 vacancies. The group graduated from the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy and were all congratulated with hugs and pats on the back by family and friends. Chief Zuidema says they will have almost an

			entire year of training under their belts before they are off to fight crime.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/18/2021	For the second year in a row, 7-Eleven's free Slurpee day will last the whole month of July. There is a catch though customers have to be 7Rewards loyalty members to get a free Slurpee. Starting July 1, 7-Eleven will give each loyalty member one coupon for a free, small Slurpee. The coupon will expire on July 31.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/18/2021	When Governor Ralph Northam's COVID-19 State of Emergency ends this month, you will still likely be allowed to wear a mask despite it technically being against Virginia law. The governor's order, which allows Virginia to wear a face-covering in public, is set to expire June 30th. Governor Northam has said he would like to address potential changes to the code during the upcoming summer session of the General Assembly this August.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/18/2021	The United States is commemorating the end of slavery with a new federal holiday. President Joe Biden signed the legislation into law to make Juneteenth, or June 19, the 11th federal holiday. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to those enslaved in Galveston, Texas two months after the Confederacy had surrendered, about 2 1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/18/2021	While many businesses across Virginia are re-opening as the COVID-19 pandemic begins to slow down, in most cases, the DMV will still require you to make an appointment. Some customers are frustrated with the news, saying that making an appointment doesn't guarantee fast service. However, the Spokeswoman for DMV says the appointment-based system is here to stay, for the time being, saying that it's an efficient way to do business.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/18/2021	There was a special reunion in Virginia Beach as a man got to meet with the first responders who helped save his life after he went into cardiac arrest while driving. Someone started CPR on 57-year-old Allen Cheek before EMTs arrived on scene which made all the difference in keeping him alive. He's encouraging others to learn this life-saving skill.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/21/2021	Forecasters warned of life-threatening flash flooding across central Alabama, as Tropical Depression Claudette traveled over coastal states. Then Claudette started hitting parts of Georgia and the Carolinas. A tropical storm warning is in effect in North Carolina as Claudette is expected to cross into the Atlantic Ocean today and regain tropical storm strength over eastern North Carolina.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/21/2021	The Valentine Museum in Richmond will soon host augmented reality tours to give folks an opportunity to learn about Richmond. The museum is partnering with ARtGlass to provide guests with high-tech glasses so they can experience storytelling with 3D visuals and audio on the River City's historic Monument Avenue. The augmented reality tours, which begin July 24, are recommended for ages 12 and up and tickets are \$20 for adults, children under 18 are free.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/21/2021	The United Way of Roanoke Valley and Lionberger Construction helped install a little free pantry at the George Washington Carver Garden in Northwest Roanoke. The little free pantry will be filled with non-perishable food items and other treats for those in need to take. You are also encouraged to drop off donations for others.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/21/2021	Many will head to Smith Mountain Lake for the Fourth of July; however, there's one long-time tradition that will be missing this year. The Saunders Volunteer Fire Department has canceled the annual firework show at Parkway Marina. The original show was set to be held on July 3, but because this event takes more than 6 months to plan by the time, they learned that COVID-restrictions would be completely lifted, it was too late to get the events lined up.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/21/2021	Governor Ralph Northam and other leaders visited Fort Monroe over the weekend as Virginia celebrated Juneteenth. Juneteenth is now a national holiday after President Joe Biden signed the bill into law. The holiday on June 19 marks the day slaves in Texas learned they were free.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/21/2021	An endangered, massive flower will likely bloom at the U.S. Botanical Garden in the next two weeks, filling the greenhouse with a rotting flesh smell. A four-year-old corpse flower only blooms when sufficient energy is accumulated, making time between flowering unpredictable, spanning from a few years to more than a decade.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/21/2021	Miss Virginia 2021 was crowned Friday night at the Berglund Center in Roanoke. Tatum Sheppard, was awarded a \$20,000 scholarship and a chance to become Miss America. Sheppard is a graduate

			of Liberty University. During her year as Miss Virginia, she will champion her Social Impact Initiative, Mentoring Matters.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/21/2021	A Lynchburg tradition is back this year. Kicking off over the weekend this year marks the 36th annual Batteau Festival in Lynchburg. More than a dozen batteaus took off from Pervical's Island. They'll travel down the James River until they get to Powhatan. It's an eight-day journey spanning 120 miles. They'll have some stops in between before they get there by June 26.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/22/2021	COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. have dipped below 300 a day for the first time since March 2020. So far 150 million Americans are fully vaccinated. That's about 45% of the U.S. population that has received at least one dose.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/22/2021	More and more Virginians are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Yesterday Virginia reached a milestone with 70% of Virginians 18+ having received at least one dose. Virginia is the 16th state to hit the 70% mark.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/22/2021	Lynchburg Regional Airport director says American Airline's staff shortages will not impact their flights. American Airlines has canceled hundreds of flights amid major staffing and maintenance issues. American expects to cancel anywhere between 50 and 80 flights per day over the next month.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/22/2021	The new four-year American Women Quarters Program celebrates women's accomplishments to United States' history. Under the program, there will be up to five new designs each year from 2022 to 2025. Poet and author Maya Angelou, America's first woman in space Sally Ride, and a revered Cherokee Nation leader are among female trailblazers whose likenesses will appear on the U.S. quarter.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/22/2021	An experimental explosion triggered by the Navy about 100 miles off Florida's Atlantic coast registered as a 3.9 magnitude earthquake. The blast is known as a shock trial, an explosion meant to test a ship's ability to withstand nearby detonations. The Navy was testing its new aircraft carrier, the USS Gerald R. Ford. This marks the first time the Navy has conducted shock trials since 1987.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/22/2021	Millions of Americans are about to get new stimulus payments. The payments will arrive regularly on the 15th of each month, starting in July. It is the first part of the expanded Federal Child Tax Credit that was increased up to \$3,600 for each eligible child. Families will get \$250 to \$300 per child, per month, until the end of the year.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/22/2021	Carilion is partnering with the Salem Red Sox to offer free COVID-19 vaccines at their upcoming home game on Thursday from 5:30-7:30pm. The vaccine offered will be Johnson & Johnson. Anyone who receives a vaccine onsite at the pre-game clinic will receive two free tickets to attend the Red Sox game that evening.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/22/2021	If you want to enjoy a fireworks show this 4th of July, you can check out one of the official displays planned across your area, as personal firework use is banned. In the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is illegal to possess, use, store, sell, or handle any firework that explodes, or rises into the air. The offense for illegal fireworks is a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to a year in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/23/2021	The U.S. government is stepping up efforts to get younger Americans age 18-26 vaccinated as concerns grow about the spread of a new variant. The push is underway as the delta variant, first identified in India, has come to represent more than 20% of new coronavirus infections in the U.S. in the last two weeks.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/23/2021	Walt Disney World is planning an 18-month celebration in honor of its 50th anniversary. All four parks will take part in "The World's Most Magical Celebration," beginning Oct. 1. The celebration will include a new nighttime show called "Disney Enchantment," at the Magic Kingdom that will have fireworks and immersive projection effects that extend from the Cinderella Castle down Main Street.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/23/2021	An organization dedicated to helping children who have been abused or neglected needs volunteers. The number of children needing an advocate has doubled and the Child advocacy organization CASA provides court-appointed special advocates to appear in court for children. Right now, 70 children are on a waiting list to receive an advocate to appear on their behalf. CASA volunteers must be 21 and older, consent to a background check, and undergo training.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/23/2021	The Virginia War Memorial will honor the 12,000 Virginia women and men who gave their lives while serving in the military since World War II. Twelve thousand American flags will be displayed on the ground of the Virginia War memorial acknowledging the service and sacrifice of each Virginian. The Hill of Heroes exhibit will be displayed from June 25 through July 9.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/23/2021	President Joe Biden said they need to gather every resource to deal with natural disasters as much of the country has already endured extreme weather with the summer season just starting. President Biden said he plans

			to meet next week with western governors to discuss preparation for heat, drought and wildfires.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/23/2021	Have a piece of Virginia history you feel should be preserved? You can now submit it for a chance to be buried in a new time capsule. This new time capsule will replace the 134-year-old one that's currently embedded in the pedestal foundation of the Robert E. Lee statue in Richmond. From now until July 20, the governor's administration will accept submissions.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/23/2021	Police officers in Roanoke will see an increase in their payroll. The Roanoke City Council approved the adoption of a pay plan for police officers which includes a three percent increase. The pay raise will start on July 1.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/23/2021	Kids in Roanoke didn't let the rain stop them from taking part in a favorite tradition. Yesterday was the first of four summer walks from the West End Center to the Grandin Theatre. This is the sixth year of the West End Walk where kids are able to make the one-mile journey with a movie and popcorn waiting on the other end! New this year, Run About is partnering with students to get more kids physically active, having them train for a 5K at the end of the summer.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/24/2021	Vice President Kamala Harris will make her first visit to the U.S.-Mexico border tomorrow. She will visit the El Paso area, accompanied by the Homeland Security Secretary. She has been tasked with taking on the root causes of migration from Central America to the United States. So far, she has focused her efforts on improving economic and living conditions in the region.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/24/2021	Virginia ranked number ten for most patriotic states. The study looked at both military engagement and civic engagement. The most patriotic state was Montana while New York came in last place.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/24/2021	The number of crashes between cars and pedestrians doubled last year in Roanoke and city leaders want to promote their new safety tagline for this year: "There's No Need to Speed." The city said it will take everyone's participation to make the program a success. You can sign up to be a community ambassador, share your story and take the pledge at the city's website.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/24/2021	Sweethaven Lavender Farm in Williamsburg is the perfect place to create lasting memories this weekend. French lavenders are in bloom until the Fourth of July weekend, so there's still time to plan your visit. They are open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Reservations are required.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/24/2021	President Joe Biden is announcing new efforts to fight violent crime as administration officials brace for what could be a turbulent summer. Some of the initiatives are focusing on lowering weapon violence, providing money to cities that need more police, and offering community support.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/24/2021	Several were injured after a pedestrian bridge collapsed in Northeast Washington D.C. 4 were transported to the hospital. A hazmat unit had to alleviating a diesel fuel leak from a truck that was partially beneath the bridge. Fire officials say at least one vehicle was hit by debris.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/24/2021	Virginia Beach City Public Schools students will be back in the classroom full-time for the 2021-2022 school year. In a presentation, division officials said they're committed to five days of in-person learning for the fall. School officials are planning for scenarios with or without social distancing and are waiting on more guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Virginia Department of Education.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/24/2021	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration came together with other beach safety partners to talk about what a rip current is and what to look out for. You can spot a rip current by looking for foam or sediment in the water being pulled offshore. If you find yourself caught in a rip, the first thing to do is relax. Then call for help while swimming parallel to the shoreline until released from the danger.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/28/2021	Japan and the United States are planning for First Lady Jill Biden to visit Japan for the Tokyo Olympics, but President Biden is not likely to accompany her. Attending the opening ceremony, set for July 23, and holding a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister are among the possible events the two governments are looking into for her.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/28/2021	Rescue crews found another in the rubble of a collapsed 12-story condominium tower near Miami, raising the number of confirmed lives lost to five. They are still trying to recover any survivors while fighting back fire and smoke deep inside the buildings remains. So far 156 remain unaccounted for.

News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/28/2021	Governor Ralph Northam said that the United States Air Force is permanently relocating the F-22 Raptor formal training unit to Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton. Officials are optimistic about the economic impact this will have on Hampton Roads. The move will bring more than 31 F-22 and 16 other training aircraft to Langley, and an estimated 700 military, civilian and contractor personnel will also be moving to Hampton Roads.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/28/2021	After last week's announcement that the Saunders Volunteer Fire Department had to cancel its annual firework show at Parkway Marina, a community has now rallied to help the organization. Mitchell's Point Marina said that in addition to their July 2 fireworks they will also be launching fireworks on Independence Day, to benefit the Saunders Volunteer Fire Company.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/28/2021	The White House is trying to put President Joe Biden's infrastructure deal back on track. President Biden plans to pitch the deal in trips around the country and is confident it will become law. Ten Republican senators will need to pass the accord in the 50-50 Senate, where 60 votes are required to advance most bills.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/28/2021	Astronauts finished putting up a new pair of solar panels outside the International Space Station, making it their third spacewalk in just over a week. The second in a series of powerful solar wings should keep the space station running the rest of this decade, as space tourism ramps up with visitors beginning in the fall. NASA plans to send up four more panels over the coming year.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/28/2021	Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin will spend 22 years in prison for the death of George Floyd. Back in April, a jury found Chauvin guilty on all three charges. The three other officers on the scene of Floyd's death are scheduled for trial in March of 2022 on charges of aiding and abetting.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/28/2021	With the pandemic easing and states opening up, NerdWallet has released its annual list of the best states for a summer road trip. The study evaluated 33 factors in three categories including cost, safety and the number of attractions or activities such as national parks, amusement parks, beaches, lakes and scenic drives. North Carolina ranked number 5 and Virginia ranked 25.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/29/2021	Rescue workers are still digging into the remnants of a collapsed Florida condo building hoping to find survivors in the rubble. Right now, the death toll is at 11 with 150 still missing. The work has been complicated by intermittent rain showers, but the fires that hampered the initial search have been extinguished.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/29/2021	Tropical Storm Danny weakened to a tropical depression last night as it made its way inland over South Carolina just north of Hilton Head. Danny had maximum sustained winds of 35 miles per hour, and the system fluctuated from a depression to a tropical storm and back to a depression. All tropical storm warnings have been discontinued and Danny is expected to dissipate today.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/29/2021	If you're a Danville resident, the city's utility company is asking you to reduce your power usage this week. Danville Utilities is asking customers to reduce power from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., through Thursday. During that four-hour period, the company said customers can help by delaying the use of major appliances like washers and dryers as well as dishwashers, set their thermostat up a few degrees and shut off lights when not needed. According to the company, reducing power during these hours could save on future power supply costs and keep rates lower.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/29/2021	The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles loves coming up with clever signs to remind drivers to be safe. The newest sign says, DRIVING FAST AND FURIOUS? THAT'S LUDACRIS. With the new fast and furious 9 movie coming out actor Ludacris tweeted his love to Virginia and said that the sign should be on every highway.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/29/2021	One thing that might come back this summer is cruises, but not quite yet. A scheduled Disney Cruise Line, test sail is on hold because of COVID-19 test results. The Disney Dream was set to leave Florida's Port Canaveral for a two-night trip today, the first test cruise since the COVID-19 pandemic. Three hundred employees had volunteered for the cruise, but the trip has been postponed until next month because some employees had inconsistent results for COVID-19.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/29/2021	The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Donors of all blood types – especially type O – are urged to make an appointment to give and help ensure hospital shelves are stocked over the Fourth of July holiday and beyond. You can schedule an appointment to give blood by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Amazon Echo device.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/29/2021	The Arlington County School Board voted to remove school resource officers from school hallways this fall. The board voted for the SROs to be moved off-site and provide services, such as driving and substance abuse education, as needed. Arlington Public Schools is the second district in the region to remove SROs from schools, following Alexandria.

News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/29/2021	Hampton University's Mobile Health Unit will vaccinate those 12 and older this week in Yorktown, Chesapeake, and Newport News. The Virginia Department of Health recently partnered with the university for on-the-go vaccinations in rural and underserved communities. After five weeks, the state-managed initiative has held over 40 clinics across Hampton Roads.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/30/2021	After several days of searching the collapsed condos in Miami rescue crews are switching from rescuing survivors to recovering those that were lost. Right now, 150 are still unaccounted for and authorities are meeting frequently with families to explain what they're doing and answer questions. No one has been found alive since hours after the collapse on Thursday.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/30/2021	United Airlines is making one of the largest orders ever for commercial airplanes in an aggressive bet that air travel will rebound strongly from the pandemic. United said it will buy 200 Boeing Max jets and 70 planes from Europe's Airbus so that it can replace many of its smallest and oldest planes. It's the biggest order in United's history and the biggest by any U.S. carrier since American Airlines in 2011.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/30/2021	At least two dozen employees at Elizabeth City's Public Works Department staged a sit-in protest after the City Council's decision not to seek a 10-cent increase in the city's property tax rate that would fund employee raises. The employees blocked Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and East Colonial Avenue for about 45 minutes and left after a question-and-answer session with City Manager. Council will meet again today at 5:30 p.m. to vote on the fiscal 2021-22 budget.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/30/2021	A massive great white shark is paying a visit to the eastern North Carolina coast. A Shark research organization has eyes on a shark tracker that shows a large great white right on the edge of the Pamlico Sound. The 998-pound male was first tracked in the area in October of 2019 not quite two weeks after he was tagged in Canada.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/30/2021	President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden are traveling to Surfside tomorrow to the site of the collapsed building. The search and rescue efforts have remained constant, but now it seems that officials are moving towards a recovery effort after almost a week of searching.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/30/2021	Many new laws passed earlier this year will go into effect tomorrow. Some of those include banning police use of facial recognition technology and forgiving certain unemployment overpayments. Officials say their policies will help Virginia recover from the pandemic, improve

			public education, and make the criminal justice system more impartial.
News	7:00/8:00 AM	6/30/2021	You may want to check your freezers. Avanti Frozen Foods is recalling several shrimp products after the FDA tested and found salmonella in a sample of frozen cooked shrimp. Shrimp brands include Censea, Hannaford, Open Acres, Waterfront Bistro, Honest catch, COS, and 365. Affected products were distributed nationwide from late December 2020 to late February 2021.
News	6:30/7:30/8:30 AM	6/30/2021	Mercy Chefs, the Portsmouth-based disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization that serves professionally prepared, restaurant-quality meals in national emergencies and natural disasters, is on the ground in Miami, Florida. The organization has been serving breakfast to first responders since Saturday and they will begin serving additional meals with lunch and dinner today. The group is expected to serve close to 1,000 meals a day on-site.