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TOP STORY

NASA Moves Closer to New Moon Trips

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. — NASA is getting ready for new Moon missions. Workers are building a giant rocket. They have stacked four rocket pieces so far.

The rocket will launch a spacecraft called Orion. One mission may land astronauts on the Moon. NASA hopes this happens in 2027.

Why it matters: *This shows NASA getting closer to sending people back to the Moon.*

GOVERNMENT

Lawmakers Work to Keep Government Open

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers want to keep the government open. They are making a budget plan. If they do not act, offices could close. Many workers might not get paid.

The Senate wants to finish soon. Leaders hope to make a deal. They want it done before fall. This would keep things running well.

Why it matters: *It helps to know how our government stays open and running.*

SPORTS

Yankees and Red Sox Split Big Series

NEW YORK — The Yankees and Red Sox are playing a big series. On Friday, the Yankees won 1-0. Paul Goldschmidt hit a home run to help New York.

On Saturday, the two teams played two games. The Red Sox won the first game 6-0. Fans are watching this series closely.

Why it matters: *Both teams want to make the playoffs, so every game counts.*

OUR TEAMS

New York Yankees Lost Game 1 of Saturday's doubleheader to Boston Red Sox, 6-0

The opener at Yankee Stadium made up a game rained out in June; the Yankees also played Game 2 later that day as part of a four-game series with playoff stakes.

SOUTHERN MAINE

Sharks Spotted Along Maine Coast

PORTLAND, MAINE — Sharks have been spotted near Maine's coast this summer. News reporters are keeping track of the sightings. Beach safety matters all summer long.

Lifeguards remind swimmers to stay safe at the beach. It is smart to swim near a lifeguard and listen to beach rules.

Why it matters: *Knowing beach safety tips helps keep swimmers safe.*

GOOD NEWS

Acton Fair Celebrates 161 Years

ACTON, MAINE — The Acton Fair is happening in Maine this week. It is the fair's 161st year! There are games, food, and music too.

Families can see farm animals and fun rides. People have enjoyed this fair for many years. The fair brings neighbors together every summer.

Why it matters: *Fun local events like this bring neighbors together.*

Read this with a grown-up if you want to. Ask them anything! | Sources: NASA Artemis blog (nasa.gov/blogs/artemis/2026/08/); Spaceflight Now (spaceflightnow.com/2026/08/14/nasa-administrator-extremely-confident-in-artemis-3-launch-in-2027/); The Washington Post ([washingtonpost.com/business/2026/08/03/spending-trump-nominees-top-hectic-senate-agenda-ahead-august-break/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2026/08/03/spending-trump-nominees-top-hectic-senate-agenda-ahead-august-break/)); Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (crfb.org/blogs/congress-could-end-government-shutdown-drama-once-and-all/); ESPN box scores ([espn.com/mlb/game/_gameId/401874913/red-sox-yankees](https://www.espn.com/mlb/game/_gameId/401874913/red-sox-yankees) and [espn.com/mlb/game/_gameId/401816702/red-sox-yankees](https://www.espn.com/mlb/game/_gameId/401816702/red-sox-yankees)); Portland Press Herald ([pressherald.com/2026/08/13/explore-shark-sightings-southern-maine/](https://www.pressherald.com/2026/08/13/explore-shark-sightings-southern-maine/)); WGME ([wgme.com/news/local/161st-acton-fair-underway-in-southern-maine/](https://www.wgme.com/news/local/161st-acton-fair-underway-in-southern-maine/))