



**WAGT-DT, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
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**Current Ascertainment and List
Of Community Problems, Needs and Concerns
July 1 through September 30, 2019
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1. CRIME AND SAFETY

Thrive Everyday, 8:55AM

Monday, September 2: Guest: Sharmori Lewis, Community Outreach Specialist for Senior Medicare Patrol. The Senior Medicare Patrol of Georgia continues to empower and educate against Medicare fraud and scams. Discussed what you can do if you're looking to protect yourself or someone you love against fraudulent and erroneous beneficiary information. 2:19 minutes

Tuesday, July 2, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: PROTECTING YOUR CAR IN EXTREME HEAT. Guest: Lieutenant Junior Johnson, North Augusta Public Safety. Simple things you may use everyday like sunglasses, hairspray or even a water bottle if left in a car during this extreme heat, can get ugly. Any time compressed gases get exposed to extreme heat, they can explode which can cause damage to your vehicle. This is something people learn the hard way. It's important to know what's in your car and anything that could be a possible danger to you. Any type of aerosol can should be taken out of your car such as hairspray, air freshener, bug spray or even spray paint. Some good things you can do to keep things cooled down in your car is to use a sun visor or crack your windows. If you have to leave certain things in your car or just forget about it, throw it in the middle console to keep it out of direct sunlight. Johnson encourages all people to think safety as this summertime continues and the temperatures continue to rise. 2:00 minutes

Wednesday, July 10, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: DUI NUMBERS DROP IN RICHMOND AND COLUMBIA COUNTIES. Sam Bond, Regional Director for Lyft; Anne Sloan, Brewer and Director, Sales and Marketing Riverwatch Brewery and Andre Fields with Savannah Brewing Company. You can now get half off your ride home from breweries in Augusta if you take a Lyft. Both Riverwatch and Savannah River Brewing are a part of the ride smart program. This comes as DUI numbers in both Richmond and Columbia are dropping. At Lyft, they've been about safety from day one and recognize that riding responsibly for things like craft breweries or something would be a great benefit. If you've had one too many at your local brewery, you can grab one of these cards with a code for a safe ride home. It's Lyft's safe ride program. Riverwatch Brewery handing out codes. Now Savannah Brewery is hoping to get involved in a couple of weeks. A tip is to put a plan in place before you go because once you've started drinking, you don't think rationally. Lyft says they are doing this because it's the right thing to do. 2:00 minutes

Monday, July 15, NBC26 News @ 7:00 PM: OPERATION SOUTHERN SHIELD BEGINS, AIMS TO PUT THE BRAKES ON SPEEDING. Guest: Kimberly Nelson, Operation Southern Shield Supporter. The speeding crackdown is on! Five southern states including Georgia and South Carolina, are targeting drivers who break the law from July 15 to July 21. According to statistics, speeding has been a factor in nearly a third of all traffic deaths in the past 20 years. News 12 hit the road today to talk to drivers and was on I-20 with traffic officers earlier today cracking down on speeders. In the 15 minutes they were there, law enforcement pulled over four people traveling 85 miles per hour or more. It's called Operation Southern Shield, a week-long operation aiming to not just hand out traffic tickets but to save lives. People should slow down, pay attention and take a few minutes to where they're going and be safe. According to the traffic division, 23 people last year died from traffic fatalities in Richmond County. So far, this year, they've seen 14 and law enforcement is determined to keep it lower this year. 2:00 minutes

Monday, July 15, NBD26 News @ 11:00PM: STEPS TO PREVENT ELECTRONICS FROM OVERHEATING, CATCHING ON FIRE. Guest: Jennifer Mendez, Gadget Repair Clinic. Gabriel Powell, a four year-old was playing with his tablet, when it suddenly burst in flames. From cell phones to tablets and other game consoles, we all have tons of electronics around our homes. Which has us wondering how often does this happen and why. An electronic expert says this kind of thing happens more often than you think. It can happen with laptops, tablets, anything that has a battery really. Batteries can overheat, something that can be easy to do if you're not careful. A lot of people think it's safe to just pick up any charger but if it's not the correct voltage, if it's too high or too low, it can cause damage to a certain degree or even to where it explodes. Overcharging is another issue that can spark a fire. Never charge your device overnight because you could fry the battery. Your car charger is another danger. It gives a more powerful and faster charge. If you keep it plugged too long and it's sitting in the sunlight that could be fuel to a fire. It's surprising how many things can lead to starting a fire on one of your devices. It's not just making sure you have the right cable to charge your phone but also the charging block. 2:00 minutes

2 FAMILY/YOUTH/SENIORS

Thrive Everyday, 8:55AM

Tuesday, July 1: Guest: Mike Armstrong, President, Board Directors, and Julie's House. Explained the origin of Julie's House, the mission of Making Ends Meet Bargain Center. 2:10 minutes

Thursday, July 4: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Dr. Scholer talked about the importance of well pet visits and what veterinarians look for when you bring your pet in for the first time. 2:15 minutes

Thursday, July 11: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. In today's segment of Where Pets Find Their Homes, Dr. Scholer is trying to help Leah find a new address. 2:24 minutes

Monday, July 15: Guest: Sharon Norsworthy, Thrive at Augusta. Stopped by to discuss the grand opening of Thrive at Augusta, a premier residence that doesn't focus on giving great care but on building meaningful relationships. 2:25 minutes

Thursday, July 18: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. He's like Tom Cruise only with more hair and much cuter. Get to know Bootsie, the "Action Hero!" 2:22 minutes

Thursday, July 25: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Dr. Scholer introduced Chi Chi on today's segment of Where Pets Find Home. 2:09 minutes

Friday, July 26: Guest: Sharon Norsworthy, Thrive at Augusta. Discussed the grand opening of Thrive at Augusta, a premier resident that doesn't focus on giving great care but on building meaningful relationships. 2:25 minutes

Monday, July 29: Guest: Kathleen Ernce, Executive Director of the Senior Citizen Council. The Senior Citizens Council of Greater Augusta and the CSRA will be announcing some of their newest programs at the 51st Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition. For more information call: 706-868-0120. 2:21 minutes.

Thursday, August 1: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Happy, social and fun is the best way to describe her! Dr. Scholer of Hill Top Animal Hospital is trying to help Dottie, a two-year-old lab mix look for a home. 2:09 minutes

Friday, August 9: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Every Thursday, Dr. Ian Scholer from Hill Top Animal Hospital works with area shelters to Help Pets Find Their Homes. Today, Dr. Scholer is trying to help Pike find a home. 2:31 minutes

Wednesday, August 14: Guest: Kathleen Ernce, Executive Director of the Senior Citizen Council. The Senior Citizens Council of Greater Augusta and the CSRA will be announcing some of their newest programs at the 51st Annual Meeting and Volunteer Reception. For more information call 706-868-0120. 2:21 minutes

Thursday, August 15: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Squash is a 9-month-old kitten who knows how to strike a pose but is eager for love and play. She transitions well with other felines. The SPCA Albrecht Center would love to introduce you to her. 2:30 minutes

Thursday, August 20: Guest: Sharon Norworthy, Community Relations Director, Thrive at Augusta. She gives a look at the new premier assisted living and memory care community. 2:17 minutes

Thursday, August 22: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Where Pets Find Their Homes sponsored by Hill Top Animal Hospital is featuring pets from the Dog Networking Agents Inc. Today's special guest in need of a home is Jaydee. The DNA recently posted his story saying he was found alone near an area restaurant. This 9-month-old pooch loves to be cuddled and enjoys car rides. He's very intelligent and is in need of an active family. To find out if you're a good match for Jaydee, contact the Dog Networking Agents of Hill Top Animal Hospital. 2:04 minutes

Monday, August 26: Guest: Samantha Avera. Created out of love and the desire to empower her daughter, Samantha began Morgan's Promise. She discusses how and why the Annual Mother-Daughter Gala came to be as well as her hopes that Morgan's Promise will continue to be an inspiration to other mothers and daughters. 2:10 minutes

Thursday, August 29: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. The Dognetworking Agents and Dr. Scholer are trying to help find 9-week-old Toby a home. Apparently, the fridge is the place all the cool pups are hanging out these days. 2:12 minutes

Thursday, September 5: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Discussed the positive community feedback received from every segment of Where Pets Find Their Homes. They also introduced Pixie. 2:35 minutes

Thursday, September 12: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Discussed the importance of well pet visits and what veterinarians look for when bringing your pet in for the first time. 2:15 minutes

Thursday, September 19: Guest: Dr. Ian Scholer, Hill Top Animal Hospital. Basil is currently being cared for at the SPCA Albrecht Center in Aiken but she's love to live with you instead. Dr. Scholer discussed further about feline vaccines. 2:23 minutes

Monday, September 23: Guest: Al Dallas, Administrator The Georgia Cancer Center. The Georgia Cancer is hosting the 2nd Annual Unite in the Fight Against Cancer to celebrate and honor all who have been impacted by this disease. 2:12 minutes

Monday, July 8, NBC26 News This Morning: AGE IS JUST A NUMBER: AUGUSTA WOMAN STILL WORKS AND DANCES AT 103. Guest: Laura Cameron. Some people start slowing down as they get older, but one Augusta woman is showing us you can do just about anything at any age. Some people are living proof that age really is just a number. At 103 years of age, you can still find Cameron working at the Catholic Social Services Thrift Store. After about 20 years, it's no doubt she is a fixture there. If she misses a day, she has to report where she was to the customers. Her humor and sharp tongue keep people wondering how she could possibly be 103. At 103, she does things some young people have never done like skydiving. She says nothing to be afraid of it; the whole thing about being afraid is landing. She still likes dancing, too; some like swimming; she likes dancing. We asked what's the secret; she says keep moving; don't ever stop. And, she certainly doesn't plan to anytime soon. 1:45 minutes

Thursday, July 25, NBC26 News This Morning: VETERANS HAVE THE CHANCE TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY GOLF THANKS TO A NEW PROGRAM. Guest: Scott Johnson, Warrior Alliance President. From front lines to city streets, Warrior will work with veterans no matter their age or capabilities; teaching them everything from the tee box to the greens. That's what sets the organization apart. There's no other facility like this in the golf industry. This will be a post of its common to9 train people on golf course building operations. The goal is to apply education and academia with hands-on. Warrior Alliance has partnered with Augusta Tech and Augusta University. First it was The Masters; then the LPGA started here; now the Warrior Alliance offers people, especially people with special needs, to play the game of golf and have a first-class facility. There are over 53,000 veterans in the area, making the possibilities for the program endless. Construction starts in a little over week. A brand new building will sit on the Augusta Municipal Golf Course by the fall. 1:45 minutes

3. EDUCATION

Thrive Everyday, 8:55A

Tuesday, July 9, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: CAN TEENS FROM COLUMBIA COUNTY COME UP WITH THE SOLUTION TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY? Guest: Chrissy Hattaway, Green Middle Greenbrier School Math Teacher and David Phillips, Greenbrier Middle School Science Teacher.. Some local students will be representing the United States next week in a competition in Hog Kong. The goal is to come up with something that runs on sustainable energy. Two teams with two problems and two solutions how to make the world a better place. It started with a water-powered rocket. The kids won first place at the Augusta University Mind-Frame Competition. After that, they got invited to Hong Kong to represent Team USA in a worldwide STEM competition. The theme? Smart city. The goal is to create something that's good for the environment. Two projects in consideration include one that uses water to power a home and another that uses magnets to power a car. Magnets of the same pole to propel each other and then a fan. They wanted to do something with water since this is China's monsoon season. Also, there's rainwater, a lot of it, but a lot of the time is under-used. It's all about challenging them, giving them real problems to solve and the ultimate goal is to grow the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers. 2.00 minutes

Monday, July 15, NBC26 News This Morning: CCONSTRUCTION CAMP TEACHES YOUNG GIRLS SKILLS LIKE WELDING AND CARPETRY. Guest: Renee Conner, National executive Director of MAGIC Camp and Nia Nicholson, Camper at Camp MAGIC. Young ladies from the CSRA are getting their hands dirty and breaking barriers; they're learning about construction through a camp called MAGIC. It's a camp that mentors young girls and shows them they can get into what's typically a male-dominated field. If there's one thing ladies here to know, it's taking on some hardcore manual labor, maybe even better than the boys. Right now, only 9% of women make up jobs in the construction field so what the ladies are doing at MAGIC Camp is learning how to make up jobs in the construction field sand learning how to operate big equipment like the backhoe. Young females are an avenue that was never tapped into; no one told them

about construction; it was all college, college, college. Conner wants to change that idea. This is the tenth year the week long has come to Burke County. By the end of it, the girls will be OSHA Certified; but what's maybe even more valuable is the girls here are a lot more confident. The campers also learned about carpentry and electrical work. 2:00 minutes

Wednesday, July 17, NBC26 News This Morning: J.A.M.P. STUDENTS BRING THE FUNK WITH YOUTH PROGRAM. Guest: Maestro Daniel Sapp, James Brown Academy of Musik People (J.A.M.P). A local program is giving kids an outlet while shaping them into musicians. The kids may be young but they've got a lot of soul. J.A.M.P. is a year-round program that helps Augusta youth get in touch with their musical talents. Maestro Sapp works with 15 to 20 students each year. These kids start from scratch, from the drums, keyboard or whatever instrument we put them on and they are dedicated to learning it. One student says it improved his ability to play within a group, improvise and be able to actually come up with his own arts for the music. Another says he couldn't play funk music. He could barely play the drums but when he started coming regularly, he started learning new songs and learning new beats every. Their hard work is paying off and it's safe to say they don't plan on putting their instruments down anytime. 1:45 minutes

Monday, July 22, NBC26 New This Morning: YOUTH CHALLENGER PROGRAM FACILITIES GET A FACE-LIFT. Guest: Jervais Reid, Youth Challenger Program. Fort Gordon's Youth Challenger facility is getting a face-lift. The program works to shape the area's youth. The Program was established in 2000 for troubled youth but the campus is much older, dating back to 1965! Both living and learning go hand so if they're provided modern, updated facilities it's going to have a lasting impact on how they perform in the program. In May, Governor Kemp awarded the program \$14 million to improve the facilities. The cost for building a new dining facility, renovating at least three of the barracks and moving into renovation of the GED testing labs, and at least one to two classrooms in going to come to about \$14.2 million; \$200,000 over their original budget but they say the changes are necessary. It's important they have state-of-the-art facilities. Construction on the first building of barracks and the dining facility is expected to start in January 2020. Right now the program is only able to accept 200-250 cadets. Once the new facility is completed, they hope to increase the number to 300. 2:00 minutes

Monday, July 22, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: DID YOU KNOW THE AVERAGE PARENT IS SPENDING WELL OVER \$700.00 TO SEND KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL. Guest: April Cullum, Mom and Teacher at Merriweather Elementary School. We are two weeks away from back to school in Richmond County and two days later in Columbia County. Have you done your shopping? It can be pricey and adds up quick. On average, parents with kids in K-12 spend about \$670 per child on supplies for the new school year. That number increase to about \$1,000 per kid if they're going to college. In Augusta, 28% of people live below the poverty level; 15% in Aiken and around 10% in Columbia County. Each school system says they collect donations for families in need and there are several community giveaway drives to help. So parents, you know the drill – fish out your wallet and fill up your carts. So, how do you save a buck or get some help when you need it; go to our website, www.wrdw.com. 1:45 minutes

Tuesday, July 23, NBC26 News This Morning: BURKE COUNTY STUDENTS GETTING OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT CYBER SECURITY AT MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL. Guest: Sean Middleton, Burke County CTAE Director. \$500,000 may be a lot of money but the experience it's giving these kids is priceless. The money is in the form of a grant and is being used for computer science programs at Burke County Middle Schools. You can barely turn on the news without hearing about cybersecurity in the region and they wanted to make sure Burke County kids had the same opportunities as any other student in the area. The grant doesn't just give students one class but several. It will be foundations of secure informations systems, foundations of computer programming and foundations of interactive design. Students will get a variety of different types of classes to take in middle school to feed their interests. The classes will be treated as electives so it allows student to dip their toes in different areas. For students who enjoy the courses, they are area gateway to another program Burke County School Systems offers. They have cybersecurity pathways at their high schools currently, but they want to start it in middle school. This is just the beginning for students in Burke County. The school system hopes students will eventually gain college credits through their computer courses and be a model for other rural school systems. 2:00 minutes

Thursday, July 25, NBC26 News This Morning: SCHOOL CANNERY OPENS STUDENTS' MINDS TO THE PROCESS OF GROWING, PRESERVING FRESH FOOD. Guests: Rick DuBose, Agriculture Teacher, Thomson High School and Erica Lewis graduate Thomson High School. The art of growing your own food and canning it yourself is disappearing but Thomson High School's cannery is open for the summer. They're asking for your business. Learning where your food comes from and how it stays fresh through canning is a foreign subject to most people, but these young adults are trying to change that. Fresh produce, like tomatoes and lima beans, is being cleaned and sanitized, peeled and put into cans to stay fresh all winter long. It's not just about the instructions and knowledge of agriculture, but also the experience. Students are learning everything from food sanitation to interacting with people. They're even learning basic skills like cleaning up after making a mess. It builds up a good work ethic. The cannery is on Whiteoak Road. It's still open this week if you have something in your garden you'd like canned. 1:45 minutes

Thursday, August 1, NBC26 News 7:00PM: 15 PERCENT OF RICHMOND COUNTY STUDENTS DON'T HAVE INTERNET AT HOME. Guests: Justin Durham, Principal Murphey Middle School and Phil Wahl, Chairman of the Business Education Advisory Council. Fifteen percent of Richmond County students don't have internet at home. With technology a huge part of our lives now, it can affect how they do in school as students are taking tests on computers and tablets. A roundtable with some big names was held Thursday to talk about exposing those kids to technology. Some students do deal with the issue of not having the internet at home. That number is close to 3,000 in the county. They think it has a lot to do with maybe socio-economic access. So the community is coming together to try and fix that problem which could mean free internet for those in need. Somebody has to pay for it; nothing's free. Who's going to pay for it? That's where that private-public partnership comes into play. The community doesn't know for sure just yet how they'll help students who don't have internet but they do know it's a must. The Business Education Advisory Council says they'll be meeting again to come up with a permanent solution for internet access at home but they do have the education resource through the Community Foundation. 2:00 minutes

Tuesday, August 6, NBC26 News This Morning: RICHMOND COUNTY OPENS 2019-2020 YEAR WITH 200 NEW TEACHERS. Guest: RCSS HR Director Melissa Shepard and Dr. Judi Wilson, AU Dean of Education. Although there are still teaching positions open in Richmond County, over 200 new teachers will welcome students on their first day Tuesday. Within the last years, 30% of AU Education graduates are employed by RCSS. While many parents are concerned about their child being shortchanged by new educators, there's no research to prove students perform better in veteran classrooms. Veteran teachers had that experience but the new teachers are incredibly enthusiastic. Regardless of experience, Richmond County says they hire teachers who are all around the best fit for their classrooms. Principals make the decisions in their building and the principals work really hard with their team to hire those who are good fit for the school. 1:45 minutes

Monday, August 12, NBC26 News This Morning: HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERS THE HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR STUDENTS WHEN IT COMES TO FINANCES. Guest: Scott Swann, Teacher Warren County School and Zaria Hubert, student. Hubert says money is the biggest concern when she thinks about college. However, her school is hoping to prepare her for the challenges she'll face with money now and weeks into the future. Swann is aiding in those efforts when students in his class will learn how to handle bank accounts, savings accounts and checking accounts. They'll also be learning about debt. This is the first year the personal finance class will be taught at Warren County High. The curriculum is developed by businessman Dave Ramsey but students will also hear from community members sharing their own financial mistakes and successes. Bringing people you know come in and speak honestly about their financial successes as well as their failures goes a long way to making everything we learn in the classroom real. The first panel left students with the urge to save money, create a budget and gave them hope for the future. 2:00 minutes

Thursday, August 22, NBC26 News This Morning: SOME AIKEN COUNTY KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS LEARNING MANDARIN CHINESE AS PART OF NEW LANGUAGE IMMERSION CLASSES. Guest: Dr. Seal Alford, Superintendent Aiken County Public Schools. As Aiken County students start their school year, some will be taking part in new language-immersion classes. Three Aiken County schools are adding these programs which will take place in kindergarten classes. You can actually walk into

a classroom for a period of 30 to 40 minutes and hear nothing but the target language being spoke. /The goal is for students to acquire the language not just have access to it. The classes will be taught by two teachers; one who speaks English and one who speaks the target language. The classes are in Belvedere, Millbrook and Clearwater Elementary Schools and the languages are Mandarin Chinese, German and Spanish. Parents had to apply to get their children into the programs. They were available to students zoned for t their specific schools and also to students outside of the zones. They were so popular, they have a waiting list. Students in the programs will still be responsible for the same informations as regular kindergarten classes. They don't compromise the curriculum at all. 2:00 minutes

Tuesday, September 24, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOLS ADD DIGITAL SAFETY LESSONS TO ITS CURRICULUM. Guest: Byrnn Beabers, Media Specialist at Riverside Middle School. The curriculum at Columbia County schools is changing with the times. They've started a new initiative this year called Digital Citizenship which is focused on online safety. Students need to be taught how to be good citizens; they're going to face different experiences than others grew up. Students see the effect that social media and cyber bullying has on students. They're getting validation from social media a need in them to be liked and accepted. It's why digital citizenship is now in the lesson plan across the Columbia School district. When a teacher takes them into the lab to log into the computer, they should be talking about password security. They're getting lessons in sharing risky pictures and privacy and security in all in the form of videos, games and quizzes. What do you do after you make a mistake; how do you handle someone who says something not nice online? If technology is the way of the world, it's a way to tackle the dangers that come with it head on. Some of the tools students use are available and even tailored towards parents to learn how to protect your kids. Columbia County schools will also start implementing digital citizenship lessons into their parent/teach nights. 2:00 minutes

4. RELIGION

Thrive Everyday, 8:55AM

Friday, September, 13: Guest: C.T. Townsend, Pastor Victory Baptist Church. You could say his path has come full circle. Lisa talks with Pastor Townsend and discussed how he was directed back to where he started and became the new pastor at Victory Baptist Church. 2:08 minutes

Saturday, July 13, NBC26 News @ 11:00PM: FAITH-BASED SERVICE GROUP IS ONE LOCAL MAN'S ANSWERED PRAYER. Guest: Shelley Baumann, Director North Salkehatchie Summer Service. This week a group of about 50, mostly high school and college students will pick up and nail to serve the community. It's the Salkehatchie Summer Camp. Those students, along with construction-savvy adults, will repair four houses in the Augusta area this week. They'll wake up each work day at 5:30AM; sleep in church classrooms and shower at a local school. All of it being done to share the love God. It begs the question, why? It's just a meaningful week to serve others and you hard to explain. One gentleman says it's not too hard to explain; it's an answer to a pray. He needs a new roof badly and thought it would never be fixed. He's retired living off Social Security. He also had a heart attack and couldn't do what he used to. When the Camp reached out to him, he knew it was an act of God, The service group will fix his roof as well cleaning up his entire property. 2:00 minutes

5. HEALTH

Thrive Everyday, 8:55AM

Tuesday, July 2: Guest: Dr. Alicia Vinyard and Dr. Edmond Ritter, Georgia Cancer Center. Continued the discussion on options for patients in need of reconstruction. The Georgia Cancer Center will help to individualize the plan that is right for you. 2:18 minutes

Friday, July 6: Guest: Dr. Diana Brown, Cosmetic Dermatologist, Southern Vanity. Dr. Brown and staff want to offer you the most extensive treatment at Southern Vanity. Find out what to expect during your first visit time. 2:18 minutes

Tuesday, July 9: Guest: Dr. Alicia Vinyard, Breast Surgical Oncologist, Georgia Cancer Center. Share your experience and take advantage of the resources and fellowship the Georgia Cancer has to offer. 2:28 minutes

Wednesday, July 10: Guest: Dr. Jill Kitchens, Pediatric Partners. Discussed flu and cold symptoms and what to look for before meeting with your pediatrician. 2:24 minutes

Wednesday, July 17: Guest: Dale Boyce, Breast Cancer Survivor. Dale felt ill at work one day only to later find out she was facing stage 3 breast cancer. She shed her story of survival and what was essential to help her get through it. 2:16 minutes

Friday, August 2: Guest: Wanda Collier, President, Stop Da Sigma. Shared her story and mission to advocate and bring community awareness to break the stigma of what HIV looks like. Also discussed the upcoming back to school event Saturday, August 3, at the McDuffie Woods Community Center and where also confidential HIV screenings will be offered. 2:31 minutes

Wednesday, August 21: Guest: Catherine Stewart, Associate Director of Development for Children's Hospital of Georgia. Adults will be walking bald the month of September. Find out how a new twist to Brave the Shave is helping pediatric cancer patients at the Children's Hospital of Augusta on August 29. 2:27 minutes

Friday, August 23: Guest: Dr. Briana Brown, Cosmetic Dermatologist Southern Vanity, Dr. Brown and staff want to offer you the most extensive treatment at Southern Vanity. Find out what to expect during your first visit. 2:18 minutes

Wednesday, August 28: Guest: Dr. Colleen McDonough Interim Division Chief for Pediatric Hematology Oncology at Children's Hospital of Georgia. Stopped by to discuss her role in helping provide care for children battling cancer. 2:24 minutes

Wednesday, September 25: Guest: Kayla Kranenburg, Executive Director American Heart Association and Kim Beavers, Eating Well with Kim. September is National Women's Health and Fitness Day, what's on your plate? Find out how the food you eat can help protect you against heart disease. 2:00 minutes

Thursday, July 4, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: BEATING THE HEAT AT FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS. Guest: Yolanda Greenwood, City Events Manager, Augusta Common and Rachael Enfinger, organizer Boom in the Park. People are out braving the heat and keeping an eye out for storms at the Fourth of July celebration at Augusta Common. Even though it's hot, Augusta Common is filling up. People have been filing in since about 4 o'clock and city officials are taking extra steps to make sure people stay cool. That's why they built misting tents and are offering free water stations to keep everyone safe and hydrated. At Boom in the Park they've got a splash pad going and have built-in misting stations throughout the park. There's no free water at Boom in the Park but organizers say there will be about 30 vendors set up. On a more serious note, both Columbia and Richmond County have extra EMS on site today just in case there are any heat-related issues. They encourage everyone to remember to drink plenty of water and find shade. 2:00 minutes

Tuesday, July 9, NBC26 News This Morning: SUPERVISED PLAY OFFERS BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN STRUGGLING WITH OBESITY. Guest: Dr. Catherine Davis, Clinical Health Psychologist at MCG. Childhood obesity rates are continuing increase in the United States; however, experts at the Medical College of Georgia (AU Health) are learning that tackling obesity takes both physical and mental exercise. Dr. Davis compared a group of active and sedentary children and found that both groups had their advantages and disadvantages. Kids who were in exercise programs had improved brain health and aerobic fitness and it reduced levels of fatness compared to the other group. However, the sedentary group's depression-like symptoms decreased over time. Currently one if five school-aged children are obese; a number that tripled since the 1907's. A huge contribution to these rates is the American diet. Nutritional levels have changed; an incredible amount of sugar is in the American diet; people are less active than they used to be including children. Competing and playing sports is important for a child's development; but some competition can hurt your child more than help them. In this competitive society, they can get discouraged when no longer part of the winning team or first to get picked. However, kids need balance; instead of always playing with other children; children sometimes need an adult. 2:00 minutes

Thursday, July 11, NBC26 News @11:00PM: DOCTOR; HOW TO STOP ROAD RAGE BEFORE IT HAPPENS. Guest: Dr. Jeremy Hertz, a neuropsychologist with NeuroBehavioral Association... News 12 has reported two cases of road rage, including a deadly incident last weekend and another on Thursday. With major highways like I-20 running through the CSRA medical professionals say there's some steps to take in order to stay safe and calm behind the wheel. People are coming into Dr. Hertz's office seeking help and he doesn't see that changing with today's society. More and more constraints; more and more things where you don't have room to be late. You're already in a heightened state; you're primed to get frustrated and angry. In order to stop road rage from occurring, it's important to be aware. You need to catch it at the beginning; then you can help teach people interventions on how to stop it from escalating to the point of not control. If you're feeling too stressed behind the wheel, it's okay to pull over; turn on your flashers, take a deep breath and even turn on some calming music. If you can't control your emotions in a vehicle especially on a regular basis, don't be afraid to see a therapist and ask for help. Don't risk your life your life. 2:00 minutes

Friday, July 19, NBC26 News @11:00PM: AIKEN CENTER TURNING TO COMMUNITY TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE AND OVERDOSES. Guest: Margaret Key, Aiken Center. According to the CDC, drug overdose death in the U.S. are trending down and the Aiken Center is trying to make sure that trend continues. Ms. Key just started working at the Center but she's already hitting the ground running on drug abuse prevention. They are going to try hearing stories from the public to under perceptions of the problem; what are they experiencing and the ripple effects of addictions and substance abuse disorders. They will be teaming with the United Way to sponsor four meetings to get feedback from the people directly involved. They'll also be launching a program in September that will let people get Narcan even if they don't have insurance. Narcan is a nasal spray that can be used to save someone's life if they overdose. That initiative will save a lot of lives and, hopefully, see that trend continue to go down both nationally and locally. 145 minutes

6. RECREATIONAL/CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Thrive Everyday, 8:55AM

Monday, July 8: Guest: Kathy Nave, Owner-Operator, Skateland of Augusta. Discussed everything Skateland of Augusta has to offer for birthday parties. Sit back, relax and let Skateland handle your next birthday party. 2:23 minutes

Friday, July 12: Guest: Ransom Schwerzler, Meadow Garden Historic Home. Tour the home of George Walton and learn more about one of the youngest signers of the Declaration of Independence and the rich history of one of Georgia's oldest dwellings. 2:25 minutes

Tuesday, September 3: Guest: Kim Elle, Forces United. The mission is the same but the name has changed Kim stopped by to discuss two upcoming events that will benefit veterans in the CSRA. 2:20 minutes

Monday, September 16: Guest: Dr. Jay Aiken, Music Director, United Methodist Church & Artistic Director, Columbia County Choral Society. The Columbia County Choral Society is not solely focused on vocal performance, they are an organization with a common interest to grow, educate and have fun. Dr. Aiken explains many of the upcoming events the CCCS is preparing for, including Arts in the Heart of Augusta. Find out what they have in store and how you can become a part of the CCCS family! 2:25 minutes

Friday, September 20: Guest: Pax Bobrow, Director, Arts in the Heart Fine Arts and Crafts and Kay Edenfield, Owner Miss Kay Art. Every design from Miss Kay Art created by folk artist Kay Edenfield is a handcrafted, original and has a story to tell. Lisa also talks with Pax Bobrow about the many local artists at the 39th Annual Arts in the Heart of Augusta. 2:21 minutes

Friday, September 27: Guest: Millie Huff, Executive Director, Sacred Heart Cultural Center. Over the past 17 years, Silent Movie Night has become a distinct event and the signature fundraiser for the Sacred Heart Cultural Center. Millie Huff discussed what the audience can expect to see at this year's showing. 2:12 minutes

7. ECONOMY

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Wednesday, July 10, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: NIKE PEACH JAM IS BACK IN THE CSRA AND BRINGS HUGE IMPACT. Guest: Todd Glover, North Augusta City Administrator. Peach Jam, the basketball tournament bring kids from across the country to the river region is here. It's the second biggest economic impact for us behind the Masters. It's not uncommon to see some famous players coming to watch. The addition of two new gyms last year means more people are coming to watch players shoot some hoops at Riverview Park but it also means more people are heading out into North Augusta to enjoy it outside of the tournament. About 10,000 people are in town for basketball and this summer, there's even more for them to enjoy like restaurants and the new Crowne Plaza Hotel in Riverside Village. In the past, North Augusta did not benefit because they had the least infrastructure, now they're catching up and it's good to see them capitalizing it as well. Altogether, the Augusta Visitors Bureau says Peach Jam will bring in nearly \$6 million. 2:00 minutes

Tuesday, July 23, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: WHAT'S BRINGING NEW BUSINESSES AND JOBS TO AUGUSTA – A GENEROUS TAX INCENTIVE. Guests: Cal Wray and Ben Braxton, Tax Manager. More and more businesses are choosing Augusta. Why? Tax incentives. Just this year, 700 jobs have been created by industry and 11 companies are building or expanding. Companies like AIT and Premiere have recently made investments in Augusta helping grow the workforce and ultimately increasing the average county wage. One per of doing business here is the Georgia Job Tax Credit. A company can get \$3,000 for each job they create if they create at least 10 jobs in a year. They have to be full-time employees, meet a certain income threshold and have to be offered insurance. From 2018 to 2019 the average wage per hour went from \$11.990 to \$12.10. In the last seven months, Richmond County's employment rate dropped from 4.9% to 4% with 11 companies either opening or expanding here. Growth leads to more growth. The most disposable income; the more payroll being put into the community, the more likely we are to have more retail locations. 2:00 minutes

8. TRAFFIC

Tuesday, July 3, NBC26 News @ 7:00PM: COLUMBIA COUNTY BUS DRIVERS GET READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL. Guest: Rhonda Bartles. If you saw any buses roaming Columbia County on Tuesday, be aware that you didn't miss the first day of school. Hundreds of buses hit the road for a test run leading up

to the first day of school next week. This year, they have new ways to make you your child gets from point A to point B. A fleet of 330 buses practiced routes but as the county continues with an estimated new 580 students this year, drivers was to remind you to be safe. Once a year, Columbia County transportation officials monitor the number of drivers who run stop signs on bus routes, this year's number is 75 people. Bus drivers have to worry about construction, new developments and roundabouts and this year even navigating a new school. It's not just dangers on the road. Little ones can sometimes get under seats and fall asleep. Each bus has an alarm system that alerts the driver is there any kids left behind. Parents keep an eye out. Postcards will be going out this week on your bus stop information the name of your bus driver and pick up and drop off times. 2:00 minutes

Tuesday, August 6, NBC26 This Morning: RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM TO USE BUG TRACKING APP FOR A SECOND YEAR. Guest: Dwayne Porter, Senior Director of Transportation, Richmond County School System. As your kids head back to school, some bus routes may have changed., But, an app called Safe Stop can help you pinpoint exactly where your kids are go to and from school,. It's a busy time as crews gear up more than 150 buses to hit the road this year. There's a lot of routes that have changed just due to the fact schools have changed, start times have changed. Really, it's just across the entire county. The rightsizing process has just about touched every quad and every school zone. Those changes can be nerve-wracking so the school system rolled out the Safe Stop app last year. Parents can download Safe Stop from the app store, create an account, and enter your address and bus route and track the bus. The school system also has a call center to answer any bus-related questions. Their number one priority is making sure your kids get to and from to school safely. 1:45 minutes

9. ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Augusta 12, NBC26 @ 11:00PM: OFFICIALS TESTING POTENTIALLY TOXIC ALGAE IN LAKE OLMSTEAD. Guest: Dr. Jason Norman, Hammond Hills Animal Hospital. Veterans for Clean Water and Savannah Riverkeeper are testing a substance found in Lake Olmstead that could be the deadly algae cyanobacteria. The bacteria recently made headlines for killing pets in North Carolina and Georgia. Cyanobacteria are bacteria that live in freshwater lakes and streams; they're also present in brackish water. They can be broken down into two toxins: microsystems and anotoxins. Microstytins will cause liver failure that is going to cause vomiting and diarrhea. Anotoxins are more of a neurotoxin and will produce you muscle tremors and stiffness. There is no antidote for the bacteria but your dog can still be treated if they ingested it. Take your dog to the vet as soon as possible if it's showing signs it may have been exposed. The best advice is to avoid algae together. Even though there are many algae blooms and do not produce toxins, there's no way to know the difference without lab testing. 1:45 minutes



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