

Quarterly Programs and Issues  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017 – 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:

10/01/17 - The South Carolina National Guard is helping in the recovery effort in Puerto Rico. Major General Robert Livingston says they have troops and equipment on the island. He says there are also debris removal teams in Puerto Rico.

10/01/17 - A state House panel is considering a plan that would remove a lot of tax loopholes in South Carolina as a way to then reduce the overall rate. The House Tax Policy Review Committee is considering a plan by the conservative Palmetto Promise Institute that would create a flat 5 percent income tax with much larger deductions and a statewide 3 percent sales tax that also covered products... like groceries and medicine... which are currently exempt.

10/03/17 - A new report identifies three out-of-state power utilities in talks to potentially buy state-owned utility Santee Cooper. The Governor's Office said those utilities had until this past weekend to submit potential interest in buying Santee Cooper... which faces roughly \$2.2 billion in debt for a suspended nuclear project. The Charleston Post and Courier reports Duke Energy, Southern Co. and Dominion Energy are three of the utilities involved... while a fourth remains secret. Meanwhile, Santee Cooper's outgoing CEO Lonnie Carter told a state House panel he thinks privatizing would be a mistake.

10/03/17 - Police have charged three people in connection to a shooting in Lancaster where the victim later died. Coroner officials in Lancaster County said they were told Saturday by Charlotte officials that Joel McLemore, 29, died after he was shot Wednesday on 16th Street in Lancaster. McLemore had been taken to a Charlotte hospital after he was shot, according to police. Foster was assisted in his escape from the scene by two others, Maryam Yuwsufiyah Rivera and Quinterious Raquon Truesdale, who police say were in the getaway car. All three suspects are in jail and have been denied bond, said Kathryn Richardson, a spokesperson for the State Law Enforcement Division.

10/04/17 - Today Giti Tire held the grand opening of their new 1.7 million square foot manufacturing center in Chester yesterday morning. The building is a 560- million dollar investment that will create 1,700 jobs in the next few years. Chester County Supervisor Shane Stewart was incredibly thankful. Dr. Ankie Tan, Chairman of Giti Tire said the entire process of choosing a new facility took 3 years. The site is projected to have a 1.2 billion dollar economic impact per year.

10/05/17 - State Rep. James Smith of Columbia made it official on his website Thursday that he will seek his party's nomination. Smith is a Columbia attorney, has been in the house for 20 years and is the first and so far the only Democrat running for governor. Smith is also an Afghan War veteran. Four Republicans are running, Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant, for Lt. Gov. Yancy McGill and former state agency head Catherine Templeton.

10/09/17 - Sumter financial advisor Archie Parnell says he'll try to win a seat in Congress again... just months after narrowly losing by 2,700 votes in a special election. Parnell announced Monday he will challenge the now-incumbent Ralph Norman, who beat him by a surprisingly-close margin in the conservative-leaning district back in June. Parnell was known for releasing tongue-in-cheek ads which made fun of himself. His ad released Monday was no different... showing him reading "50 Shades of the U.S. Tax Code" and playing cards with Congressman Jim Clyburn. Parnell formally announced during a press conference in Sumter.

10/10/17 - Two Andrew Jackson High School students will likely be expelled after deputies in Lancaster County said one brought a loaded gun to class and passed it to the other. School officials told WRHI's news partner Channel 9 that the weapon was a loaded .380 semi-automatic pistol and that a teacher discovered it was in the classroom Monday and called the principal. School officials say Wright put the gun in a girl's bookbag so when he was searched nothing was found. The girl knew it was there and kept it for more than an hour even taking it to another class. Both students have been suspended and recommended for expulsion, but as of now only one student has been charged.

10/10/17 - A Second Democrat enters next year's governor's race. Charleston businessman Phil Noble tells The Post and Courier he is running, challenging state Rep. James Smith of Columbia for the party's nomination. Noble ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 1994. He also ran unsuccessfully for S.C. Democratic Party chairman in 2011. Four Republicans are running. Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant, Charleston Attorney Katherine Templeton and former Lt. Gov. Yancy McGill.

10/11/17 - Lancaster is the largest city in the State of South Carolina without a YMCA. That's all about to change. The Upper Palmetto YMCA announced on Tuesday that it would be taking up operations at the CDC Gregory Health and Wellness Center at USC Lancaster. The center has been serving the community since 1981 and Senator Chauncey Gregory hopes the center will serve even more. The building will remain property of USC Lancaster, but the YMCA will bring new programs, activities and new workout equipment.

10/11/17 - A state Senate panel Wednesday asked Santee Cooper President Lonnie Carter if the state-owned company could be sold. Carter told them there are a number of issues that would have to be dealt with in the wake of the abandoned nuclear reactor expansion at the VC Summer Plant. Carter told senators another big issue affecting a sale is the company's debt.

10/11/17 - A committee in Columbia has voted and now Indian Land residents will get to vote on whether or not they will become a town. The decision did not come without questions about tax numbers or future needs. If Indian Land residents vote in favor of the referendum their town will have 40 thousand residents. There is some concern with the estimated town budget for Indian Land, which came out to 7.7 million dollars. They have not yet set a date for the referendum vote.

10/12/17 - Soon, high school students in Lancaster County will have to walk through metal detectors before going to class. Officials said they're planning random scans at every high school in the district, starting immediately. In a Facebook post, the director of safety and transportation said that the goal of the metal detectors is to stop weapons from getting into the schools. He said the district will be sending parents more information in the coming days, but also said they won't be sharing specific details of the plan because it would defeat its purpose. Earlier this week, police said a student brought a loaded gun to Andrew Jackson High School. The gun was found, along with marijuana, inside another student's backpack, police said. District officials did not say the incident prompted the implementation of the metal detectors. They had been planned for a while, but leaders recently decided to speed up the process.

10/16/17 - Last week the Boy Scouts of America announced they plan to admit girls into the Cub Scouts starting next year and to establish a new program for older girls using the same curriculum as the Boy Scouts. Greg Leitch Scout Executive and Chief Executive Officer of the Palmetto Council of the Boy Scouts of America said the feedback they have received has been incredibly positive. Leitch made it clear that this is not a co-ed program. Leitch says he expects there to be an overwhelming response of girls interested.

10/18/17 - South Carolina is getting another extension for the new REAL ID licenses that will soon be required nationwide. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has given the state until October 10, 2018 to get into compliance with the new standard that will affect drivers licenses and ID cards according to a South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles release Wednesday. This means that until that date, all current and valid cards will be acceptable identification if you want to board domestic airline flights, enter secure federal buildings, and visit military installations. This is expected to be the final extension that the state will get according to the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

10/22/17 - Legislators are furious at the chief of South Carolina's Highway Patrol after he dismissed an audit's findings last week which showed low morale and high turnover among troopers. The state Inspector General released the findings last week... which showed nearly 60 percent of employees surveyed said they thought the Department of Public Safety's leaders were not concerned about morale at the agency. A House panel looking into the audit grilled agency director Leroy Smith last week.

10/23/17 - South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster outlined a bold effort regarding sanctuary cities on Monday during a press conference in Greenville. McMaster was joined by members of the General Assembly to announce a new law enforcement initiative to ensure that no sanctuary cities are established in South Carolina, as well as a state law measure that requires local officials to prove compliance with current immigration standards on a yearly basis. The proposed legislation, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Bannister, would add to the existing law in South Carolina that requires officials to make reasonable efforts to determine if a person who is arrested and charged with a crime is an unlawful resident of the United States. In addition, the legislation would require political subdivisions -- which received funding from the Local Government Fund -- to prove compliance with state immigration laws to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) before July 1 of each fiscal year. Any political subdivision found to be violating the laws would be deemed ineligible for money from the Local Government Fund for a minimum of three years and subject to SLED oversight.

10/26/17 - Statehouse Republicans argued in court Wednesday that state law protects them from making public their ties to a consultant indicted by the State Grand Jury last week. Several news outlets have sued the House GOP Caucus, saying the public has a right to see documents linking consultant Richard Quinn with the caucus. The lawsuit claims the House GOP is a public body and must follow the state's Freedom of Information Act. But House attorneys say the caucus is not covered... and note the House passed a specific rules change ten years ago to exempt both the Republican and Democratic Caucuses from the public. However, an attorney representing the news outlets says that rule does not override current state law which was approved by both House and Senate and signed by the governor. A state judge will consider the lawsuit.

10/30/17 - Indian Land is awaiting a decision on whether or not their people will be able to vote on becoming a town. According to Steve Willis, Lancaster County Administrator said they went through a similar situation with Van Wyck. Willis said this would be a giant step for Indian Land in more ways than one. Willis said for now all they can do is wait and see.

11/01/17 - Police are trying to figure out who shot a man they found dead in the middle of a Lancaster street overnight. Officers were on patrol around 1 a.m. in the area of East Dunlap Street and Thomas Lane when they spotted someone lying in the street near the intersection. They walked up to the man and quickly realized he had been shot and was dead. He has been identified as 47-year-old Terry Thompson. Authorities said that particular section of East Dunlap Street consists of mostly vacant homes and police said they received no calls for gunshots in the area before the discovery. No arrests have been made.

11/02/17 - With law enforcement officials on the steps of the Statehouse as a backdrop Gov. Henry McMaster announced Thursday that South Carolina is opting in to FirstNet, a communications system exclusively for first responders. McMaster says the First Net system will not only benefit the public but first responders as well. First Net will use a wireless broadband network.

11/02/17 - Chester police are investigating the death of a 2-year-old girl. Chester County Emergency services responded to a home on White Oak Street in Chester just before 8:30 Wednesday morning. The girl was transported to Chester Regional Medical Center, where she

was pronounced dead on arrival. The case remains under investigation with South Carolina SLED assisting. The cause of death, and the identity of the deceased girl, has not been released. An autopsy is expected to be conducted today.

11/07/17 - The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has arrested a total of 12 people on multiple drug charges. The arrests were made starting last Thursday and continued through this past Saturday. 52 year old Johny Collins was arrested on multiple charges including Distribution of Hydrocodone, Distribution of Heroin and Possession of multiple drugs. The other 9 were charged with distribution of drugs within the proximity of a school. 54 year old Gary Jowers is still at large and wanted. Sheriff Barry Faile called it a very successful operation.

11/10/17 - Authorities in Lancaster involved in a standoff on Thursday used tear gas inside a mobile home and apprehended the suspect who was hiding beneath the home, officials said. Lancaster County deputies said they tried to pull over a man in his car because his tag was invalid. That was when he drove to the home on Ruth Street in Lancaster and went inside. Authorities said he had a rifle and barricaded himself inside, alone. SWAT responded to the scene to negotiate with the man as family members encouraged him to leave the home for a peaceful resolution. That was when they deployed tear gas, but the man escaped through a trap door and was found under the home. He was taken to the hospital because he was suicidal, officials said. No injuries were reported.

11/15/17 - A high-speed police chase that began early Wednesday morning in York County, South Carolina went on for more than an hour and ended across the state border in Cleveland County, according to authorities. The pursuit started around 5 a.m. in Clover before taking officers into Gaston County and finally ending around 6:05 a.m. in a crash in Cleveland County. Channel 9 was at the scene on Old Mountain Lane and Highway 161, where a damaged blue minivan could be seen crashed along a guardrail. Officials told Eyewitness News that the driver of that van, Katie Adkins, was taken into custody. Investigators said someone called 911 about a suspicious vehicle and a short time later, Clover police got behind that van. They said a man got out of the passenger side before Adkins took off, leading police on a chase that hit speeds upward of 90 mph. Officials also said Adkins struck a police cruiser but did not cause very much damage. The chase ended when the van "gave out" and came to rest crashed against a guardrail, according to police. Nobody was hurt during the pursuit. Officers said Adkins was wanted on outstanding warrants from the York County Sheriff's Office.

11/15/17 - Yesterday nine candidates ran for four seats on Van Wycks town council William Acre, Kelly Bishop, Teri Currie, Bob Doster, Troy Elmore, Xavier Kee, Pat Oglesby, Richard Vaughan and Cassandra Watkins. In unofficial results, Vaughan led with 57 (22.98 percent) of the total 62 votes cast. Watkins had 40 votes (16.13 percent), followed by Kee with 37 (14.92 percent) and Doster with 33 (13.31). There were about 300 eligible voters for the election. Results will be certified later this week and the council will be sworn in on Saturday. Sean Corcoran ran unopposed for the office of mayor.

11/21/17 - Police in Chester continue to ask for your help in an unsolved murder after a Chester man was shot and killed last Thursday night. Ankee Pendegrass, 22, died at a Charlotte hospital after he was shot several times in an incident just north of downtown Chester. He was found in a

yard at the corner of Saluda and Foote streets. Anyone with information is asked to call the Chester Police Department tip line at 803-377-2100.

11/29/17 - The Lancaster County Sheriffs Office is asking the public's help in the identification of a suspect in a weekend convenience store robbery in Heath Springs, according to a sheriffs office statement. Deputies responded to the Swami Mart on South Main Street at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. The store employee told police the man wore a black hoodie and a red, white and blue baseball hat with USA on it. Anyone with information should call the Lancaster County Sheriffs Office at 803-283-3388 or Midlands Crime Stoppers at 888-274-6372.

12/03/17 - A former Marine who owns a Greenville mortgage company is seeking the GOP nomination for governor next year. More from Bill Dubensky. The State newspaper reports that John Warren, president of Lima One Capital, contributed \$50,000 to kick-off a bid. He has no previous political experience. Warren joins incumbent governor, Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant, former Lt. Gov. Yancey McGill and former state public health and labor agency boss Catherine Templeton in the race for the Republican nod in the June primary.

12/06/17 - A Chester police officer has been fired after inappropriately touching a woman. Officer James Jimmy Johnson was arrested in Union, South Carolina for inappropriately touching the woman in a restaurant, according to Chester Police Chief Eric Williams. Williams confirmed Wednesday that Johnson has been fired from the department. Union County deputies said Johnson was intoxicated during the incident. Johnson is charged with third-degree assault.

12/06/17 - A Lancaster County man was flown to a Charlotte hospital after a head-on collision between his SUV and a logging truck Tuesday afternoon, according to the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Lance Cpl. Gary Miller said the injured man, a 46-year-old from Heath Springs, was driving a 1991 Chevrolet Blazer SUV. The other man, a 64-year-old from Lancaster, was driving a 2011 Freightliner Truck and was not injured. The injured man was driving eastbound on S.C. 903 and the truck driver was headed west just before 12:30 p.m. about five miles east of Lancaster. Miller says the truck driver left his lane, and struck the injured man's car head on. Both drivers were wearing seat belts.

12/10/17 - A South Carolina man convicted of killing seven people says he has more victims who have not been discovered. The Herald-Journal of Spartanburg reports that, in an eight-page letter, Todd Kohlhepp wrote that he tried to tell investigators and informed the FBI, but he said "it was blown off." He also wrote, "At this point, I really don't see reason to give numbers or locations." Don Wood, chief division counsel with the FBI's Columbia office, said the agency has a pending investigation, but wouldn't comment specifically on what the FBI is doing. The 46-year-old Kohlhepp pleaded guilty in May to seven counts of murder for killings that took place over more than a decade, all as he ran a real estate business. He was sentenced to life in prison. His string of crimes was uncovered in 2016 after police rescued a woman chained at the neck in a storage container and investigators found a body buried in a shallow grave. The woman told investigators she saw Kohlhepp shoot and kill her boyfriend, who went with her for a cleaning job on the suspect's property.

12/14/17 - A month ago, political observers believed the indictments against Republican political consultant Richard Quinn showed prosecutors had their man after two years of investigation into corruption at the Statehouse. But, then investigators agreed to drop charges against Quinn this week in exchange for his cooperation on further cases. John Crangle of ethics watchdog Common Cause said the deal may be a sign lead prosecutor David Pascoe is after someone even bigger and need Quinn's help. Crangle said for the charges to be dropped entirely implies Quinn may know specifics. Pascoe told a judge Wednesday he expects to learn a lot from Quinn's testimony to the State Grand Jury next month.

12/14/17 - According to a release from the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office the owners of a horse....which died after being shot back on November 18th.....are offering a one thousand dollar reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the horse's death. The owners of the horse have surveillance cameras on the property and it appears the horse received the injury around 3 AM and went down the last time at 8 AM. During the night a vehicle passed the property at least 3 times. Anyone with information should call the Lancaster County Sheriffs Department or Midlands Crime Stoppers.

12/18/17 - A plaintiff in a lawsuit against the power company SCANA and its subsidiary SCE&G has moved in court to have a state judge order a freeze in SCANAs next dividend payment. The State newspaper reports that next quarterly dividend payout is now scheduled for Jan. 1. SCANAs quarterly dividend is just over sixty-one cents per share, someone with 100 shares would get a payout of \$61.25 on Jan. 1. If a judge freezes or impounds the payout, that would mean people and mutual funds that own SCANA stock would not get their dividend. The plaintiff contends that if SCANA does issue a quarterly dividend on Jan. 1, that the judge should make the power company pay the money into a trust account until litigation against SCANA is resolved in the aftermath of the failed VC Summer plant reactor expansion.

12/22/17 - Three suspects from Lancaster have been charged with possession of a grenade launcher, machine guns, other weapons and military gear that was stolen from the Army National Guard armory. Brandon Shane Polston, 32, Austin Lee Ritter, 23, and Kimberly Denise Cannon, 39, all of Lancaster, were indicted Wednesday in federal court. They each are charged with having the machine guns and grenade launcher. The three also face weapons and receiving stolen goods charges in Lancaster County, based on the gun seizure, according to court records. Federal documents show that the three suspects tried to sell the items. Ritter and Cannon each pleaded not guilty in a federal court hearing Thursday morning in Columbia and are being held without bond. Polston remains in the Lancaster County jail and has yet to appear in federal court. Polston, Ritter and Cannon each face as much as 30 years in prison if convicted on all three federal indictments.

12/26/17 - South Carolina residents have some extra time over the holidays to get their health insurance straightened out due to Hurricane Irma. More from Bill Dubensky.

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The national sign-up period under the Affordable Care Act came to an end Dec. 15. The State newspaper reports that because all of South Carolina was declared eligible for federal aid after

Irma in September, anyone living in the state at the time is eligible for an extension until Dec. 31. Many of those are people who were automatically re-enrolled in their current plan at the end of the sign-up period. It's unclear how many people who missed the Dec. 15 sign-up will now rush to sign up by the new year.

12/26/17 - A fire Christmas Eve in Great Falls displaced four people. According to Eddie Murphy, Chester County Emergency Management Director the fire was on Washington Street in Great Falls. Red Cross officials said in a statement confirmed they were assisting four adults with emergency needs. Volunteer firefighters from Fort Lawn, Metford, and Richburg sent crews to help with the fire.

12/29/17 - South Carolina lottery officials have called an emergency meeting to discuss a computer glitch that mistakenly left some playing a holiday game with what looked like winning tickets, but yielded no payouts. The South Carolina Education Lottery commission planned to hold a meeting Friday afternoon to discuss the fallout from the Holiday Cash Add-A-Play game. Lottery officials say computer vendor Intralot had a programming error on Christmas Day. The problem meant that more people playing the terminal-generated game won the top prize of \$500 than should have been allowed. People holding winning tickets say they got error messages when trying to claim their prizes. Officials say anyone who bought a Holiday Cash Add-A-Play ticket on Monday between 5:51 p.m. and 7:53 p.m. should hold onto it.