

Quarterly Programs and Issues
3rd Quarter 2021 – WRHM & WVSZ

Programs:

WRHM/WVSZ provides local newscasts nine times each weekday. One-minute updates run on the half-hour, Mon-Fri, between 6 and 10am. In addition, longer newscasts air at 7:02 and 8:02am and on the half-hour between 3 and 6pm. On Saturday, the longer newscasts air on the half-hour between 9am and 12noon.

Public Service Announcements are aired on a rotating basis, and are prerecorded. Some are voiced by members of the community. Public service announcements air daily.

The FM107 Community Calendars air on a daily basis, and are updated two to three times per week. Those calendars provide dates, time and phone numbers of events occurring in Lancaster, Chester, York and Chesterfield Counties. These programs air multiple times per day.

Critical Issues facing the region, covered by FM107 news during the quarter include:

07/01 - A longtime county official in South Carolina announced Wednesday that he's switching his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican, a move that the state GOP chairman says shows a deepening conservatism despite blue trends in neighboring states. Scott Suggs, who has been Darlington County's clerk of court since 1997, said that he had been pondering the party switch for years, due to what he characterized as shifts in Democrats that made the party "unrecognizable" compared to that of years past.

07/01 - A South Carolina lawmaker who once ran one of the General Assembly's most powerful committees is getting ready to head to prison for an 18 month sentence on corruption charges. Former Rep. Jim Harrison has had the sentence for perjury hanging over his head for three years. The state Supreme Court refused to overturn that conviction in January while overturning two misconduct in office convictions.

07/01 - The Catawba Indian Nation, Thursday morning, opened the pre-launch facility for their Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort. Hundreds of visitors lined up at the facility an hour before its opening. The 29,000 square foot facility includes 500 slot machines and can hold up to 1,100 people. Construction on the larger casino project will take a year to complete.

07/01 - A COMPANY THAT HELPS HARDEN PEANUT SHELLS AND KEEPS TOMATOES RIPE HAS CHOSEN CHESTER COUNTY AS ITS NEWEST LOCATION. THIS WEEK, COUNTY COUNCIL AGREED TO REZONE PROPERTY OFF THE J-A COCHRAN BYPASS, ALLOWING CAROLINA GYPSUM (JIP-SUM) TO OPEN A NEW PLANT. GYPSUM IS A BYPRODUCT OF COAL FIRED POWER PLANTS AND THE COMPANY PLANS TO SELL ITS MATERIALS TO PENNINGTON AND SCOTTS -- BOTH OF THOSE COMPANIES HAVE OPERATIONS IN CHESTER COUNTY. IT'S NOT YET CLEAR HOW MANY PEOPLE THE NEW PLANT WILL EMPLOY.

07/02 - Arthur Jeremiah Fisher III, 20 of Lancaster, was sentenced to 38 years in prison after pleading guilty in the 2020 shooting death of Chester County teen Logan Allen Stacks, 17.. Stacks, of Fort Lawn, was found shot to death in March 2020 on Kirk Air Base Road, a rural highway between Lancaster and the North Carolina state line, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office deputies said after the killing. South Carolina Circuit Court Judge Brian Gibbons sentenced Fisher after the guilty plea Thursday in Lancaster County criminal court, court documents show. Murder carries a sentence of 30 years to life in prison in South Carolina.

07/06 - Dominion Energy has agreed to raise rates by 1.46% for South Carolina residential customers. That comes to about an extra \$1.81 a month. It had originally considered raising rates by about 7.7%. The agreement with the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff also calls for the company to not increase rates again until July 2023, unless there are extraordinary economic circumstances that could change tax rates. Dominion Energy supplies electricity in parts of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

07/06 - E & J Gallo Winery, a California wine giant, is moving their operations center to Chester County, as well will operate three satellite tasting rooms around the state. Robert Long the Director of Chester County Economic Development says an important factor in Gallo's decision was their proximity to rail lines. The 400 million dollar headquarters project is expected to create 500 new jobs in the first 8 years.

07/11 - Governor Henry McMaster is asking state health officials to ban any efforts to knock on doors unsolicited and ask the unvaccinated to get their shots. In a letter to DHEC, McMaster called the idea bad policy; saying showing up unannounced and pressuring people to get the vaccine could lead to quote-"disastrous public safety consequences." Last week, Biden suggested the effort as the number of fully vaccinated in the U.S. levels off. McMaster called the decision to get the shots a "personal one." And that South Carolinians should not be enticed, coerced, intimidate, mandated or pressured. The White House says the governor is doing a disservice to his state and the country.

07/14 - Senator Tim Scott announced raising \$9.6 million in the second quarter of 2021. The impressive haul establishes Senator Scott as the top fundraiser for U.S. Senators facing re-election in 2022 and is unprecedented for an off-year report. The campaign's \$9.6 million in total receipts was fueled by contributions from over 91,000 unique donors in the second quarter and ended the quarter with over \$14.5 million cash-on-hand.

07/18 - South Carolina's jobless rate continued to improve last month, slipping another tenth of a percent as pandemic-related supplemental cash benefits for the unemployed prepared to come to an end in the state. The unemployment rate dropped from 4.6% to 4.5%, according to the Department of Employment and Workforce. Over the past year, South Carolina's economy has increased by nearly 96,000 nonagricultural jobs. Nationally, unemployed increased slightly, to 5.9%, officials said.

07/19 - A trial for the death of a USC student is getting underway. Nathaniel Rowland is charged with kidnapping and murder for the 2019 death of Samantha Josephson. She went missing after catching what she thought was an Uber at Five Points in Columbia. The next day

her body was found 65 miles away. Rowland has denied any involvement in the case and has maintained his innocence all along. His trial begins today (Monday) in Columbia.

07/20 - A man from Chester County has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the shooting death of someone in 2019. Brandon Ryan Roberts 34 shot Latwanyept Lashay Stover of Lancaster in the fall of 2019. The two were riding in Stover's car on US 21 near the Catawba River, that's according to 6th Circuit Solicitor Candice Lively and the Chester County Sheriff's Office. Monday, Roberts pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to the SC Dept of corrections. Roberts had already been serving time in jail previously before the shooting.

07/21 - Back-to-school shoppers can take advantage of a tax-free weekend in August. The South Carolina Department of Revenue plans to allow shoppers to buy computers, clothes and school supplies online and in-store without paying the state's 6% sales tax. The event runs from Friday, August 6th through Sunday, August 8th. WACH Fox 57 reports the event began in 2000 and in past years, shoppers have saved between \$2 million and \$3 million during the weekend.

07/23 - 21 year old Ji'Taja Ozionna Crockett who was wanted for multiple charges from a hit-and-run crash in Lancaster County has turned herself over to the authorities Thursday. Crockett was being sought by the Lancaster Police Department for a hit and run with minor personal injury, aggravated assault and high battery. Shortly before midnight, on Wednesday, Crockett was allegedly seen intentionally sideswiping a vehicle while one female victim was standing in the area of the driver's side door. Officials say both the vehicle and the victim were struck in the incident. The victim was treated for injuries at a nearby medical facility. An arrest warrant was then obtained, charging Crockett with the listed offenses.

07/28 - Susan "Susie" Walls, 40, of Lancaster, was arrested Monday night, July 26, charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. Walls is the suspect in a stabbing that occurred on June 18. Walls was quickly developed as a suspect and later admitted to stabbing the victim during a recorded interview with members of the Lancaster County Multijurisdictional Violent Crime Task Force. She is jailed at the Lancaster County Detention Center. This incident is under investigation by the Lancaster County Multijurisdictional Violent Crime Task Force and the Lancaster Police Department. Anyone with information on this incident or any other investigation should contact the Lancaster Police Department at (803) 283-1171,

07/28 - In spite of a pandemic and building supply shortages, Piedmont Medical Center is on track to open their new Fort Mill hospital next year. Mark Nosacka is CEO of Piedmont Medical Center and says they're excited about the opportunity in Fort Mill and that they bring expertise and the infrastructure that can supply the facility and help all of the clinicians to provide great care.

07/30 - South Carolina's population grew to 5.1 million people in the 2020 U.S. Census, and lawmakers are using that number to draw new districts for the state House, Senate and U.S. House districts. A group of South Carolina senators are traveling the state holding public hearings to gather input of how to redraw district lines. Last night they held a public hearing in Rock Hill at the Baxter Hood Center.

08/01 - State officials have extended the deadline for additional federal supplements. That means South Carolinians who had been receiving federal food aid will continue to get the benefits through the end of the year. Eligible households receive an extra \$177 a month on average of the emergency supplement. The assistance program was set to expire Aug. 1. Gov. Henry McMaster ended the state's Covid-19 state of emergency back in June. More than 600-thousand people in the state receive federal assistance through the program.

08/02 - A group of South Carolina state senators will continue to travel around the state this week with three more public hearings about how to draw new districts for South Carolina House and Senate seats as well as the U.S. House. Joining the redistricting work this week is a House committee holding an organizational meeting Tuesday at the Statehouse. Both the House ad hoc committee and Senate subcommittee will use the new 2020 U.S. Census data to draw maps for the 46 state Senate districts, 124 state House districts and seven U.S. House districts. The House committee has five Republicans and three Democrats. The two chambers usually don't alter the other chamber's map. Both chambers will work together on the U.S. House map. The Senate subcommittee already has held three public meetings on the maps. They are asking citizens to talk about what they want and don't want done when the maps are drawn because the detailed Census data has not been released. Senators said they expect more public hearings before their proposed maps are sent to the full Senate this fall.

08/02 - The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is investigating a homicide that took place Sunday morning around Kershaw. Deputies were sent to 218 Railroad avenue just before 5AM that day and that's where they found Kenneth Morehead Jr. 45, with multiple gunshot wounds to his upper body. He was conscious and responsive at the time. However, Morehead died while going thru medical treatment when he was transported to the Medical University of South Carolina Lancaster. Officials believe Morehead was a passenger in a gray 2014 Honda Accord. The driver went inside a house as Morehead waited outside, and according to the release, the driver and others around the house heard multiple gun shots before finding Morehead next to the car. Anyone with any information can call 283-3388 or [midlands crime stoppers dot com](http://midlands.crimestoppers.com).

08/03 - The Chester County Sheriff's Office is investigating a situation from Monday morning where they found a dead body on the side of the road. Deputies responded to a deceased white female on Carpenter road off Hwy 72. The woman found dead on the side of Carpenter Rd in Chester County has been identified as Linda Welch Robinson, 63, of Fairfield County, SC. The Honda van deputies believe was involved was later found abandoned. Anyone with information should call 911. This investigation is ongoing and more information will be released as it becomes available.

08/06 - Millions of dollars in unclaimed property is going back to South Carolina residents this year. State Treasurer Curtis Loftis says 35-million-dollars in unclaimed funds has already been returned. He also says since taking office he has returned over 260-million-dollars in unclaimed funds. State residents can go to the treasurer's office's web page to see if there is any unclaimed property in their name.

08/09 - The federal government is cracking down on guns being bought or stolen in southern states that end up in the hands of criminals. It's an initiative to reduce gun violence across the

country, and some of that work is focused in South Carolina. The US Attorney's Office in South Carolina says hundreds of illegal guns found in some big cities are coming from the Palmetto State. Authorities believe these guns are a part of the reason violent crime has increased recently across the country. Officials with other agencies, like the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, say they also see a lot of stolen guns from South Carolina involved in violent crimes in other parts of the country. According to ATF, in 2019, more than 7000 firearms were recovered and traced in New York, and 420 were traced back to South Carolina. In New Jersey, 4,000 guns were found and traced, and it was discovered that 200 of those came from South Carolina. The US Department of Justice has created five new strike forces to help reduce gun violence.

08/12 - A high school teacher turned himself over to authorities as he is accused of asking for and receiving naked pictures of a young girl in Chester County. Deputies say Zachary Parish, a former teacher at Chester High School, turned himself in on charges of first-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. According to an arrest warrant, Parish is accused of going on social media on July 11 and contacting a girl he knew was underage, asking her for naked pictures. The arrest warrant says the young girl sent him the pictures. In addition, an incident report says that Parish is accused of asking an underage girl to send him naked pictures in an incident reported on July 30. The victim in this case said she knew Parish as a teacher at Chester High School. The incident report says the victim sent several naked pictures to Parish's cell phone. Parish's arrest comes after a two-week investigation by the Chester County Sheriff's Office into his conduct. He is currently being housed at the Chester County Detention Center.

08/12 - STARTING IN OCTOBER, IT'LL COST MORE TO BUILD A NEW HOUSE OR APARTMENT COMPLEX IN LANCASTER COUNTY. THIS WEEK, COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVED ANEW IMPACT FEES FOR NEW HOMES AND APARTMENTS. FOLLOWING SUIT WITH NEIGHBORING FORT MILL AND CLOVER, LANCASTER COUNTY IS ADDING AN 82-HUNDRED DOLLAR FEE TO BUILD A SINGLE FAMILY HOME... AND AN 87-HUNDRED DOLLAR FEE FOR AN APARTMENT UNIT. THE EXTRA FEES ARE TO PAY FOR NEW SCHOOLS IN THE INDIAN LAND AREA.

08/15 - A Lancaster county teen has died from Covid 19. Late friday afternoon it was announced from the Lancaster County School district that the 16 year old teen was a student from Andrew Jackson High. In a statement, district officials said staff will be prepared to help students deal with the loss as school starts today.

08/16 - A judge has dismissed a lawsuit by four jobless South Carolinians against Gov. Henry McMaster over his decision earlier this summer to exit the federal unemployment programs providing extra money to residents. State Circuit Judge Lawton McIntosh wrote in an order last week that it was up to McMaster and state workforce officials to decide if leaving the coronavirus pandemic assistance programs that provide additional federal funds to the jobless is advantageous to South Carolina and its citizens. The suit alleged McMaster exceeded his authority when he ordered the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce to exit the programs June 30, about two months before the extra benefits were set to end. The workforce agency estimated jobless South Carolinians would lose out on about \$585.3 million in additional

federal benefits. Unemployment claims have declined in the state since spring 2020, and its unemployment rate stood at 4.5% as of June.

08/19 - A fourth business executive faces criminal charges stemming from a federal investigation into a failed multibillion-dollar project to build two nuclear reactors in South Carolina, authorities announced Wednesday. Jeffrey A. Benjamin was a former senior vice president for Westinghouse Electric Co., the lead contractor to build two new reactors at the V.C. Summer plant. South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. parent company SCANA Corp. and state-owned utility company Santee Cooper spent nearly \$10 billion on the project before halting construction in 2017 following Westinghouse's bankruptcy. He now faces multiple felony counts of fraud, according to an indictment. Benjamin, who supervised all nuclear projects for Westinghouse, received information throughout 2016 and 2017 that the two V.C. Summer reactors were behind schedule and over budget, prosecutors said. But he repeatedly told SCANA and Santee Cooper that the project was on schedule, hiding the construction's true timeline from the utility companies, the indictment alleges. He was fired from Westinghouse in March 2017, shortly before the company filed for bankruptcy.

08/23 - Lancaster County students have just finished their first week of classes and already they have seen a record-setting number of COVID-19 cases in their district. According to the Lancaster County School District, by the end of the first week of classes, LCSd saw a total of 125 positive COVID-19 cases. 30 of the cases were in staff members and 95 were students. As of Saturday morning, 1,110 students and staff members were in quarantine, according to the district dashboard, which is updated weekly. Currently, LCSd limits visitors, assigns seats on buses and in classrooms, and implements social distancing whenever possible. Like last year, the district also emphasizes the importance of hand washing and other hygiene practices. Contact tracing and quarantining for close contacts has also continued, and the district provides information to parents when their child is in close proximity to a confirmed positive individual — even if they are not a close contact. Along with these measures, symptomatic students and staff remain out of school until COVID-19 is ruled out as a cause for the symptoms.

08/24 - The Chester County School Board voted on Monday to require masks in schools for students and staff. The mask mandate starts on August 30. South Carolina state law keeps public school districts from using state money for mask mandates in schools. However, Chester County joins districts such as Charleston and Richland One to defy the mask mandate ban. The district says it is not using state funds to enforce the mask mandate. South Carolina State Superintendent Molly Spearman says she agrees with them although she does not advocate breaking the law. At a press conference, Spearman urged lawmakers to repeal the mask ban so school boards would have the choice. State leaders and pediatricians wanted to drive the message home that masks are necessary as well as vaccines if your student is eligible get one.

08/25 - Three Chester police officers, including Chief Eric Williams were cleared in a SLED investigation into financial irregularities in the police department. SLED said there was not enough evidence to file charges, officials said Tuesday. A preliminary inquiry into the finances at the Chester Police Department was launched in January. Chester Mayor Wanda Stringfellow said in a statement in January that three officers were suspended, including Williams. The mayor said they won't discuss any details because it's

a personnel matter. Officer Milton Sims has been appointed as interim chief. Attorneys for the for three officers say “It is our position the officers are cleared-they deserve to be paid-and should be reinstated immediately. No further information has been released.

08/25 - The American Civil Liberties Union, representing disability rights groups and parents of children with disabilities, filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday over a South Carolina law that bans school districts from requiring face masks, arguing the ban excludes vulnerable students from public schools. The plaintiffs allege that the ban on mask mandates disproportionately affects students with underlying health conditions or disabilities, who are at risk of becoming seriously ill if they contract COVID-19. South Carolina legislators included a provision in the state’s general budget, passed in June, that prevented school districts from using state funding to require masks in schools. But some school districts and cities have disregarded the ban and gone forward with implementing a school mask mandate. The ban on mask mandates is in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act, the plaintiffs allege in the lawsuit. Under the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act, public schools cannot exclude students with disabilities or segregate them unnecessarily from their peers. Schools are also required to provide reasonable modifications to allow students with disabilities to participate fully.

08/27 - No arrests have been made in the murder of two members of a prominent South Carolina family, and now the prosecutor who worked alongside the prominent legal family for decades asked to excuse himself from the case. Multiple news outlets report Solicitor Duffie Stone turned the case over to the state Attorney General’s Office. In his August 11th letter regarding the investigation into who killed 52-year-old Maggie Murdaugh and her 22-year-old son Paul, he offers a few vague hints alluding to progress in the investigation. The two were found killed outside their Colleton County home June 7th.

08/30 - The chief contractor at a failed multibillion-dollar project to build two nuclear reactors in South Carolina has agreed to pay more than \$20 million as part of a cooperation agreement with federal authorities probing the fiasco. Under an agreement announced Monday by Acting U.S. Attorney Rhett DeHart, Westinghouse Electric Co. will contribute \$5 million to a program intended to assist low-income ratepayers affected by the project’s failure. Another payment of \$16.25 million will be due before July 1, 2022. The company will also be required to cooperate with federal investigators still probing the company’s role in the 2017 debacle, which cost ratepayers and investors billions and left nearly 6,000 people jobless. Westinghouse was the lead contractor on the construction of two new reactors at the V.C. Summer plant. South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. parent company SCANA Corp. and state-owned utility company Santee Cooper spent nearly \$10 billion on the project before halting construction in 2017 following Westinghouse’s bankruptcy.

08/31 - Students at one Lancaster County School switched to remote learning on Monday. Indian Land Intermediate School has gone virtual due to a severe shortage of staff because of COVID-19. According to a letter sent to parents, the school has had about 40 positive COVID-19 cases since school began on Aug 16. Additionally, 475 students and staff are currently out due to the virus. That’s about 50% of the school’s population. Students are expected to be back in the classroom on Sept. 7.

09/02 - Officials with the Medical University of South Carolina said on Wednesday afternoon that they have zero beds available at their Intensive Care Unit as COVID-19 cases rise in the state. According to MUSC, they have had to board ICU patients in other departments including the emergency department and the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit. Hospital officials are reminding people to get the COVID-19 vaccine. On Wednesday, DHEC reported a total of 5,152 new cases, 800 more than the previous day, and 86 deaths, nearly 50 more than the previous day.

09/02 - A new report says that South Carolina leads the nation in the rate of COVID-19 cases. A New York Times report says that the state has the highest rate of new cases per 100-thousand people, ahead of Alabama and Tennessee. Health officials say since August 21st, the age group with the highest number of cases in the state is the eleven to 20 group. The second highest age group are those zero to ten years old.

09/03 - The Chester County School District issued the following statement after yesterday's South Carolina Supreme Court decision. "The District is and continues to monitor updates concerning various legal challenges that were filed in South Carolina concerning the mask issue. The District will consult with its legal counsel to determine how the recent SC Supreme Court decision in Columbia impacts Chester County School District's decision concerning the mask updates, and will comply as necessary. We ask our students and staff to please continue following the masking policy. Chester County School District stands by its decision to protect the health of its students and staff, and the rights of our students to receive a fair education in a safe learning environment."

09/05 - A lawyer from a prominent South Carolina legal family who found his wife and son shot to death at their home three months ago was shot in the head and wounded Saturday after he had car trouble on a lonely rural road, a family attorney said. Alex Murdaugh was heading to Charleston when his car had stopped on Salkehatchie Road in Hampton County, his lawyer Jim Griffin told The State newspaper. A truck passed Murdaugh on the road before turning around and then someone in the vehicle shot him, Griffin added. The lawyer said he received that information from Murdaugh's brother, Randy. Murdaugh was airlifted to a hospital in Savannah, said Griffin, who didn't know how many times he was shot. The State Law Enforcement Division, South Carolina's top law enforcement agency, confirmed the shooting Saturday, but released no further details. Local deputies referred questions to the state police.

09/08 - A staff member with the Lancaster County School district has died due to complications with COVID-19. According to officials, the person worked as a special education staffer at South Middle School. The person was not identified. The death of this teacher comes just weeks after a teenager at Andrew Jackson high school passed away due to the coronavirus. The district said it continues to follow CDC guidelines and SCDHEC guidance during this time.

09/09 - A New York Times report published yesterday stated that Chester County's coronavirus outbreak is the ninth worst in the state. York and Lancaster counties are not too far behind, falling within the top 25 worst outbreaks in South Carolina's 46 counties, according to the same report. Over the past week, South Carolina, has had 105 new infections per 100,000 people, which is the second highest COVID case rate in the country.

09/10 - Gov. Henry McMaster has vowed to fight President Biden to the “gates of hell” after his vaccination mandate speech. “The American Dream has turned into a nightmare under President Biden and the radical Democrats,” said McMaster. In the following tweet McMaster quoted: “They have declared war against capitalism, thumbed their noses at the Constitution, and empowered our enemies abroad.” Speaking at the White House yesterday, Biden emotionally laid into the roughly 80 million eligible Americans who are not yet vaccinated, despite months of availability and incentives. “We are in the tough stretch and it could last for a while,” Biden said of the current state of the pandemic.

09/10 - Another member of the Lancaster County School district has passed away. A special education staff member at South Middle School died from complications due to COVID-19. Eleanor Mends, had been a teacher there for 3 years. Another employee with the same department and school passed away earlier this week. The exact dates on when the staffers died have not been released by officials, however they did say that they did not work in the same classroom

09/14 - The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announced Monday they have opened an investigation into allegations of misappropriated funds by Alex Murdaugh. SLED opened the investigation on Murdaugh based upon allegations that he misappropriated funds in connection to his position as a former lawyer with the Peters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth, & Detrick (PMPED) law firm in Hampton, South Carolina.

09/14 - Voters from the tri-county area were encouraged to share input with the seven member SC House Redistricting AD-Hoc committee meeting. It held its third statewide public hearing at York Tech this week. The panel is tasked with the responsibility of drawing new boundaries for the 124 state house districts based on input and the 2020 Census. Many of the people that spoke asked to keep communities and neighborhoods together including areas in Fort Mill and Lake Wylie. Only two counties in the Palmetto State, Horry and Berkeley grew more than York and Lancaster over the decade. Both also grew in population by 25%.

09/15 - Two Lancaster county men will spend the next 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges from a shooting in 2018. Dorian Tyrese Clyburn and Brennan Jamil Patterson Jr. both pleaded guilty to the murder and attempted murder of a man, while another woman in the same shooting was wounded. Both Clyburn and Patterson were teenagers at the time of the shooting death of Vincent Barry Lambert. Judge Brian Gibbons accepted the plea and sentenced them both in the Lancaster county criminal court.

09/17 - The man wanted after a police chase led to an officer-involved shooting in Lancaster County earlier this month has been arrested. According to the Lancaster Police Department, 27-year-old Quinterius Lamont Clinton was arrested Tuesday in Mecklenburg County. Lancaster police had warrants charging Clinton with attempted murder, failure to stop for blue lights, and reckless driving. Police said Clinton waived extradition and he will be transported back to South Carolina shortly.

09/19 - South Carolina senators plan to return to the Statehouse next month for a special session on spending federal COVID-19 relief money and redistricting. But one thing not on the agenda at

the moment for the Oct. 12 session is any discussion of mask rules. Senate President Harvey Peeler wrote in a letter to senators Thursday that he wants to limit debate to matters in the resolution when the regular session adjourned in May. Drawing new lines for state House and Senate and U.S. House districts were on the list along with spending billions of dollars in federal pandemic funds and from a settlement with the federal government over radioactive material stored past a deadline at the Savannah River Site.

09/21 - The Lancaster Police Department is investigating three shootings that happened less than four hours apart over the weekend. According to police, the first was at about 11:30 p.m. Friday near Pardue Street Apartments. Officers said four vehicles were struck and no one was injured. Officers were still investigating the first shooting when the second happened shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday on Ferguson Street. Police said officers heard the shots and saw a large cloud of smoke coming from the area. At about 3 a.m., officers were called to Caroline Court for shots fired. Police said the investigators found nothing on Saturday, but a resident discovered evidence of a shooting after returning home on Monday morning. Police said two windows and a door were shot. There were no injuries reported in this incident. All of the cases are still under investigation by the Lancaster Police Department. No arrests have been made at this time. Anyone with information should contact the Lancaster Police Department at 803-283-1171

09/23 - Deidre Reid, of Pageland, has been missing since Sept. 3, and family members are searching for answers into where she could be. James Reid said his sister left home that day to take her ex-boyfriend, Emanuel Bedford, to a Charlotte bus station, family members and police said. Bedford, who is the father of Deidre Reid's 7-year-old son, was named a person of interest Thursday night. Family members said her 2004 Chevy Tahoe got to the bus station, but she didn't return to Pageland. Authorities have not said if foul play was involved. The family said they've gotten little information from Pageland police. Officers in North Carolina and Georgia and state law enforcement are helping with the case but so far, they have not given provided information about any leads or potential suspects.

09/27 - The City of Rock Hill is proposing a Tax Incremental Financing ("TIF") district for the Southeast side of York County. The City is seeking to borrow \$225 million to make improvements to properties in the TIF district, and possible areas outside the district. Approximately 59 percent of the parcels listed in the proposed tax district are outside the City currently. York County Council has sent a letter to property owners who live near the proposed TIF district, informing them of the TIF, and potential annexation of nearby properties. County Council will discuss the issue at the October 4th meeting. The County will send a letter to the City of Rock Hill outlining its position on or before a public hearing scheduled for October 11th.

09/27 - It was a celebration in Lancaster Monday night. The US Department of Education awarded Lancaster County Partners for Youth a multi million dollar renewable grant for the Lancaster County Promise Neighborhood initiative. Over the 5 year grant period the US Department of Education will grant 28 million dollars that will go to programs which benefit the Clinton Elementary School, AR Rucker Middle, and Lancaster High School attendance zones with programs ranging from birth to college and career. Lancaster County Promise Neighborhood spearheaded the initiative, they are a collaborative group of different agencies

including the Lancaster School District, Lancaster County partners for Youth, and 24 other non profits that hope to better the area in different ways including education.

09/28 - Along with billions of dollars in federal COVID-19 relief money, South Carolina lawmakers have another large bonus pot of money to spend soon — \$525 million from the federal government over plutonium still sitting inside the state. The money is part of a 2020 settlement with the federal government which promised a plant at the Savannah River Site near Aiken that would turn plutonium from unneeded nuclear weapons into nuclear reactor fuel but instead left about 21,000 pounds (9,500 kilograms) of the highly radioactive material in storage in South Carolina. A state Senate subcommittee looking into how to spend COVID-19 relief money also has been given the task of spending the plutonium settlement. The two senators who represent the 310-square-mile (803-square-kilometer) federal site, where thousands were forced out of their homes in the early 1950s because the U.S. needed a place to build nuclear weapons during the Cold War, said the counties that lost land should get most of the money.

09/29 - A lawsuit has been filed against the city of Chester, its mayor and city administrator by the former chief of the Chester Police Department and two former officers. The suit alleges that the former chief and officers were wronged when they were suspended by the city during a criminal investigation that ended with no charges being filed. The lawsuit also claims that the mayor and city administrator conspired against the officers in revenge after an police-involved shooting in Chester. The lawsuit was filed Tuesday by former Chief Eric Williams and former officers Capt. Travis Moore and Lt. Ricky Sanders.

09/30 - The Clinton Connection Action plan the revitalization of the Southside of Rock Hill, has announced the hosting of the We Got Next Community Block Party on October 2, 2021. The Clinton ConNEXTion Action Plan is a strategy for attracting jobs, businesses, and housing to historic neighborhoods of Rock Hill, a commitment to creating opportunities to improve quality of life and inclusivity, and a place for ALL to live, learn, work, and play. Performances include Grammy and Dove award-winning artist, Rudy Currence, Mista Darkeye, Angelo Geter, ICE Dance Company, and many more! The We Got Next Community Block Party will be hosted at Fountain Park, 300 East Main Street on October 2, 2021, from 11 AM to 3 PM.