



**WAXN-TV**  
**(WSOC Television, LLC., Kannapolis, NC)**

**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS/NEEDS**  
**PROGRAM REPORT**

**January 1- March 31, 2024**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHARLOTTE**  
**Sundays, 11am-12n**

**ONE OF THE SERVICES WAXN-TV OFFERS ITS AUDIENCE IS AN HOUR OF RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING BROADCAST FROM THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHARLOTTE. THIS PROGRAM IS AN ACTUAL TELECAST OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE, OFFERING MUSIC, RESPONSIVE READINGS AND A SERMON. BECAUSE OF ITS AWARENESS OF URBAN PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFERS A TRADITIONAL PROTESTANT SERVICE THAT HAS AN ECUMENICAL OUTREACH.**

**WAXN-TV**  
**SPECIAL SEGMENTS OF NEWSCASTS**  
**January-March 2024**

**TRAFFIC REPORTS:** Nine times daily during **EYEWITNESS NEWS DAYBREAK** and once each during 7:25 AM and 8:25 AM breaks. Includes alternate route information. Also, half hour in midday if there is breaking traffic news. Traffic Reports air every 9 mins from 7a-9a on TV64.

**Black History in the Carolinas: A Legacy of Leadership:** Thursday February 29th from 7p-8p. Collections of stories celebrating Black history in the Charlotte area.

**9 Investigates – The Rescued:** Wednesday March 20th from 10p-11p. Special investigation on an undercover sting to combat sex trafficking in the Carolinas ends with police solving the case of a missing Charlotte 16-year-old girl.

**While this list contains a brief description of WAXN-TV's most significant and frequently covered programs and program segments, it doesn't include all programs and program segments broadcast during the First Quarter, 2024. This list also includes a list of PSAs that aired during the First Quarter, 2024. More information about the station's programming is available by contacting the station directly.**

## **WAXN-TV NON-BROADCAST COMMUNITY EFFORTS**

9 FAMILY FOCUS: Covering Communities in the Carolinas. For over 25 years, 9 Family Focus, a Channel 9 project has been serving the community through special programs, projects and events. Detailed information on 9 Family Focus is located on our website, [www.wsoc.tv](http://www.wsoc.tv) - link to <http://www.wsoc.tv/community/family-focus/>

STEVE'S COATS FOR KIDS- WSOC-TV's Steve's Coats for Kids campaign is a part of the Channel 9 Family Focus brand and was introduced in 2005. All coat donations are distributed through Crisis Assistance Ministry serving the Charlotte area since 1975. An independent non-profit agency, Crisis Assistance Ministry focuses on preventing homelessness and preserving dignity for Charlotte-Mecklenburg's working poor -- providing assistance with rent, utilities, clothing and furniture.

REAL-TIME CLOSED CAPTIONING: Is available for all Channel 9 Eyewitness News programs seven days a week.

**TELEVISION STATION WAXN-TV/TV 64 CHARLOTTE**  
**QUARTERLY LISTING OF LOCAL PROGRAMS REFLECTING**  
**CONCERNS AND NEEDS FACING THE COMMUNITY**  
**FIRST QUARTER 2024**  
**JANUARY 1, 2024 – MARCH 31, 2024**

PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW ARE PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED AND ARE LOCALLY PRODUCED. WE ALSO CARRY ABC NETWORK AND SYNDICATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS.

Mini-Series Documentaries are produced by **WAXN-TV/TV64** News Department and appear within the newscasts as a public service to the community. The News mini-series are aired one to four times daily.

**Monday-Friday: 7am-9am**

**Monday-Friday: 7pm-8pm**

**Monday-Sunday: 10pm-11pm**

Unless otherwise noted in the report, all segments listed in the report are :05-:90 in duration. While this list contains a brief description of WAXN-TV/TV64's most significant and frequently covered programs and program segments, it doesn't include all programs and program segments broadcast during the First Quarter, 2024:

- GOVERNMENT
  - CRIME
  - ECONOMY
  - EDUCATION
  - HEALTH
  - CONCORD
- KANNAPOLIS
- CABARRUS
- SALISBURY
- ROWAN

**COMMUNITIES SPECIFICALLY TARGETED WITHIN WAXN-TV'S CITY OF LICENSE VIEWING AREA:**

- CONCORD & KANNAPOLIS (CABARRUS COUNTY)
  - SALISBURY (ROWAN COUNTY)
  - ROWAN COUNTY

JANUARY 11, 2024 7:00PM

**SHELBY CITY COUNCIL APPROVES REZONING REQUEST FOR 1,600 HOMES**

A MASSIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SHELBY IS MOVING FORWARD. IT WOULD BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST IN THE CITY'S HISTORY. OUR PARTNERS AT THE SHELBY STAR REPORT CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO APPROVE A REZONING REQUEST TO BUILD 1,600 NEW HOMES ALONG HIGHWAY 74. IT'S AN 835-ACRE SITE NEAR OLD BOILING SPRINGS ROAD. NEIGHBORS EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT TRAFFIC DURING A PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY. ANOTHER VOTE IS REQUIRED FOR THE REZONING REQUEST. IF APPROVED, THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE BUILT IN PHASES OVER TEN YEARS.

JANUARY 12, 2024 7:00PM

**CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON FUTURE OF SALOON SITE**

CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL WILL MAKE A DECISION TUESDAY ON THE FUTURE OF THE TWO BUCK SALOON SITE IN THE BELMONT NEIGHBORHOOD. DEVELOPER CLACHAN PROPERTIES IS ASKING CITY COUNCIL TO REZONE THE LAND SO MORE CAN BE BUILT THERE. AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER SAYS THEY ARE EXPLORING REDEVELOPMENT OPTIONS, BUT THEY EXPECT THE TWO BUCK SALOON TO REMAIN A PART OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

JANUARY 15, 2024 8:00AM

**CITY COUNCIL TO MAKE DECISION ABOUT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL IN CHARLOTTE**

TOMORROW, CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE A MAJOR PROJECT NEAR THE HEART OF PLAZA MIDWOOD. LEVINE PROPERTIES WANTS TO DEVELOP A VACANT LOT AT COMMONWEALTH AND THE PLAZA. THE DEVELOPER REDUCED THE BUILDING'S HEIGHT FROM 150 TO 126 FEET. THE PLAN CALLS FOR UP TO 175 APARTMENTS, 12,000 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL AND A DRIVE-THRU FOR THE CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS CREDIT UNION.

JANUARY 29, 2024 8:00AM

### **CITY COUNCIL LOOKS AT FUNDING CHALLENGES**

THIS WEEK, CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL IS GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO HEAR WHAT THEY BELIEVE ARE PRIORITIES FOR THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. BUT MAYOR VI LYLES SAYS THAT MIGHT BE CHALLENGING. COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE DIMPLE AJMERA BELIEVES THAT'S PARTIALLY BECAUSE THE CITY HASN'T RAISED THE SALES TAX IN FIVE YEARS. A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IS ONE POSSIBILITY. A SALES TAX INCREASE IS ALSO ON THE TABLE. THE CITY WILL HOST WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE SPRING BEFORE TAKING A VOTE AT THE END OF JUNE.

FEBRUARY 10, 2024 10:00PM

### **CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON LEASE FOR COFFEE SHOP IN PARKING DECK**

A NEW COFFEE SHOP IS COMING TO A UNIVERSITY CITY PARKING DECK. CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE MONDAY TO LEASE SPACE IN THE JW CLAY PARKING DECK TO MARIB COFFEE COMPANY. THE CITY SAYS THE COFFEE AND PASTRY SHOP WILL GET A 63-MONTH LEASE WITH A 5-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION. RENT WILL BE \$4,900 A MONTH.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 10:00PM

### **CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON BRIDGE YEARS IN THE MAKING**

TOMORROW, WE EXPECT CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON A LONG-PLANNED BRIDGE OVER I-85 IN NORTH CHARLOTTE. THE \$27 MILLION PROJECT NEAR LOUIS ROSE PLACE WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO HAVE ARCHES, BUT THOSE ARE BEING CUT TO SAVE MONEY. THE CITY STARTED PLANNING THIS BACK IN 2017. OFFICIALS BLAME EXTENSIVE UTILITY RELOCATION FOR THE DELAYS. THE BRIDGE IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN 2028.

FEBRUARY 13, 2024 8:00AM

### **PENALTIES TO RETURN FOR "NUISANCE" ORDINANCES**

STARTING MARCH FIRST, THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IS BRINGING BACK PENALTIES FOR A HANDFULL OF "NUISANCE" ORDINANCES. THEY INCLUDE MISDEMEANORS FOR OPEN CONTAINERS, SLEEPING IN PARKS, PUBLIC URINATION AND LEWD ACTS. THE CITY IS ALSO INSTALLING PORTA-TOILETS AND WORKING WITH NONPROFITS THAT SERVE THE HOMELESS.

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 7:00PM

### **RENT AT WEST CHARLOTTE APARTMENTS TO REMAIN AFFORDABLE**

RENT WILL STAY AFFORDABLE AT A WEST CHARLOTTE APARTMENT COMPLEX THANKS TO A MOVE FROM CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL. EARLIER THIS WEEK, CITY LEADERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A 20-YEAR, \$800,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOAN FOR THE TYVOLA CROSSING APARTMENTS. THE MOVE WILL KEEP RENT AT OR BELOW 50% OF RESIDENTS' AVERAGE MEDIAN INCOME. THE COMPLEX AT WEST BOULEVARD HAS A WAITLIST OF UP TO 2 YEARS.

MARCH 8, 2024 8:00AM

### **LINCOLNTON LEADERS APPROVE NEW SOCIAL DISTRICT**

LINCOLNTON CITY LEADERS APPROVED THE PLAN TO BRING A SOCIAL DISTRICT TO THE AREA. THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE PROPOSAL ON A TIE-BREAKER VOTE LAST NIGHT, 4-3. THE PROPOSED DISTRICT WOULD TAKE UP ROUGHLY FOUR BLOCKS OFF EAST MAIN STREET. THE SOCIAL DISTRICT ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO WALK AROUND IN PUBLIC WHILE DRINKING ALCOHOL.

MARCH 15, 2024 10:00PM

### **HEARING PLANNED FOR APARTMENT PROPOSAL**

MONDAY, PEOPLE CAN WEIGH IN ON A PROPOSED SOUTH CHARLOTTE APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT, LESS THAN A THOUSAND FEET AWAY FROM AN EAGLES' NEST. THE EAGLES RECENTLY HAD BABIES. A DEVELOPER IS PROPOSING 640 APARTMENTS AND TOWNHOMES OFF REA ROAD NEAR ELM LANE. NEIGHBORS ARE CONCERNED HOW THE DEVELOPMENT WILL IMPACT THE BIRDS. DOZENS OF SPEAKERS ARE EXPECTED AT MONDAY'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MARCH 21, 2024 8:00AM

### **CITY COUNCIL SIGNS OFF ON MIDTOWN CHARLOTTE DEVELOPMENT**

A MAJOR MIDTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT JUST GOT THE GREEN LIGHT FOR ITS FINAL PHASE. THE CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED PLANS YESTERDAY FOR A MULTI-FAMILY TOWER. IT WILL SIT ON PEARL PARK WAY AT KENILWORTH AVENUE. THE CHARLOTTE BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORTS THE PROJECT WILL HAVE 425 UNITS INCLUDING 10 RENT-RESTRICTED UNITS. THE PROJECT'S FINAL PHASE ALSO INCLUDES A HOTEL, OFFICE AND RETAIL SPACE. CONSTRUCTION STARTS NEXT YEAR.



MARCH 25, 2024 7:00AM

**COUNCIL TO GET UPDATE ON CHARLOTTE HORNETS PRACTICE FACILITY**

TODAY CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL WILL GET AN UPDATE ON THE CHARLOTTE HORNETS PRACTICE FACILITY. WE TOLD YOU LAST MONTH THAT THE TEAM SAYS IT WANTS TO BUILD ITS NEW FACILITY ON A GRAVEL LOT IN BETWEEN THE SPECTRUM CENTER AND POLICE HEADQUARTERS. THE CITY PLANS TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW \$30 MILLION TO GO TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SPECTRUM CENTER AND ANOTHER \$30 MILLION FOR THE CITY'S INVESTMENT IN THE NEW FACILITY DEVELOPMENT.

JANUARY 4, 2024 8:00AM

**SOCCER COACH ACCUSED OF INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH CHILD**

TODAY, A UNION COUNTY SOCCER COACH IS EXPECTED TO FACE A JUDGE ON CHARGES OF INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A CHILD. MONROE POLICE ARRESTED JORGE PALMA IN OCTOBER. HE'S THE OWNER OF THE UNION SOCCER ACADEMY ON NELVA ROAD. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE ASSAULTED TWO TEENAGE GIRLS AT THE ACADEMY. OTHER PLAYERS HAVE COME FORWARD SAYING HE TOOK ADVANAGE OF THEM TOO.

JANUARY 7, 2024 10:00PM

**TEEN CHARGED IN DEADLY SHOOTING**

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN A DEADLY SHOOTING IN NORTHWEST CHARLOTTE. POLICE SAY THE PERSON KILLED AT A PARTY ON WEST TRADE STREET OVERNIGHT IS 17-YEAR-OLD AVYON THOMAS AND THE SUSPECT IS ALSO A TEEN. WE LEARNED THOMAS WAS A SENIOR AT MYERS PARK HIGH SCHOOL. OFFICERS SAY 18-YEAR-OLD JAMIR EASTER IS THE SUSPECT AND TURNED HIMSELF IN TONIGHT. HE'S FACING AN INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

JANUARY 10, 2024 10:00PM

**TWO ARRESTED, ACCUSED OF STEALING MAIL**

TWO PEOPLE ARE BEHIND BARS, ACCUSED OF STEALING MAIL FROM DOZENS OF UNION COUNTY BUSINESSES. POLICE ARRESTED STEPHANIE AUBAS AND JAMES MCINTYRE MONDAY. OFFICERS STOPPED A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE OFF STALLINGS ROAD AND INDUSTRIAL DRIVE. THEY SAY THEY FOUND LOADS OF STOLEN MAIL FROM ACROSS UNION COUNTY. THERE ARE 28 VICTIMS IN STALLINGS ALONE. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS TOOK THE MAIL RIGHT OUT OF MAILBOXES.

JANUARY 16, 2024 7:00PM

**WOMAN SAVES MOTHER FROM KNIFE ATTACK IN GROCERY STORE**

POLICE SAY A WOMAN'S DAUGHTER SAVED HER LIFE AFTER A MAN HELD HER AT KNIFEPOINT IN A NORTH CHARLOTTE FOOD LION GROCERY STORE. IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY MORNING AROUND 10:30 AT THE NORTH GRAHAM STREET STORE. POLICE ARRESTED ROBERT MCQUEEN. THEY SAY THE VICTIM WAS SHOPPING WHEN MCQUEEN GRABBED HER AND PUT A KNIFE TO HER THROAT. OFFICERS SAY HER DAUGHTER HEARD HER SCREAM, RUSHED OVER AND PUNCHED MCQUEEN. THEY SAY MCQUEEN LET THE WOMAN GO AND RAN AWAY, BUT CUT THE WOMAN'S HAND AS HE RELEASED HER. POLICE ARRESTED MCQUEEN IN THE STORE'S BREAK ROOM.

FEBRUARY 5, 2024 10:00PM

### **FAMILY SAYS TEEN KILLED IN SHOOTING HAD A BRIGHT FUTURE**

SOMEONE TOOK A 17-YEAR-OLD'S LIFE IN A DEADLY SHOOTING IN WEST CHARLOTTE. NOW, WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT MELAKAH CORBETTE'S BRIGHT FUTURE THAT WAS TRAGICALLY CUT SHORT. POLICE SAY HE WAS SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES ON PITTS DRIVE AROUND 1-15 THURSDAY MORNING. HIS AUNT SAYS HIS FAMILY IS STILL TRYING TO WRAP THEIR HEADS AROUND THE TRAGEDY. SHE SAYS THE JULIUS L. CHAMBERS HIGH SCHOOLER RECENTLY SIGNED TO A MODELING AGENCY IN NEW YORK. POLICE HAVEN'T RELEASED ANY MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE SHOOTING.

FEBRUARY 7, 2024 10:00PM

### **MAN IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER SHOOTING OUTSIDE SHOPPING CENTER**

POLICE SAY A ROCK HILL MAN IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER SOMEONE SHOT HIM OUTSIDE A SHOPPING CENTER. POLICE SAY THE VICTIM WAS SHOT EARLY SATURDAY MORNING AS HE WALKED OUT OF "HARTLAND'S BAR" ON DAVE LYLE BOULEVARD. DETECTIVES SAY THEY INTERVIEWED PEOPLE AT THE RESTAURANT AND THERE WERE NO FIGHTS OR ANY INDICATION THERE WOULD BE A SHOOTING. OFFICERS SAY THEY FOUND ONE SHELL CASING IN THE PARKING LOT. BUT WITH NO VIDEO, POLICE SAY THEY ARE STILL LOOKING FOR INFORMATION.

FEBRUARY 13, 2024 7:00PM

### **MAN SHOT BY POLICE DURING ARREST ISSUED BOND**

A JUDGE ISSUED A \$60,000 BOND FOR THE MAN SHOT BY POLICE IN WEST CHARLOTTE AFTER THEY SAY HE PULLED A GUN ON THEM. TIMOTHY MOORE FACES SEVERAL CHARGES IN CONNECTION TO THE SHOOTING LAST THURSDAY OFF BEATTIES FORD ROAD. IN COURT TODAY, PROSECUTORS SAID AN OFFICER WAS ON PATROL, WATCHING A CAMERA SYSTEM, WHEN HE SAW MOORE, WHO IS A FELON, PULL OUT A PISTOL IN A "TAUNTING MANNER" WHILE TALKING TO A DRIVER. HE TOLD ANOTHER OFFICER WHO WENT UP TO MOORE AND SHOT HIM AFTER THEY SAY HE PULLED A GUN. WE LEARNED MOORE HAS TWO OTHER PENDING CHARGES RIGHT NOW INCLUDING ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON FROM A 2022 CASE.

FEBRUARY 16, 2024 7:00PM

### **QUESTIONS REMAIN ABOUT POLICE INVESTIGATION IN NORTH CHARLOTTE**

WE'RE WORKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A LARGE POLICE PRESENCE IN NORTH CHARLOTTE. WE SAW OFFICERS OUTSIDE A HOME ON HEWITT DRIVE OFF WEST SUGAR CREEK ROAD. MEDIC TOOK SOMEONE TO THE HOSPITAL WITH LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES. WE'RE ASKING POLICE WHAT HAPPENED.

MARCH 5, 2024 7:00PM

### **MAN CHARGED IN DEADLY BREAK-IN**

POLICE ARRESTED A MAN FOR A 2023 BREAK-IN THAT ENDED WITH ONE PERSON KILLED. NICKALEAU FELDER IS CHARGED WITH MURDER AND ROBBERY. POLICE SAY HE SHOT AND KILLED JONATHAN SHEFFIELD. A FAMILY MEMBER FOUND HIM DEAD INSIDE A NORTHEAST CHARLOTTE HOME LAST MARCH.

MARCH 7, 2024 10:00PM

### **WADESBORO POLICE SEARCH FOR MURDER SUSPECT**

POLICE IN WADESBORO ARE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP TO FIND A MURDER SUSPECT. DEWON HAILEY IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN A DEATH THAT HAPPENED EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING. DETAILS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT REMAIN LIMITED, BUT WE ARE WORKING TO LEARN MORE. IF YOU KNOW WHERE HAILEY IS, CALL POLICE.

MARCH 12, 2024 10:00PM

### **MAN ACCUSED OF SECRET PEEPING BANNED FROM BOJANGLES COLISEUM**

A MAN ACCUSED OF SECRET PEEPING IN THE BATHROOM AT THE BOJANGLES COLISEUM IN EAST CHARLOTTE IS NOW BANNED FROM THE ARENA. THE CHARLOTTE REGIONAL VISITORS AUTHORITY, WHICH RUNS THE COLISEUM, SAYS JOHN CUTTER CAN NO LONGER ATTEND EVENTS THERE. ACCORDING TO POLICE, A FATHER SPOTTED CUTTER USING A CAMERA TO SPY ON PEOPLE IN THE RESTROOM DURING A CHARLOTTE CHECKERS HOCKEY GAME. CUTTER FACES MORE THAN A DOZEN FELONY CHARGES AND IS OUT OF JAIL ON BOND.

MARCH 19, 2024 10:00PM

### **WOMAN PLEADS NO CONTEST TO EMBEZZLING FROM CHURCH**

A CATAWBA COUNTY WOMAN IS EXPECTED TO SERVE 4-6 YEARS IN PRISON. SHE PLEADED NO CONTEST TO STEALING MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE CHURCH WHERE SHE WORKED. DURING HER PLEA YESTERDAY, LISA MCCOOL APOLOGIZED TO THE HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH IN HICKORY, AS WELL AS HER FAMILY. POLICE SAID SHE TRANSFERRED MONEY FROM THE CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS TO HER ACCOUNTS. INVESTIGATORS SAY SHE USED THE MONEY TO FUND HER LAVISH LIFESTYLE. THE JUDGE ALSO ORDERED HER TO PAY BACK ALMOST \$400,000. THERE'S A HEARING SET FOR MAY TO TALK ABOUT ANOTHER \$200,000 IN RESTITUTION.

JANUARY 2, 2024 7:00PM

**MONROE EXPRESSWAY TOLLS GOING UP**

YOU'LL NOW HAVE TO PAY MORE TO USE THE MONROE EXPRESSWAY. THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAYS, AS OF YESTERDAY, THE ANNUAL TOLL RATE INCREASE WENT UP 8 CENTS TO \$2.85. THAT'S NEARLY A 3% INCREASE FOR DRIVERS THAT HAVE AN NC QUICK PASS. THE RATE INCREASE PAYS OFF BONDS THAT WERE SOLD TO FUND THE TOLL LANES AS WELL AS OVERALL MAINTENANCE WHICH INCLUDES GENERAL REPAIRS, MOWING AND WINTER WEATHER PREP.

JANUARY 3, 2024 7:00PM

**WORKERS TO BE LAID OFF AT CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS AIRPORT**

DOZENS OF WORKERS AT CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS AIRPORT WILL SOON BE OUT OF A JOB. 'HMS HOST' SAYS IT WILL NO LONGER RUN FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPERATIONS AT THE AIRPORT'S TWO ADMIRALS CLUB. IT SAYS 91 PEOPLE WILL BE LAID OFF BETWEEN MARCH 3 AND MARCH 17. IT SAYS SOME OF THE WORKERS COULD BE HIRED BY THE COMPANY TAKING OVER LOUNGE OPERATIONS.

JANUARY 16, 2024 7:00PM

**TROLLEY CARS FOR BELMONT PARTIALLY FUNDED IN STATE BUDGET**

TROLLEY CARS ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO ROLLING THROUGH THE STREETS OF BELMONT ONCE AGAIN. OUR PARTNERS AT THE GASTON GAZETTE REPORT THE NONPROFIT 'BELMONT TROLLEY INC.' WILL GET \$1 MILLION IN THIS YEAR'S STATE BUDGET. THE GROUP IS HOPING TO REVIVE THE TROLLEY LINE THAT SERVED THE TOWN IN THE LATE 1800'S. PLANS CALL FOR THREE TROLLEY CARS TO RUN FROM DOWNTON BELMONT TO BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE WITH HOPES OF EXPANDING FURTHER. THE GROUP IS LOOKING TO RAISE ANOTHER \$1.5 MILLION NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT THIS YEAR, ALLOWING THEM TO BREAK GROUND IN THE SPRING OF 2025.

JANUARY 24, 2024 10:00PM

**VOLUNTEERS COUNT HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS**

VOLUNTEERS IN YORK COUNTY ARE OUT ON THE STREETS TONIGHT TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ARE HOMELESS. THEY MAKE THIS COUNT EVERY YEAR. ORGANIZERS STARTED THEIR WORK AT 6, VISITING HOMELESS SHELTERS AND OUTDOOR CAMPS. THEY SAY THE COUNT HELPS THEM APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING.

FEBRUARY 6, 2024 7:00PM

### **ATRIUM LAUNCHES JOB PROGRAM FOR ARMY VETERANS**

ATRIUM HEALTH IS LAUNCHING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR ARMY VETERANS. TODAY, ATRIUM FORMALLY ANNOUNCED A PARTNERSHIP THAT GUARANTEES JOB INTERVIEWS FOR SOLDIERS AFTER THEIR SERVICE. ATRIUM SAYS HIRING VETERANS WILL MAKE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM STRONGER.

FEBRUARY 13, 2024 7:00PM

### **NEW FACTORY TO OFFER HUNDREDS OF JOBS**

A NEW TRANSFORMER FACTORY IS COMING TO CHARLOTTE, CREATING HUNDREDS OF NEW JOBS. THE \$150 MILLION INVESTMENT FROM SEIMENS ENERGY PROMISES AROUND 500 JOBS. WORKERS WILL BUILD UP THE U.S. SUPPLY OF TRANSFORMERS WHICH ARE A VITAL PART OF OUR ENERGY GRID. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST SIEMENS TRANSFORMER PRODUCTION FACILITY IN THE UNITED STATES. IT'S EXPECTED TO BE UP AND RUNNING IN 2026.

FEBRUARY 15, 2024 10:00PM

### **COMPANY LEAVES CUSTOMERS CONFUSED AFTER REPORTS OF TAX DELINQUENCY**

CUSTOMERS TELL ACTION 9 THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO A HEAVY EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENT COMPANY. "EVERYTHING ATTACHMENTS" IN CONOVER SEEMS TO HAVE SUDDENLY CLOSED. COURT RECORDS SHOW IT'S DELINQUENT ON TAXES AND THE COMPANY IS IN A LEGAL FIGHT WITH A CONTRACTOR. ONE MAN TOLD ACTION 9 HE ORDERED A PIECE IN NOVEMBER, PAID THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS UP FRONT AND DIDN'T RECEIVE WHAT HE PAID FOR. HE SAYS HE DISPUTED THE CHARGE AND THE BANK CREDITED HIS ACCOUNT, BUT THAT'S NOT FINAL YET. ACTION 9'S JASON STOOGENKE REACHED OUT TO THE COMPANY BUT DIDN'T GET A RESPONSE. HE ALSO LEARNED THE CITY AND CATAWBA COUNTY SIGNED OFF ON ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR THE COMPANY. BUT IT HAS TO CREATE 150 JOBS AND INVEST \$20 MILLION GROWING THEIR BUSINESS BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

FEBRUARY 15, 2024 10:00PM

### **HICKORY REPORTS HOUSING BOOM**

THE CITY OF HICKORY IS SEEING A HOUSING BOOM AND MORE APARTMENTS COMING TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA. CITY LEADERS CREDIT THE \$40 MILLION BOND REFERENDUM THAT PASSED TEN YEARS AGO FOR THE GROWTH. THAT MONEY IS BEING USED TO BUILD FOUR MAJOR WALKWAYS IN HICKORY AND A BUSINESS PARK THAT HAS CREATED HUNDREDS OF JOBS. RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE MORE THAN 2,600 HOMES AND APARTMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY.

MARCH 1, 2024 10:00PM

### **SOLAR PANEL FACILITY CLOSER TO BRINGING JOBS TO FORT MILL**

A SOLAR PANEL MANUFACTURING FACILITY IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO OPENING IN FORT MILL. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL APPROVED SILFAB SOLAR'S AIR QUALITY PERMIT. THE FACILITY CLAIMS TO BRING 800 JOBS TO THE REGION. A GROUP OF YORK COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE OPPOSED THE FACTORY DUE TO ITS LOCATION NEAR TO TWO FUTURE FORT MILL SCHOOLS AND ITS USE OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS IN THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS.

MARCH 5, 2024 7:00PM

### **LAND'S FUTURE UNCLEAR AFTER COMPANY BACKS OUT OF PLANS TO BRING JOBS HERE**

THE FUTURE OF A LARGE PLOT OF LAND IN UNIVERSITY CITY REMAINS UNCLEAR AFTER HEALTH CARE COMPANY CENTENE BACKED OUT OF PLANS TO MOVE ITS EAST COAST HEADQUARTERS THERE. OUR PARTNERS AT THE CHARLOTTE BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORT A TENANT HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN AN OFFICE BUILDING BEING BUILT THERE. ALSO, A MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPER IS LOOKING AT UNDEVELOPED LAND ON THE SITE. CENTENE HAD PLANS TO BRING 3,200 JOBS TO CHARLOTTE BUT BACKED OUT IN 2022.

MARCH 7, 2024 10:00PM

### **STEEL COMPANY PLANS TO BUILD NEW STEEL PLANT, BRING JOBS TO HICKORY**

DOZENS OF JOBS ARE COMING TO CATAWBA COUNTY. GOVERNOR ROY COOPER ANNOUNCED THE PLANS FOR A NEW STEEL PLANT TODAY. "STEEL WAREHOUSE COMPANY" PLANS TO INVEST MORE THAN \$30 MILLION TO BUILD A FACILITY IN HICKORY. IT'S EXPECTED TO CREATE 58 JOBS. AVERAGE WAGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE AROUND \$62,000.

MARCH 13, 2024 10:00PM

### **BLACK & DECKER ANNOUNCES LAYOFFS**

NEARLY 200 WORKERS ARE ABOUT TO LOSE THEIR JOBS IN FORT MILL. OUR PARTNERS AT THE CHARLOTTE BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORT TOOL-MAKING GIANT STANLEY BLACK & DECKER IS CLOSING ITS FORT MILL MANUFACTURING FACILITY THIS YEAR. THAT WILL IMPACT NEARLY 200 WORKERS. THE COMPANY PLANS TO LAY OFF ALL THOSE WORKERS IN FOUR PHASES, STARTING IN MAY AND THROUGH THE END OF THIS YEAR. MOST EMPLOYEES WILL BE LAID OFF MAY 10.

JANUARY 24, 2024 10:00PM

**FIGHTS AT SCHOOLS LEAD DISTRICT LEADERS TO CONSIDER NEW SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL HOLD A FOURTH HEARING FEBRUARY 12 ON CHALLENGED BOOKS IN THE DISTRICT. ACCORDING TO THE HICKORY RECORD, THE BOOKS ARE 'L8R G8R' BY LAUREN MYRACLE AND 'THE CARNIVAL AT BRAY' BY JESSIE ANN FOLEY. THOSE BOOKS ARE TWO OF THE FINAL THREE ON A LIST OF 24 BOOKS CHALLENGED BY A BOARD MEMBER. THE DISTRICT'S READING COMMITTEE ALREADY VOTED TO RETAIN THE TWO BOOKS. THE BOARD HAS THE FINAL SAY ON KEEPING THEM, BANNING THEM OR RESTRICTING THEM.

JANUARY 25, 2024 8:00AM

**CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS WILL HAVE DOSES OF NARCAN**

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS WILL SOON HAVE DOSES OF NARCAN TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES. THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MOVE. ALL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND SCHOOL NURSES WILL BE TRAINED TO USE IT, ALONG WITH TWO TEACHERS, COACHES OR OTHER EMPLOYEES AT EACH SCHOOL. IT WILL BE KEPT INSIDE THE SAME BOX AS THE SCHOOL'S DEFIBRILLATOR.

JANUARY 26, 2024 8:00AM

**TWO AREA PRINCIPALS IN THE RUNNING FOR "PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR"**

TWO PRINCIPALS IN OUR AREA WILL FIND OUT THIS SPRING IF THEY'VE BEEN SELECTED TO BE NORTH CAROLINA'S WELLS FARGO PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR. DWIGHT THOMPSON FROM RENAISSANCE WEST STEAM ACADEMY AND PHIL ROGERS FROM R-S CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN RUTHERFORDTON WERE BOTH CHOSEN AS REGIONAL PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR. THE STATE PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED MAY 24.

JANUARY 30, 2024 8:00AM

**RENDERINGS SHOW PLANS FOR SCHOOL AFTER LARGE FIRE**

WE NOW HAVE RENDERINGS SHOWING WHAT THE NEW CHARLOTTE PREP SCHOOL WILL LOOK LIKE. THE NEW BUILDING WOULD INCLUDE 10 CLASSROOMS AND A LARGER DINING HALL. OFFICIALS SAY THE DESIGNS AREN'T FINAL, BUT CONSTRUCTION WILL START THIS SPRING. YOU MAY REMEMBER A LARGE PART OF THE SCHOOL'S LOWER BUILDING WAS DAMAGED IN A FIRE LAST JUNE. CLASSES RESUMED LESS THAN TWO MONTHS LATER IN MOBILE UNITS.



FEBRUARY 23, 2024 7:00AM

### **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OPENS CALMING ROOM**

STUDENTS AND STAFF AT GARINGER HIGH SCHOOL IN CHARLOTTE HAVE A PLACE TO RE-FOCUS IN A QUIET ENVIRONMENT CALLED THE "ZEN DEN". THE ROOM IS THE BRAINCHILD OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST MONICA STEVENSON. SHE WANTED TO CREATE A CALMING ENVIRONMENT AFTER THE LOSS OF SEVERAL STUDENTS THIS SCHOOL YEAR. SHE SPENT \$200 OUT OF HER POCKET TO CREATE THE ROOM IN AN UNUSED PART OF HER OFFICE. STUDENTS CAN EITHER BE REFERRED BY A TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATORS TO THE ZEN ROOM, OR THEY CAN STOP BY ON THEIR OWN. THE FIRST ZEN DEN WAS SO SUCCESSFUL SHE APPLIED FOR AND WON A THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT TO TURN A MOBILE CLASSROOM INTO A CALMING ROOM FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF.

FEBRUARY 24, 2024 10:00PM

### **CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT'S "STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS"**

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DR. CRYSTAL HILL SHARED THE "STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS" THIS MORNING. THE NORTHWEST CORRIDOR COUNCIL OF ELDERS HOSTED THE BREAKFAST TODAY AT WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL. DR. HILL ADDRESSED ISSUES LIKE SCHOOL SAFETY, MENTAL HEALTH, AND HOW STUDENTS CAN ACHIEVE THE BEST ACADEMIC OUTCOMES.

FEBRUARY 26, 2024 8:00AM

### **PLANS TO BE UNVEILED ABOUT PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

TODAY WE WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT AN EFFORT TO REDESIGN THE WAY SCHOOLS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA, INCLUDING IN CHARLOTTE, ARE GRADED. STATE SUPERINTENDENT CATHERINE TRUITT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE STATE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REFORM. THE PROPOSED MODEL WOULD TELL PARENTS HOW IT'S PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION. IT WOULD REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

FEBRUARY 28, 2024 8:00AM

### **SCHOOL LEADERS TALK ABOUT DISPROPORTIONATE PUNISHMENT FOR STUDENTS**

THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOL BOARD HAS AN UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO MAKE PUNISHMENT MORE EQUITABLE. THE DISTRICT FOUND LAST SCHOOL YEAR, A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE OF BLACK STUDENTS WERE GIVEN 'OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION': 32%. THE DISTRICT WANTED TO LOWER THAT TO 23% BY THIS YEAR. BUT, AS OF LAST SEMESTER, THE RATE WAS MORE THAN 29%. THE DISTRICT SAYS IT'S MAKING PROGRESS.

MARCH 20, 2024 7:00PM

### **SOME SCHOOL LEADERS TO GET SIGNIFICANT RAISES**

SOME OF THE TOP LEADERS OF THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL GET SIGNIFICANT RAISES. THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED 11 NEW, SIX-FIGURE CONTRACTS FOR STAFFERS WORKING ALONGSIDE THE SUPERINTENDENT. OUR PARTNERS AT THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER REPORT 10 OF THOSE CONTRACTS ARE FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS. EACH WILL MAKE NEARLY \$185,000 A YEAR. THE LAST CONTRACT IS FOR AN "ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS." THAT PERSON WILL MAKE MORE THAN \$205,000.

MARCH 21, 2024 10:00PM

### **LANCASTER COUNTY TO ASK VOTERS TO APPROVE \$588M SCHOOL BOND PACKAGE**

LANCASTER COUNTY LEADERS WILL ASK VOTERS FOR MORE THAN \$588 MILLION TO SUPPORT NEW SCHOOLS AND RENOVATIONS. IT'S THE LARGEST BOND PACKAGE THE DISTRICT HAS EVER REQUESTED. IF IT PASSES, LEADERS SAY THE MILL RATE WOULD GO UP BY 14 MILLS. THAT MEANS AN OWNER OF A \$100,000 HOME WOULD END UP PAYING AN EXTRA \$56 IN TAXES ON THEIR HOME EACH YEAR. THE OWNER OF A \$500,000 HOME WOULD PAY AN EXTRA \$280 A YEAR.

MARCH 28, 2024 8:00AM

### **BOOK BUS ARRIVES TO MOTIVATE STUDENTS TO READ**

THE CHARLOTTE HORNETS ARE DOING THEIR PART TO MAKE READING MORE FUN. TEAM MASCOT "HUGO THE HORNET" TEAMED UP WITH THE TEAM'S BOOK BUS. THEIR BOOK CREW VISITED ELIZABETH TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BROUGHT THE HORNETS VENOM G-T TEAM OF THE NBA 2K ESPORTS LEAGUE. THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SAYS HE FEELS MORE CONFIDENT THIS WILL MAKE HIS STUDENTS EXCITED TO READ AND IMPROVE TEST SCORES.

MARCH 29, 2024 8:00AM

### **CROSSING GUARDS DON'T SHOW UP TO WORK AFTER NO CHARGES IN DEADLY CRASH**

SEVERAL CROSSING GUARDS WITH FORT MILL SCHOOLS DIDN'T SHOW UP TO WORK YESTERDAY, JUST HOURS AFTER POLICE ANNOUNCED THE DRIVER WHO HIT AND KILLED ONE OF THEIR OWN WOULD NOT FACE CHARGES. STANLEY BRUCKER WAS HIT BY A CAR WHILE WORKING OUTSIDE FORT MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LAST THURSDAY. HE LATER DIED. A YORK COUNTY SOLICITOR TOLD US A NEARBY SCHOOL BUS CAPTURED THE CRASH ON VIDEO. THEY SENT A STATEMENT SAYING BRUCKER STEPPED IN FRONT OF THE CAR AND DID NOT DISPLAY HIS STOP SIGN TOWARD THE APPROACHING DRIVER. THEY ALSO SAY HE DID NOT LOOK IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CAR BEFORE STEPPING IN THE ROAD. WE CALLED AND EMAILED THE CROSSING GUARD COMPANY TO ASK WHY EMPLOYEES DID NOT SHOW UP BUT WE HAVEN'T HEARD BACK. WHEN WE STOPPED BY THE COMPANY, SOMEONE INSIDE SAID "NO COMMENT."

JANUARY 4, 2024 7:00PM

**NOVANT HEALTH TO REQUIRE MOST OF ITS STAFF TO WEAR MASKS**

STARTING TOMORROW, NOVANT HEALTH IS REQUIRING MOST OF ITS STAFF TO WEAR MASKS WHEN WORKING WITH PATIENTS AS NORTH CAROLINA'S HOSPITALS SEE A RECORD NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE FLU. ACCORDING TO STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS, JUST OVER 1,000 PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALIZED WITH THE FLU DURING THE LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER. BY COMPARISON, THERE WERE JUST OVER 300 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED FOR FLU DURING THE SAME WEEK IN 2022.

JANUARY 11, 2024 8:00AM

**NEW REPORT SAYS MORE PEOPLE DIED FROM FLU IN NORTH CAROLINA**

WE HAVE NEW NUMBERS SHOWING HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING FROM THE FLU IN NORTH CAROLINA. ACCORDING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SINCE THE START OF THE YEAR, AT LEAST 25 PEOPLE HAVE DIED FROM THE FLU. AT LEAST TWO OF THEM ARE CHILDREN. THAT BRINGS THE TOTAL DEATHS THIS FLU SEASON TO 96.

JANUARY 12, 2024 10:00PM

**ATRIUM EMPLOYEES TO GET BOOST IN PAY**

IF YOU WORK AT ATRIUM HEALTH, YOU COULD BE GETTING A PAY RAISE. OUR PARTNERS AT THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER REPORT 'ADVOCATE HEALTH,' THE PARENT COMPANY OF ATRIUM, IS RAISING MINIMUM WAGE FROM \$16.50 AN HOUR TO \$17.50 STARTING THIS SUNDAY. THIS APPLIES TO NURSES' AIDES, MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, PHARMACY TECHS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS.

JANUARY 17, 2024 10:00PM

**FORMER NURSE ACCUSED OF STEALING FENTANYL FROM HOSPITAL**

A FORMER ATRIUM HEALTH NURSE IS ACCUSED OF STEALING FENTANYL FROM THE HOSPITAL. KATHERINE RUPERT IS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLING OR DIVERTING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. NORTH CAROLINA STATE INVESTIGATORS SAY SHE STOLE FENTANYL FROM THE CAROLINAS MEDICAL CENTER IN CHARLOTTE WHILE WORKING THERE. TODAY CHANNEL 9 WAS THE ONLY STATION AT HER COURT HEARING. SHE REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY OF OUR QUESTIONS.

FEBRUARY 7, 2024 7:00PM

### **FIRST LADY TO VISIT CHARLOTTE, TALK ABOUT CANCER CARE**

FIRST LADY JILL BIDEN WILL BE IN CHARLOTTE FRIDAY. SHE'LL VISIT ATRIUM HEALTH'S LEVINE CANCER CENTER. SHE'S EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF CANCER CARE AND THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO SUPPORT CANCER PATIENTS.

FEBRUARY 8, 2024 7:00PM

### **ATRIUM HEALTH TO TRAIN STUDENTS FOR HEALTH CARE CAREERS**

ATRIUM HEALTH IS WORKING WITH CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS TO TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE HEALTH CARE FIELD. TODAY THEY ANNOUNCED THEY'RE LAUNCHING AN EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM AT HAWTHORNE ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES. THE PROGRAM GIVES STUDENTS A PATHWAY TO A CAREER WITH SPECIALIZED CLASSES AND WORK-BASED LEARNING. THEN THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO START APPLYING FOR JOBS AFTER GRADUATION OR CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION.

FEBRUARY 15, 2024 10:00PM

### **PATIENTS DANCE AT PARTY TO SUPPORT ATRIUM LEADER**

PATIENTS AT ATRIUM HEALTH LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAME TOGETHER TODAY FOR A SPECIAL CAUSE. THEY TOOK PART IN AN ADAPTIVE DANCE PARTY TO SUPPORT SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT CALLIE DOBBINS. SHE'S COMPETING IN THIS YEAR'S CHARLOTTE BALLET DANCING WITH THE STARS GALA. SHE SAYS SHE WORKS EVERYDAY TO HELP THESE CHILDREN SO IT WAS SPECIAL TO SEE THEM SUPPORT HER. DOBBINS IS RAISING MONEY ON BEHALF OF ATRIUM. THE GALA HAPPENS MARCH 2.

FEBRUARY 22, 2024 8:00AM

### **SURGERIES CANCELED BECAUSE OF FLOODING IN HOSPITAL**

ATRIUM HEALTH SAYS ELECTIVE SURGERIES AT THEIR PINEVILLE LOCATION HAVE BEEN CANCELED AFTER A PIPE BURST EARLY THIS MORNING. PATIENTS WERE MOVED OFF THE FLOODED FOURTH FLOOR AND INTO OTHER PARTS OF THE HOSPITAL. ATRIUM SAYS SOME CRITICAL CARE PATIENTS HAD TO BE MOVED TO OTHER FACILITIES. THEY ARE STILL WORKING TO CLEAN UP THE DAMAGE AND ARE MAKING SURE THE AREAS ARE SAFE BEFORE PATIENTS ARE MOVED BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL FLOORS.

MARCH 8, 2024 7:00PM

### **CANCER NURSE HONORED BY INVITE TO STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS**

A CHARLOTTE NURSE WHO ATTENDED LAST NIGHT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS WAS STILL BEAMING WITH EXCITEMENT THIS MORNING. KRIS BLACKLEY WAS A GUEST OF FIRST LADY DOCTOR JILL BIDEN. BLACKLEY WORKS AT ATRIUM HEALTH LEVINE CANCER CENTER, SUPPORTING PATIENTS WHO FACE BARRIERS IN THEIR TREATMENT. SHE MET THE FIRST LADY DURING A VISIT TO CHARLOTTE LAST MONTH. BLACKLEY SAID IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO ADVOCATE FOR HER PATIENTS ON THE NATIONAL STAGE.

MARCH 20, 2024 10:00PM

### **ATRIUM HEALTH TO LIFT VISITOR RESTRICTIONS**

TOMORROW, ATRIUM HEALTH PLANS TO LIFT VISITOR RESTRICTIONS AND MODIFY ITS MASKING POLICIES IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA. VISITORS UNDER THE AGE OF 12 CAN VISIT THE HOSPITAL AGAIN. MASKS WILL ONLY BE REQUIRED IN SPECIFIC AREAS LIKE CANCER UNITS OR THE EMERGENCY ROOM. THE HOSPITAL SAYS IT MADE THE CHANGE AFTER A DROP IN RESPIRATORY VIRUSES. ATRIUM SAYS IT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CASES AND MAKE CHANGES IF NEEDED.

MARCH 21, 2024 7:00PM

### **ALLERGY DOCTOR WARNS OF ANIMALS TRACKING POLLEN INTO HOMES**

JUST STEP OUTSIDE AND YOU CAN TELL WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF ALLERGY SEASON. CARS ARE COVERED IN POLLEN. MANY OF US ARE STOCKING UP ON TISSUES. RIGHT NOW THE BIG ISSUE IS POLLEN FROM TREES LIKE PINE. DR. ALEKH GUPTA WITH ATRIUM HEALTH ALLERGY IN CHARLOTTE SAYS ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T THINK ABOUT WITH ALLERGIES IS THEIR PETS TRACKING POLLEN INSIDE. DR. GUPTA SAYS YOU SHOULD WIPE YOUR DOG DOWN WITH A WASHCLOTH OR WIPE TO MINIMIZE THE POLLEN BEFORE BRINGING THEM INDOORS.

MARCH 27, 2024 7:00PM

### **IREDELL HEALTH LIFTS FLU RESTRICTIONS**

AFTER MORE THAN 4 MONTHS, THE IREDELL HEALTH SYSTEM HAS LIFTED FLU RESTRICTIONS. SINCE DECEMBER, GUESTS WERE ASKED NOT TO BRING CHILDREN UNDER 13 TO THE HOSPITAL. THE DECISION CAME DURING THE HEART OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SEASON.

JANUARY 9, 2024 10:00PM

**FIRE MARSHAL SEARCHING FOR CAUSE OF APARTMENT FIRE**

IN CONCORD, NEW PICTURES SHOW ROADS WASHED OUT BY STORMS TODAY. ONE IS HIGHWAY 200 BETWEEN HIGHWAY 601 AND MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD SOUTH. ACCORDING TO THE GEORGEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE ROAD IS NOW IMPASSABLE AND THERE'S NO WORD ON WHEN REPAIRS WILL EVEN BEGIN.

JANUARY 10, 2024 10:00PM

**CLOSING ARGUMENTS PLANNED TOMORROW FOR FEDERAL HATE CRIME TRIAL**

CLOSING ARGUMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO START TOMORROW MORNING FOR A CONCORD MAN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL HATE CRIMES. MARIAN HUDAK'S FEDERAL TRIAL STARTED MONDAY IN GREENSBORO. HE'S ACCUSED OF BROADCASTING RACIAL SLURS OVER A LOUDSPEAKER FROM HIS TRUCK IN KANNAPOLIS'S SAM'S CLUB PARKING LOT IN 2022. THAT SAME YEAR, THE FEDS SAY HE ALSO TOLD HIS NEIGHBOR TO "GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY" BEFORE THREATENING THEM. COURT DOCUMENTS SAY HUDAK ALSO FOLLOWED A BLACK MAN HOME AFTER YELLING RACIAL SLURS WHILE NEARLY DRIVING HIM OFF THE ROAD IN CONCORD. TODAY, FEDERAL PROSECUTORS CROSS EXAMINED HIM BEFORE HIS DEFENSE TEAM RESTED. IF FOUND GUILTY OF BOTH CHARGES, HE COULD SPEND 20 YEARS IN PRISON.

JANUARY 23, 2024 10:00PM

**MAN SAYS HIS SUV CAME OUT OF CAR WASH DAMAGED**

A DRIVER SAYS HE TOOK HIS SUV TO A CONCORD CAR WASH. HE SAYS IT CAME OUT CLEANER, BUT IT WAS ALSO MISSING A PART. MARVIN ROSS TOLD ACTION 9 HE TOOK THE SUV TO AUTO BELL. ROSS SAID THE CAR WASH DAMAGED A METAL PIECE ON HIS ROOF. HE SAYS THE BUSINESS OFFERED A FREE CAR WASH, BUT NOTHING ELSE. ACTION NINE'S JASON STOOGENKE EMAILED AUTO BELL. A SPOKESPERSON SAID THE MANAGER ORIGINALLY SAID NO TO PAYING FOR REPAIRS BECAUSE HE WASN'T SURE THE DAMAGE HAPPENED DURING THE CAR WASH. BUT THE COMPANY SAID IT'S COMMITTED TO CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND GOODWILL AND GAVE ROSS MORE THAN \$200 TO FIX THE SUV.

JANUARY 26, 2024 8:00AM

**VIGIL PLANNED FOR BELOVED TEACHER KILLED IN CRASH**

TONIGHT, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WILL COME TOGETHER TO REMEMBER A CONCORD MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER. KENDALL BOST DIED IN A CRASH ON HARRIS STREET LAST SATURDAY NIGHT. A VIGIL FOR HIM IS BEING HELD AT 6 TONIGHT IN THE CONCORD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM. DOORS OPEN AT 5:30.

FEBRUARY 1, 2024 7:00PM

### **SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SHOOTING, ROBBERY**

ONE OF TWO SUSPECTS IS BEHIND BARS IN CONNECTION TO A CONCORD SHOOTING AND ROBBERY. POLICE ARRESTED JOHN MEECE TODAY. OFFICERS SAY HE AND ANOTHER MAN ROBBED AND SHOT SOMEONE YESTERDAY MORNING ALONG KANNAPOLIS HIGHWAY AND HIGHWAY 29. THE VICTIM IS EXPECTED TO BE OK. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS ASKED TO CALL CONCORD POLICE.

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 10:00PM

### **NEW AIRLINE, DESTINATION COMING TO CONCORD-PADGETT AIRPORT**

A NEW AIRLINE AND A NEW NON-STOP DESTINATION WILL RUN THROUGH THE CONCORD-PADGETT REGIONAL AIRPORT SOON. THE AIRPORT PLANS TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THOSE NEW SERVICES THIS TUESDAY. ONCE WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PLANS, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.

FEBRUARY 5, 2024 7:00PM

### **POLICE SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN**

POLICE IN CONCORD ARE ASKING FOR HELP FINDING A WOMAN. OFFICERS SAY 50-YEAR-OLD LASHON BROWN HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE YESTERDAY AROUND NOON. SHE WAS LAST SEEN WALKING ON COCHRAN ROAD NEAR PITTS SCHOOL ROAD SOUTHWEST. SHE COULD BE WEARING GREY CARGO PANTS AND A GRAY ZIP-UP HOODIE. IF YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS, CALL POLICE.

FEBRUARY 6, 2024 10:00PM

### **SCHOOLS GO ON LOCKDOWN BECAUSE OF CHASE**

IN CONCORD, THREE SCHOOLS WENT INTO A BRIEF LOCKDOWN FOR AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DUE TO A CHASE INVOLVING SEVERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. CONCORD POLICE AND CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE WERE ON THE SCENE OFF WEDDINGTON ROAD. CONCORD POLICE TOLD US HIGHWAY PATROL STARTED THE PURSUIT. WE'RE ASKING WHY, AND IF A SUSPECT IS IN CUSTODY.

MARCH 13, 2024 7:00PM

### **ONE PERSON RESCUED FROM BURNING HOME**

FIREFIGHTERS RESCUED SOMEONE FROM A BURNING HOME IN CONCORD OVERNIGHT. IT HAPPENED ON JAMES STREET BEFORE 2 THIS MORNING. FIVE PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE BUT ANOTHER PERSON HAD TO BE PULLED FROM THE HOME. FIRE OFFICIALS SAY THAT PERSON WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION.



MARCH 14, 2024 10:00PM

**POLICE SAY GAS STATION CLERK SHOT, KILLED LOCAL FATHER**

CONCORD POLICE SAY A 7-ELEVEN CLERK SHOT AND KILLED A LOCAL FATHER AFTER AN ARGUMENT IN THE STORE. OFFICERS SAY IT HAPPENED AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE OFF ELLENWOOD AND HARRIS ROADS WEDNESDAY MORNING. WITNESSES TOLD OFFICERS MICHAEL PRIDE WAS IN THE STORE'S BATHROOM FOR SEVERAL HOURS. POLICE SAY SOMEONE ASKED PRIDE TO LEAVE THE STORE, THEN HE GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH A CLERK. OFFICERS SAY THE CLERK – SALVERIO CAMPAGNA – SHOT AND KILLED PRIDE OUTSIDE THE STORE. CAMPAGNA IS CHARGED WITH MURDER. HE'S BEING HELD AT THE CABARRUS COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT BOND.

JANUARY 7, 2024 10:00PM

**ONE KILLED, ONE HURT IN SHOOTING**

IN KANNAPOLIS, ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND ANOTHER IS HURT AFTER A SHOOTING. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A VAPE STORE ON CANNON BOULEVARD AROUND 2 AM. THAT'S WHERE THEY FOUND TWO PEOPLE SHOT. POLICE SAY 23-YEAR-OLD SHOVANTE BYERS DIED. ANOTHER 28-YEAR-OLD WAS SHOT, BUT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. POLICE HAVE NOT ARRESTED ANYONE YET.

JANUARY 10, 2024 10:00PM

**FEDERAL MONEY TO BE SPENT ON ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES**

YOU COULD SOON SEE MORE ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES IN A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU. GOVERNOR ROY COOPER ANNOUNCED THE STATE IS GETTING NEARLY \$27 MILLION FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S "CLEAN SCHOOL BUS GRANT PROGRAM." THAT MONEY WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE BRAND NEW ELECTRIC BUSES. KANNAPOLIS CITY SCHOOLS WILL GET EIGHT. THIS IS THE SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING AWARDED TO NORTH CAROLINA UNDER THAT GRANT PROGRAM.

JANUARY 16, 2024 10:00PM

**ETHICS CONCERNS ON CITY COUNCIL**

SOME PEOPLE ARE RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT ETHICS ON KANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL. A LONGTIME COUNCILMAN IS BACK ON THE JOB A MONTH AFTER HE RESIGNED TO AVOID A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THAT'S ACCORDING TO OUR PARTNERS AT THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER. THEY REPORT TOM KINCAID RESIGNED LAST MONTH AND DURING THAT SAME MEETING, COUNCIL VOTED TO GIVE A NONPROFIT \$3 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING TO BUY A NURSING HOME OWNED BY KINCAID. COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY PLANS TO TURN THE FACILITY INTO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. A COUPLE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TOLD THE OBSERVER KINCAID WAS ONLY ABLE TO BE REAPPOINTED LAST WEEK BECAUSE ONE MEMBER WHO WOULD'VE VOTED NO WAS SICK AND ABSENT FROM THE MEETING. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO KINCAID FOR COMMENT.

FEBRUARY 2, 2024 8:00AM

### **MOVING TRUCK CHASE STARTS IN KANNAPOLIS, ENDS IN CHARLOTTE**

A CHASE THAT STARTED IN KANNAPOLIS ENDED WITH A CRASH OFF 4TH STREET IN MIDTOWN CHARLOTTE. WE WERE THERE MOMENTS AFTER POLICE STOPPED THE MOVING TRUCK. WE COULD SEE A KIDDIE POOL UNDER THE OIL TANK AND THE TIRE BLOWN OUT. WE ALSO SAW A MAN BEING TAKEN AWAY ON A STRETCHER. WE'RE WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM MEDIC ON ANY INJURIES. WE'RE ALSO ASKING INVESTIGATORS FOR DETAILS ON WHO THAT MAN WAS AND WHAT HAPPENED.

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 10:00PM

### **MOVING TRUCK CHASE STARTS IN KANNAPOLIS, ENDS IN CHARLOTTE**

KANNAPOLIS POLICE ARE ASKING FOR HELP FINDING a 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL. WE'RE TOLD LEQUANDA ROBINSON WAS LAST SEEN AT A.L. BROWN HIGH SCHOOL ON FRIDAY. POLICE BELIEVE SHE LEFT ON HER OWN. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON WHERE SHE IS OR WHERE SHE'S HEADING, CALL KANNAPOLIS POLICE.

FEBRUARY 5, 2024 7:00PM

### **REPORT SAYS KANNAPOLIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO FIND A HOME**

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO BUY A HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME, A NEW REPORT SAYS KANNAPOLIS HAS THE BEST MARKET IN OUR AREA. ACCORDING TO REALTOR.COM, THE CITY OFFERS THE BEST PRICES AND LARGEST INVENTORY IN ADDITION TO ITS GROWING AMENITIES. THE REPORT SPECIFICALLY LOOKS AT THE BEST MARKETS FOR FIRST-TIME BUYERS. IT SAYS THE AVERAGE HOME IN KANNAPOLIS SELLS FOR JUST OVER \$300,000, WELL BELOW THE CHARLOTTE AVERAGE OF MORE THAN \$460,000. IT ALSO NOTES THE HOUSING INVENTORY OF 47 HOMES PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS AS A REASON FOR THE STANDOUT RANKING.

FEBRUARY 6, 2024 10:00PM

### **DRIVERS FRUSTRATED BY POTHOLE**

ACTION 9 IS GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF A PROBLEM THAT'S FRUSTRATING SOME KANNAPOLIS DRIVERS: A POTHOLE. IT'S IN TROJAN DRIVE NORTHEAST, NEAR WALMART. DRIVERS SAY THEY ASSUMED THE CITY OWNS THE ROAD. BUT IT'S ACTUALLY PRIVATELY OWNED. THE PROPERTY LINE RUNS DOWN THE MIDDLE WITH WALMART OWNING ONE SIDE AND A COMPANY CALLED EXCEL HOSPITALITY OWNING THE OTHER. IT'S HARD TO TELL WHICH COMPANY OWNS THE SIDE OF THE ROAD WITH THE POTHOLE. SO JASON STOOGENKE REACHED OUT TO BOTH. WALMART SAID IT WASN'T SURE ABOUT WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POTHOLE BUT SAID IT WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. WORKERS MADE REPAIRS TWO WEEKS LATER.

MARCH 3, 2024 10:00PM

### **MORNING FIRE BURNS HOME**

FIREFIGHTERS SAY SEVERAL PETS DIED AFTER A HOUSE FIRE IN KANNAPOLIS THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED IN THE JACKSON PARK COMMUNITY, OFF HIGHWAY 29. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE MADE IT OUT SAFELY. FIREFIGHTERS RESCUED MULTIPLE PETS, BUT SEVERAL DIED LATER IN THE DAY FROM THEIR INJURIES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

MARCH 15, 2024 7:00PM

### **SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER BANK ROBBERY**

NEW DETAILS IN A KANNAPOLIS BANK ROBBERY THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECT, DAMIEN MATTHEWS, RAN FROM THE WELLS FARGO ON SOUTH CANNON BOULEVARD, BUT OFFICERS CAUGHT HIM. THEY SAY THEY FOUND THE STOLEN MONEY AND A GUN. MATTHEWS IS ALSO WANTED ON ROBBERY CHARGES IN VIRGINIA.

MARCH 25, 2024 10:00PM

### **TEACHER CHARGED WITH SEX CRIMES AGAINST STUDENT**

A FORMER A.L. BROWN HIGH SCHOOL THEATER TEACHER IS IN JAIL. JORDAN CORRELL IS ACCUSED OF SEX CRIMES AGAINST A 15-YEAR-OLD STUDENT. KANNAPOLIS POLICE SAY THEY WERE TOLD MARCH 18 THAT CORRELL HAD BEEN COMMUNICATING INAPPROPRIATELY WITH THAT STUDENT. THEY SAY THEIR INVESTIGATION ALSO REVEALED SEXUAL ACTS WERE COMMITTED BETWEEN THE 28-YEAR-OLD TEACHER AND THE VICTIM. CORRELL IS IN JAIL WITH A \$1 MILLION BOND. HIS OFFICIAL CHARGES INCLUDE INDECENT LIBERTIES WITH A STUDENT AND STATUTORY SEX OFFENSE.

JANUARY 12, 2024 10:00PM

**LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

CHANNEL NINE UNCOVERED A FEDERAL LAWSUIT ALLEGING JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS IN NORTH CAROLINA ARE VIOLATING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION BY KEEPING KIDS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. THE LAWSUIT ACCUSES THE CABARRUS REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER OF HOLDING CHILDREN IN SMALL CELLS FOR 23 HOURS A DAY OR MORE FOR WEEKS OR EVEN MONTHS WITHOUT ANY VALID REASON. IT GOES ON TO CLAIM SOME CHILDREN ARE FACING INHUMANE RESTRICTIONS SUCH AS PUTTING THE FLAP DOWN ON THE SMALL WINDOW ON THEIR DOOR SO THEY CANNOT SEE OUT OF THEIR CELL OR TURNING OFF THE WATER SO THEY CANNOT FLUSH THE TOILET OR USE THE SINK. WE REACHED OUT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. A SPOKESPERSON SAID "THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT COMMENT ON PENDING LITIGATION AND WILL NOT COMMENT ON CLAIMS CONTAINED WITHIN THIS LAWSUIT." THEY ADDED "UNDER STATE LAW, INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN JUVENILE RECORDS IS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT CONSIDERED TO BE PUBLIC INFORMATION."

JANUARY 16, 2024 8:00AM

**LEADERS TO DISCUSS REDISTRCTING PROPOSALS FOR SCHOOLS**

TODAY, DISTRICT LEADERS IN CABARRUS COUNTY WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THE RECENTLY PROPOSED PLANS THAT WOULD IMPACT THOUSANDS OF KIDS AND WHERE THEY GO TO SCHOOL. CLOSE TO 4,000 STUDENTS COULD BE REASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS THIS REALIGNMENT PROCESS WILL HELP THE DISTRICT ADDRESS OVERCROWDING AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. THE PLAN ALSO INCLUDES \$957 MILLION TO BUILD SEVERAL NEW SCHOOLS, REBUILD OTHERS, AND ADDRESS MAINTENANCE COSTS. IT WOULD BE UP TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FUND ALL OR SOME OF THOSE NEEDS.

FEBRUARY 2, 2024 10:00PM

**CABARRUS COUNTY TO SEND REVALUATION NOTICES**

CABARRUS COUNTY IS TELLING PROPERTY OWNERS TO WATCH FOR REVALUATION NOTICES IN THE MAIL. THE COUNTY PLANS TO SEND THEM OUT NEXT WEEK. OFFICIALS SAY THE REVALUATIONS ARE UPDATED AS OF JANUARY FIRST. PROPERTY OWNERS WILL HAVE 30 DAYS TO FILE AN APPEAL. NEW TAX BILLS GO OUT IN JULY AND ARE DUE IN JANUARY.

FEBRUARY 8, 2024 7:00PM

### **CABARRUS COUNTY TO SEND REVALUATION NOTICES**

A STAFF MEMBER AT A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER IS CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A CHILD. THE CABARRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS IT RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ABOUT THE INCIDENT AT STONEWALL JACKSON ON TUESDAY. AN EMPLOYEE THERE, DANA LASSITER, IS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT BY STRANGULATION. DEPUTIES DIDN'T RELEASE ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.

FEBRUARY 9, 2024 10:00PM

### **TWO ARRESTED AFTER CHASE**

TWO PEOPLE ARE CHARGED AFTER A CHASE EARLY THIS MORNING IN CABARRUS COUNTY. DEPUTIES SAYS THEY GOT A CALL ABOUT STOLEN GROCERIES AT LOWES FOODS IN HARRISBURG. THEY SAY TAMARA BARNES AND VIDAL JONES TOOK OFF IN A TRUCK AND DIDN'T STOP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. DEPUTIES SAY THE CHASE GOT UP TO 90 MILES AN HOUR ON HIGHWAY 49 TOWARD MECKLENBURG COUNTY. THEY SAY THE COUPLE CRASHED INTO AN EMBANKMENT WHILE TRYING TO TURN ONTO MARK TWAIN ROAD. BOTH WERE ARRESTED.

FEBRUARY 12, 2024 7:00PM

### **JUDGE RULES AGAINST HOA IN SIDEWALK DISPUTE**

NOW AN UPDATE IN AN ACTION 9 INVESTIGATION. A JUDGE RULED A CABARRUS COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION HAS TO MAINTAIN ITS SIDEWALKS. ROBERT BEIRNE SAID HE PAID \$1,500 TO TAKE CARE OF TREE ROOTS PUSHING UP THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE. HE LIVES IN THE SKYBROOK SUBDIVISION. THE HOA TOLD HIM IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY. HE SUED. A JUDGE AGREED AND HELD THE BOARD LIABLE FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT. THE HOA SAID IT MAY APPEAL.

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 8:00AM

### **INMATES WITH WEAPONS TAKE OVER JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

A GROUP OF JUVENILE INMATES WITH WEAPONS TOOK OVER THE CABARRUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND DETENTION CENTER AND IT WASN'T THE FIRST DANGEROUS INCIDENT THIS WEEK. THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SAYS IT STARTED SUNDAY NIGHT WHEN A GROUP REFUSED TO RETURN TO THEIR ROOMS. MONDAY NIGHT IN THE SAME UNIT, OFFICIALS SAY A YOUNG INMATE ASSAULTED A STAFF MEMBER, STOLE THEIR KEYS AND ALLOWED OTHER JUVENILES OUT OF THEIR ROOMS. ONE JUVENILE INMATE WAS HURT DURING THAT TAKEOVER. OFFICIALS SAY STAFFING AND OVERCROWDING ARE FUELING THESE ISSUES.

FEBRUARY 20, 2024 8:00AM

### **NEIGHBORS SAY LANDFILL IN THEIR COMMUNITY STINKS**

NEIGHBORS ARE UPSET ABOUT A STRONG SMELL FROM A LANDFILL IN CABARRUS COUNTY. WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT THE ISSUES NEAR THE ROCKY RIVER CROSSING COMMUNITY LAST SUMMER. NOW NEIGHBORS SAY IT'S GETTING WORSE. WE WERE TOLD LAST JUNE THE DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY ISSUED A NOTICE TO THE LANDFILL, REQUIRING AN ODOR MANAGEMENT PLAN. IT CITED THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND 'CONCERNING ODOROUS EMISSIONS COMING FROM THE SOLID WASTE LANDFILL.' THE DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY SAID THE PLAN NEEDED TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE END OF LAST YEAR. BUT NEIGHBORS SAY THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED THE SMELL GETTING ANY BETTER. THE LAST DOCUMENTED SMELL COMPLAINT WAS FROM LAST NOVEMBER. THE DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY VISITED THE SITE, BUT FOUND NO VIOLATIONS AND NOTED THE LANDFILL APPEARED TO BE FOLLOWING THE APPROVED ODOR PLAN.

MARCH 3, 2024 10:00PM

### **BURGER MADNESS COMPETITION IN CABARRUS COUNTY**

IT'S BURGER MADNESS IN CABARRUS COUNTY. THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR FOR THE CULINARY COMPETITION. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO TRY OUT A UNIQUE BURGER FROM 18 DIFFERENT LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND VOTE ON THEIR FAVORITE. JOHNNY ROGER'S BBQ IS PARTICIPATING. THE OWNER THERE SAYS BURGER MADNESS BRINGS GREAT BUSINESS IN WHAT'S USUALLY A SLOW TIME OF THE YEAR. THE COMPETITION LASTS THROUGH MARCH.

MARCH 12, 2024 7:00PM

### **CREWS ABOUT TO WORK ON NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN**

A NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN IS ABOUT TO START ON HIGHWAY 24/27 IN CABARRUS COUNTY TO MAKE IT SAFER. DRIVERS COMING FROM THE PINE BLUFF-REED MINE ROAD INTERSECTION WILL BE FORCED TO TURN RIGHT AND THEN MAKE A U-TURN INSTEAD OF TURNING LEFT. WORK WILL BEGIN ON THAT CHANGE LATER THIS MONTH.

JANUARY 2, 2024 8:00AM

**FATHER OF FIVE KILLED IN HIT AND RUN**

A FATHER OF FIVE WAS KILLED IN A HIT AND RUN ON A SALISBURY ROAD. NOW HIS FAMILY IS PUSHING FOR JUSTICE. THE FAMILY SAYS THEY GAVE MARK BROTHERTON THE BICYCLE HE WAS RIDING BECAUSE HEALTH CONDITIONS PREVENTED HIM FROM DRIVING. THE FAMILY PLANS TO PUT UP A LARGE WOODEN CROSS ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET WHERE BROTHERTON DIED. IT'LL BEAR THE NAMES OF HIS FIVE CHILDREN. POLICE DID FIND DEBRIS FROM AN SUV AT THE SCENE. THEY BELIEVE IT'S A 2008-2015 NISSAN ARMADA WITH DAMAGE TO THE RIGHT HEADLIGHT AREA.

JANUARY 4, 2024 7:00PM

**COUPLE ARRESTED AFTER BABY EXPOSED TO FENTANYL**

A COUPLE IS IN THE ROWAN COUNTY JAIL TONIGHT AFTER SALISBURY POLICE SAY THEIR BABY WAS EXPOSED TO FENTANYL. PHILLIP KETCHIE AND FELISHA ROBINSON FACE FELONY CHILD ABUSE CHARGES. POLICE SAY THE BABY WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL LAST MONTH AND WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO HIGH LEVELS OF FENTANYL. IT ISN'T CLEAR TONIGHT HOW THE BABY IS DOING.

JANUARY 8, 2024 7:00PM

**CHEERWINE FESTIVAL EXPECTED TO BE LARGER THIS YEAR**

THE CHEERWINE FESTIVAL IN SALISBURY HAS BECOME SO POPULAR ORGANIZERS SAY THEY HAD TO MAKE THE EVENT BIGGER. THIS YEAR THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS WILL BE LARGER, MAKING ROOM FOR MORE GUESTS AND VENDORS TO BRING CHEERWINE-INSPIRED FOOD, DRINKS, ARTS AND CRAFTS. THIS YEAR CELEBRATES 107 YEARS OF THE ICONIC CHERRY SODA IN SALISBURY. THE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD SATURDAY MAY 18 FROM NOON TO TEN.

JANUARY 23, 2024 7:00PM

**PIPE BOMBS FOUND DURING TRAFFIC STOP**

DEPUTIES SAY THEY DISCOVERED PIPE BOMBS DURING A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP IN SALISBURY. THE ROWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A DEPUTY PULLED OVER CHRISTOPHER MCDANIEL FOR HAVING AN EXPIRED TAG MONDAY AT A GAS STATION ON LONG FERRY ROAD. THEY SAY THE DEPUTY'S K-9 ALERTED THEM TO NARCOTICS BEING IN THE CAR. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY FOUND PIPE BOMBS IN THE GLOVE BOX. THE BOMB SQUAD CAME IN TO DETONATE THEM. DEPUTIES ALSO SEARCHED MCDANIEL'S HOUSE AND HIS PARENT'S HOUSE BUT DID NOT FIND ANY MORE EXPLOSIVES. HE'S IN THE ROWAN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER ON MULTIPLE CHARGES.



FEBRUARY 1, 2024 10:00PM

### **FIVE VEHICLES INVOLVED IN CRASH**

DEVELOPING TONIGHT, A SERIOUS CRASH INVOLVING FIVE VEHICLES ON JAKE ALEXANDER BOULEVARD IN SALISBURY. IT HAPPENED AT THE INTERSECTION OF KLUMAC ROAD AROUND 5 THIS AFTERNOON. WE REACHED OUT TO OFFICIALS TO SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED AND WHETHER ANYONE IS HURT.

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 10:00PM

### **TWO PEOPLE HURT IN SHOOTING**

WE'RE WORKING TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A SHOOTING IN SALISBURY WHERE TWO PEOPLE WERE HURT. POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED FRIDAY NIGHT ON LLOYD STREET. THE TWO PEOPLE INJURED ARE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. POLICE HAVE SHARED FEW DETAILS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, BUT SAY THEY HAVE NOT MADE ANY ARRESTS YET.

FEBRUARY 7, 2024 10:00PM

### **MOPED DRIVER DIES IN CRASH**

WE'VE LEARNED A 71-YEAR-OLD DRIVING A MOPED DIED AFTER A CRASH IN SALISBURY. IT HAPPENED ON HIGHWAY 52 AROUND 3 THIS AFTERNOON NEAR GOLD PARK ROAD. HIGHWAY PATROL SAYS THE DRIVER OF A TOYOTA COROLLA FAILED TO SLOW DOWN AND CRASHED INTO THE VICTIM, EDDIE TREXLER, AS HE TRIED TO MAKE A LEFT TURN. THAT DRIVER IS NOW CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR DEATH BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

FEBRUARY 19, 2024 10:00PM

### **MACHINE FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE AT PLANT**

A MACHINE FIRE CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE AT A YARN-SPINNING FACTORY IN SALISBURY. IT HAPPENED SUNDAY AT THE GILDAN PLANT OFF FAITH ROAD. A COMPANY SPOKESPERSON TOLD CHANNEL 9 THE FIRE STARTED IN A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. THEY SAY NO ONE WAS HURT AND THE DAMAGE WAS KEPT TO THAT ONE MACHINE. THE GILDAN PLANT IS OPEN AND OPERATING AS USUAL.

FEBRUARY 20, 2024 10:00PM

### **NOBODY HURT AFTER SHOOTING OUTSIDE GROCERY STORE**

SALISBURY POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING IN A FOOD LION PARKING LOT. IT HAPPENED AT AROUND 2 SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE STORE ON STATESVILLE BOULEVARD. POLICE SAY NO ONE WAS HURT BUT THERE WAS PROPERTY DAMAGE. THEY TELL CHANNEL 9 THEY IDENTIFIED THE SUSPECTS BUT HAVEN'T ARRESTED THEM YET.

MARCH 6, 2024 7:00PM

### **MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS BABY**

A SALISBURY FATHER IS NOW BEHIND BARS ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS OWN BABY MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO. DAVID BRADY IS CHARGED WITH MURDER. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE KILLED HIS CHILD IN NOVEMBER OF 2020. THEY DID NOT SAY HOW THE INFANT DIED, JUST THAT THERE WERE INJURIES FROM AN ASSAULT. BRADY IS BEING HELD WITHOUT BOND.

JANUARY 2, 2024 8:00AM

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR ACTIVE, RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT**

THERE'S NEW SUPPORT FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ROWAN COUNTY. "CUFF" STANDS FOR "COPS UNITED FAITH FELLOWSHIP." A RETIRED ROWAN COUNTY DEPUTY STARTED THE ORGANIZATION. AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, SHE SOUGHT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND WANTS TO OFFER PEER SUPPORT TO FELLOW OFFICERS THROUGH FAITH. CUFF IS HOSTING A FREE LUNCH FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS FROM ANY AGENCY NEXT TUESDAY. THEY HOPE SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION WILL PROVIDE HELP TO THOSE IN NEED.

JANUARY 10, 2024 10:00PM

**ONE KILLED IN CRASH OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SAYS ONE PERSON DIED, AND ANOTHER WAS HURT IN A CRASH JUST OUTSIDE EAST ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL. A TROOPER RESPONDED TO THE CALL ON WILCOY ROAD NEAR ROCKWELL LAST NIGHT. THE TROOPER PURSUED A MUSTANG THEY SAY WAS CROSSING IN AND OUT OF ONCOMING TRAFFIC. WE'RE TOLD, AT ONE POINT, SPEEDS TOPPED 100 MILES PER HOUR BEFORE THE CAR CRASHED IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. ONE PERSON DIED. THE OTHER WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH SERIOUS INJURIES.

JANUARY 11, 2024 7:00PM

**DEPUTIES INVESTIGATE HIGH SCHOOL BREAK-IN**

ROWAN COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE BROKE INTO A HIGH SCHOOL, TRASHED IT AND STOLE A GUN. IT HAPPENED AT EAST ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL JANUARY 2. DEPUTIES SAY THEY SPRAY-PAINTED GRAFFITI, BROKE TOILETS AND SINKS, AND BROKE INTO VENDING MACHINES. DEPUTIES SAY THE GROUP ALSO GOT INTO THE OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER WHERE THEY PRIED OPEN A GUN SAFE AND STOLE THE OFFICER'S RIFLE. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS IT IDENTIFIED THE SUSPECTS AND RECOVERED THE WEAPON THAT SAME DAY. CHARGES ARE PENDING.

JANUARY 17, 2024 7:00PM

### **WOMAN ACCUSED OF ANIMAL ABUSE**

A ROWAN COUNTY WOMAN IS ACCUSED OF LEAVING ANIMALS ALONE AT HER HOME FOR WEEKS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY FOUND SEVERAL NEGLECTED DOGS AND DUCKS AT A HOME ON UPLAND TRAIL BACK IN NOVEMBER. THEY SAY THE OWNER, GRACE HORNE, TOLD THEM SHE HAD LEFT THE ANIMALS AT THE HOME FOR ABOUT A MONTH. NEIGHBORS REPORTED MULTIPLE DUCKS AND CHICKENS HAD DIED ON THE PROPERTY.

FEBRUARY 7, 2024 7:00PM

### **TWO FAMILY MEMBERS ARRESTED IN DRUG INVESTIGATION**

TWO FAMILY MEMBERS ARE BEHIND BARS AFTER A LENGTHY DRUG INVESTIGATION IN ROWAN COUNTY. DEPUTIES ARRESTED ANTHONY ANGLE LAST YEAR. STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ACCUSE HIM OF TRAFFICKING MORE THAN 100 GRAMS OF FENTANYL. LESS THAN A MONTH LATER, OFFICERS ARRESTED ANTONIO MORRIS, WHO'S A YOUNGER RELATIVE OF ANGLE. DEPUTIES SAY HE HAD AN ESTIMATED 400 GRAMS OF FENTANYL MIXED WITH COCAINE. THEY SAY THE PAIR CONSPIRED TO TRAFFIC THE DRUGS AND ANGLE WAS GIVEN ADDITIONAL CHARGES. BOTH MEN ARE IN JAIL ON MORE THAN \$500,000 BOND.

FEBRUARY 8, 2024 7:00PM

### **MAN CHARGED WITH ROWAN COUNTY SHOOTOUT BACK BEHIND BARS**

AN ACCUSED MURDERER AT THE CENTER OF A NINE INVESTIGATION COULD BE PUT BACK IN JAIL. THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILED A MOTION ASKING FOR A JUDGE TO REVOKE MICHAEL WITHERS' BOND. POLICE ARRESTED WITHERS FOR THE 2021 MURDER OF HASHEEN MCINTYRE IN HUNTERSVILLE. LAST YEAR HE WAS CHARGED IN A SHOOTOUT IN ROWAN COUNTY. LAST WEEK, HE WAS ARRESTED IN MATTHEWS. POLICE SAY HE ASSAULTED HIS CHILD'S MOTHER. IN EACH CASE, WITHERS BONDED OUT OF JAIL. IN THE NEW MOTION, PROSECUTORS SAY WITHERS CONTINUES QUOTE "...TO SUBJECT THE PUBLIC TO FURTHER VIOLENCE WITHOUT REGARD FOR THIS COMMUNITY'S CITIZENS OR ITS SAFETY."

FEBRUARY 19, 2024 7:00PM

### **HAIR COULD BE KEY TO IDENTIFYING VICTIM IN COUNTY'S OLDEST UNSOLVED MURDER**

INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO SOLVING ROWAN COUNTY'S OLDEST UNSOLVED MURDER. DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN WORKING SINCE 1971 TO IDENTIFY AN INFANT AND FIND HER KILLER. RECENTLY, HAIR EVIDENCE FROM THE CHILD WAS SENT TO A CALIFORNIA LAB, WHICH DETERMINED THE HAIR STILL HAS USABLE DNA. THAT YOUNG GIRL WAS FOUND STABBED TO DEATH IN AN ABANDONED QUARRY AND TRASH DUMP OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY. INVESTIGATORS HOPE THEY CAN GET FURTHER TESTING DONE TO IDENTIFY THE VICTIM.

MARCH 5, 2024 10:00PM

### **FORMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER ACCUSED OF SEX CRIMES**

A FORMER ELEMENTARY TEACHER IN ROWAN COUNTY IS ACCUSED OF SEX ACTS WITH A STUDENT SHE USED TO TEACH. SARA MAJORS ALSO FACES CHARGES OF STATUTORY RAPE AND INDECENT LIBERTIES. DEPUTIES SAY SHE FIRST MET THE VICTIM YEARS AGO WHEN SHE TAUGHT AT HURLEY ELEMENTARY NEAR SALISBURY. THEY SAY THE ALLEGED ASSAULTS HAPPENED OVER FOUR YEARS BEFORE THE CHILD CAME FORWARD IN OCTOBER. ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOLS OFFICIALS SAY MAJORS RESIGNED IN 2020 AND AT THE TIME THEY WEREN'T AWARE OF ANY ALLEGATIONS.

MARCH 7, 2024 8:00AM

### **CHICK-FIL-A RESTAURANT OWNER ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING TEEN**

A CHICK-FIL-A RESTAURANT OWNER ACCUSED OF DRIVING MORE THAN 400 MILES TO SEXUALLY ASSAULT A TEEN IS EXPECTED TO FACE A JUDGE TODAY. ROWAN COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED STACY AUSTIN. HE IS CHARGED WITH STATUTORY SEX OFFENSE WITH A CHILD. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE 15-YEAR OLD'S FATHER CAME HOME TO FIND AUSTIN IN HIS HOME. DEPUTIES SAY AUSTIN ADMITTED TO THE CRIME. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE AUSTIN MET THE TEEN THROUGH A SOCIAL MEDIA APP.

MARCH 13, 2024 7:00PM

### **NO SECOND PRIMARY FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

THERE WILL BE NO SECOND PRIMARY FOR THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES PARTS OF CABARRUS AND ROWAN COUNTIES, AFTER ALL. MARK WALKER ANNOUNCED TODAY HE'S TAKING A JOB WITH DONALD TRUMP'S CAMPAIGN AS DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH FOR FAITH AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES. NO DEMOCRATS ARE RUNNING FOR THE SEAT, SO THAT MEANS ADDISON MCDOWELL WILL REPRESENT THE 6TH DISTRICT.

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT AIRED ON WAXN-TV

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