

Quarterly Issues & Programs Report | January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

Title	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Harvest Hope and Serve & Connect bring help to families returning to Colony Apartments	1/2/2023	5pm & 10pm	2:37	People forced from unsafe apartments get food and supplies.
Police searching for man after fatal New Year's Eve shooting	1/3/2023	5pm	1:35	A man on the run after Sumter police say he is responsible for shooting and killing 46-year-old Channing Goodman in his front yard
New North Central High School building opens nearly 3 years after devastating tornado	1/4/2023	5pm	1:50	North Central High destroyed in tornado – rebuilt and opened to public 3 years later a brand-new building
National Weather Service confirms 5 tornados swept across Midlands Wednesday	1/5/2023	5pm	1:16	Several trees and debris littered Aiken County and other areas of the Midlands following 5 confirmed tornadoes
Governor McMaster unveils executive budget, focusing on education and law enforcement	1/6/2023	5pm	2:07	Gov McMaster plans to allocate millions of dollars that he says will improve the state in different ways
Funeral services held Saturday for Orangeburg mother found dead on Thanksgiving Day	1/7/2023	10pm	1:37	Crystal Jumper, found shot to death in her Orangeburg home, is laid to rest
Work week starts off dry, but widespread chances for rain on the way	1/8/2023	10pm	2:30	Meteorologist Joe Speir talks us through the end of weekend weather and an outlook on the week ahead
Irmo residents speak out against plans to build a new downtown are	1/9/2023	5pm	2:19	Dozens of Irmo property owners and residents are outraged about the town's proposed plan to create a downtown area after they say they weren't notified.
"Mask up:" All but 2 counties in the state see high Coronavirus case levels	1/10/2023	5pm	1:20	A post-holiday COVID spike has South Carolina ranking high on a list state health leaders don't want to be on. The state has the fourth-highest number of COVID cases.
Renewed push for tips of Columbia's unsolved cases gives victims' families hope	1/11/2023	5pm	2:22	Columbia PD is trying to shed new light on unsolved Midlands cases by pushing them to the front of people's minds and sharing stories
FAA lifts ground stop following system outage, led to thousands of delays and cancellations	1/12/2023	5pm	1:55	Hundreds of passengers traveling through CAE had delays and cancellations due to a system outage
"It's not right:" Colony Apartments residents fed up weeks after gas leaks, evacuations	1/13/2023	10pm	2:20	Hundreds of residents forced out of homes after a series of gas leaks
USC honors legacy of MLK on Service Saturday	1/14/2023	10pm	1:25	This weekend nearly 100 students were up bright and early for a monthly day of service in honor of MLK Jr.
Another chance of seeing 70 degrees as rain chances build this week	1/15/2023	10pm	2:30	Meteorologist Joe Speir runs us through our weekend weather and into the work week.
City of Columbia honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in its 35 th celebration	1/16/2023	10pm	1:47	For its 35th year, the City of Columbia honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday. More than 200 people filled the Greene Street Community Center, to honor the man whose name and image are on the building.
Midlands family mourns 2 loved ones killed in fiery tractor-trailer crash on Christmas day	1/17/2023	5pm	1:11	Midlands family mourns the loss of godfather and young child in tractor trailer accident
Richland 2 parents respond to Supt. Resignation, board calls third special meeting	1/18/2023	5pm	1:43	It's a Crisis in the Classroom. parents are reacting to Dr. Baron Davis' resignation. WACH FOX News heard from both sides of this issue and how this may impact children in this district.
Local organizations continue to offer help to Colony Apartment residents	1/19/2023	5pm	1:16	Several nonprofits in the area gifted coats, shoes, jackets, shirts, and grilled food for people who live at the colony apartments in Columbia.
SC Youth Challenge Academy addresses riots in press conference Friday	1/20/2023	10pm	1:43	Officials hold presser to address an incident at the SC Youth Challenge Academy
Richland, One hosts first family engagement workshop	1/21/2023	10pm	1:25	Richland One school district hosts 'We Are One' event to improve learning skills
Bats force West Columbia family out of home	1/22/2023	10pm	2:20	Midlands family says a bat infestation is the reason they are being forced to move out of their home
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'Tear it down': Community leaders address crime-ridden motel after deadly shooting	1/24/2023	5pm	1:23	A deadly shooting at the Coronet motel among two decades of continuous crime has residents asking for action
'I'm lucky to be alive': man saved from burning home by off-duty firefighter	1/25/2023	10pm	1:46	An off-duty firefighter saved a Midlands family from a fire in their home that took everything with it
New abortion proposal ' Human Life Protection Act' moves forward in the state	1/26/2023	5pm	1:56	House lawmakers advance new bill limiting access to abortion in South Carolina
USC's Nursing program aims to help critical nursing shortage in the state. (PKG)	1/27/2023	5pm	1:26	South Carolina houses one of the worst nursing shortages in the country – USC's online nursing program aims to change that
Columbia reacts to Former President Donald Trump's new 2024 campaign	1/28/2023	10pm	1:35	Crowds lined the SC State House grounds on Saturday in response to Trump's 2024 campaign kick off
Daily rain chances for week ahead, rain totals stacking up to several inches	1/29/2023	10pm	2:30	Meteorologist Joe Speir discusses the rain trends for this weekend and the next few days
"Lock your guns up": Non-profit brings more gun locks to the Midlands	1/30/2023	5pm	2:00	Two nationwide nonprofits and officials urge residents to practice proper gun carry and use gun locks through giveaway
Camden mourns the loss of 17-year-old student	1/31/2023	5pm	1:58	Camden residents mourn and grieve the loss of Laila Houser after she was killed in a car crash
Crisis at the Colony Apartments: Management company facing federal deadline, city fines	2/1/2023	5pm	1:53	Colony Apartments faces federal fines if they don't fix issues and unstable living conditions for residents by March
String of school threats cause chaos across the Midlands	2/2/2023	5pm	2:17	Over the span of 3 days, 12 Midlands schools have been evacuated, placed on secure mode or switched to e-learning due to school threats.
"He had to make a decision": Sheriff talks about deputy's actions before deadly crash	2/3/2023	5pm	2:31	Sheriff Lee Boan reviews dashcam video of the moments leading up to the death of 17-year-old Camden teen Laila Houser
Authorities address the latest death at the Alvin S Glenn Detention Center	2/4/2023	10pm	1:31	5 male inmates charged in the death of another inmate at Alvin S. Glenn accused of being a serial rapist
Showers possible Sunday morning, small chance of winter weather	2/5/2023	10pm	2:30	Meteorologist Joe Speir talks about weather trends from the past 5 days and into Sunday
Parents desperate for solutions after string of threats targeting White Knoll High School	2/6/2023	5pm	1:44	Parents in Lex1 are desperate to hear answers and solutions after a string of security threats to local schools
"Our students are not okay": Lawmakers push school safety legislation	2/7/2023	5pm	1:57	Lawmakers join the push to make schools safety by advocating for bills promoting secure learning environments for students
15-year-old suspect allegedly stabbed newly adoptive parents, Kershaw Co. officials said	2/8/2023	5pm	2:26	Kershaw County officials say a 15-year-old was arrested after allegedly stabbing both adoptive parents in their Elgin home, killing one woman and wounding the man.
Crisis in the Classroom: State House plan would ban race, gender discussions in schools	2/9/2023	5pm	1:39	The Transparency and Integrity in Education Act (H. 3728) would ban discussions including race and gender-based topics in public schools
Lee County Coroner identifies man shot, killed trying to sell dog	2/10/2023	5pm	1:46	Lee County officials say 76-year-old Lonnie Ray was shot and killed in a KFC parking lot while trying to complete the online sale of a French Bulldog.
Night to Shine, 5th annual event in Kershaw County	2/11/2023	10pm	1:22	The annual Night to Shine in Kershaw County gives special needs children 14+ a chance at an unforgettable prom night experience.
10th annual Spring Valley Baptist Hunger Project	2/12/2023	10pm	1:30	Hundreds of volunteers spent their Saturday morning packing over 100,000 meals for those in need.
National test results show South Carolina students behind in education	2/13/2023	5pm	1:06	Educators and lawmakers say the future of students' education in South Carolina could decline long-term
More than 2,300 affordable housing units coming to the city of Columbia	2/14/2023	5pm	1:30	Columbia's Affordable Housing Task Force met Tuesday morning and announced private developers would be bringing new affordable and market priced housing developments to the city.
Woman turns herself in after deadly Irmo grocery store shooting	2/15/2023	10pm	:21	23-year-old woman faces murder charges after a shooting outside an Irmo grocery store

'She was a great mother': Husband mourns loss of wife killed in Kroger parking lot	2/16/2023	5pm	1:28	Two women were arguing in a Kroger parking lot when one pulled out a gun and shot the other, killing her. The family now mourns her loss.
Protestors push for removal of Tillman statue at South Carolina State House	2/18/2023	10pm	1:53	Protestors gathered at the South Carolina State House Saturday, once again demanding that the Benjamin Tillman statue be removed. They have been calling for action for more than two years.
Curing Kids Cancer donates \$1.2 million to Prisma Health Children's Hospital	2/20/2023	5pm	1:34	The nationwide non-profit organization Curing Kids Cancer promised a \$1.2 million endowment to the Prisma Health Children's Hospital's Center for Cancer and Blood disorders.
USC Police and students walk the campus to address any safety concerns	2/21/2023	5pm	1:39	One week after a deadly mass shooting at Michigan State, officials at the University of South Carolina are evaluating safety on campus.
"It's time to just stop": Residents question home development plan	2/22/2023	10pm	1:43	Tuesday night, land developers, Richland County officials, and residents got together to talk about the latest plans in place for the community.
Auntie Karen Master Class VOSOT (Dara Khaalid)	2/23/2023	Good Day Columbia	45-1 min	Four legendary musicians hold master class with Richland One School District students – part of Auntie Karen Foundation series that pays contribution to African American music during Black History Month.
Only on WACH FOX News: Owners make peace with families over missing headstones	2/24/2023	5pm	2:07	Last November, several Midlands families were upset after they say the headstones of their loved ones were missing at a cemetery located at 8909 Wilson Blvd. Since then law enforcement, historic preservationists, planning and zoning and the Coroner's Office have been looking into what took place.
Kass Bears Ball: 5th grader connects with children of gun violence victims	2/25/2023	10pm	1:14	5th grader Kassydi Jones lost her father to gun violence when she was only five years old; but it's led her to create something special. She hosts her very own ball for other children, who have been affected by gun violence.
Multiple gather for third annual Empowerment for Peace Walk in North Columbia	2/26/2023	10pm	1:59	Several local organizations and residents gathered at the Palmetto Terrace in North Columbia Sunday for the third annual Empowerment for Peace Walk under the theme, "Restore the Village: The Tipping Point."
Orangeburg County School District celebrates literacy improvement among students	2/27/2023	5pm	1:28	After the pandemic, Orangeburg County School District, like many others across the nation, noticed a significant decline in student's literacy skills. To combat the issue, the district brought in an early learning literacy software called Waterford.
Weather School: Visit to Irmo Elementary 3rd graders	2/28/2023	5pm & 10pm	:57	This week WACH Fox Weather School went out to visit with the third graders at Irmo Elementary! Chief Meteorologist Josh Knight had a great time talking with the young scientists and answering their questions.
"It doesn't make me less of a person": Hundreds push for resources for disabled people	3/1/2023	5pm	1:38	Wednesday morning hundreds of disabled people, families and advocates gathered at the South Carolina State House for Disability Advocacy Day. It's a tradition that's carried on for more than thirty years.
Rain and possibly strong storms finish off a warm week	3/2/2023	5pm	2:40	Meteorologist Josh Knight and Joe Speir gives us a recap of what to expect towards the end of the week and into the weekend.
One man injured after shooting at South Carolina State, students question campus security	3/3/2023	5pm	1:52	Law Enforcement agencies are investigating a shooting that took place at South Carolina State University Friday morning at Hugine Suites.
Harvest Pack closes out their five-week project, boxing 250,000 meals	3/4/2023	10pm	1:41	After weeks of work, Harvest Pack has finished putting together 250,000 meals for people in need.
SC State Founders Day	3/5/2023	10pm	1:34	SC State Founder's Day celebrates 127 years with awards and recognizes newest inductees of Thomas E Miller Society
Sinclair Cares: Fighting the fear of flying through therapy dogs	3/6/2023	5pm	2:10	If you visit the Columbia Metropolitan Airport you could see some special guests walking around as part of the new relaunch of the 'Paws to Pet CAE-nines.'
Crisis in the Classroom: Richland County student's finger slammed in door	3/7/2023	5pm	2:25	A teacher's aide is on administrative leave and an investigation underway after a mother claims a door was slammed on her son's finger in class.

Law enforcement investigating three Waffle House robberies in less than one month	3/8/2023	5pm	2:01	There have been three armed robberies at three different Waffle Houses across the Midlands in recent weeks. Kershaw County law enforcement spent Wednesday looking for two suspects responsible a recent armed robbery that happened Tuesday night.
Beechwood Middle School's 'Project Citizen' club building outdoor classroom	3/9/2023	5pm	1:48	Early in the morning, before classes, Beechwood students have been going outside a couple times a week to renovate their outdoor garden into an outdoor classroom for the whole school.
River Bluff HS student files lawsuit against Lexington One over pledge of allegiance	3/10/2023	5pm	2:19	A 15-year-old River Bluff High School student is suing Lexington District One, claiming that a teacher physically assaulted her before class. The freshman says it was all connected to a school policy, about the Pledge of Allegiance.
Family speaks after boy charged with killing grandfather, injuring grandmother	3/11/2023	10pm	:52	A Cayce teen faces murder, attempted murder and weapons charges after police say he shot and killed his grandfather and injured his grandmother.
Sheriff: Richland deputies recovering after drug exposure leaves one unconscious	3/12/2023	10pm	1:23	Two Richland County deputies are recovering after being exposed to a narcotic that left one of them unconscious, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.
Colony Apartments reach federal deadline, H.U.D now inspects several units	3/13/2023	5pm	1:52	Several people who live at the Colony Apartments say they're concerned about being displaced again after they say they've gotten notices on their door over the weekend letting them know that H.U.D. inspectors will be re-visiting their homes today and tomorrow.
Frankie's Fun Park back open just hours after shooting, suspect remains on the loose	3/14/2023	5pm	1:43	Columbia Police say everything unfolded just after 9 p.m. Monday night at Frankie's Fun Park on Parkridge Drive in the Harbison area.
Local non-profit works to get more black male students get bachelor's degrees	3/15/2023	5pm	1:27	Officials say only 10% of Black Men hold Bachelor's Degrees in South Carolina. That's a number United Way of the Midlands is working to increase with their new pilot program Young Men United sponsored by, insurance company, Colonial Life.
WACH FOX's Dara Khaalid visits elementary school for career day	3/16/2023	5pm	1:00	WACH FOX's Dara Khaalid was a speaker for the event at Forest Lake Elementary where she showed students how to work the camera and gave them a chance to be reporters by holding the microphone. Those at the school say opportunities like this encourage the students to dream big.
March Madness in the Midlands, city expected to see economic boost	3/17/2023	5pm	1:27	Millions of dollars could also soon be on the map for the Capital City as the Colonial Life Arena hosts the first two rounds of the NCAA Women's March Madness tournament, the last time being in 2019 during the men's tournament.
Seven unclaimed people laid to rest by the Sumter County Coroner	3/18/2023	10pm	1:32	A moment to honor and remember the unclaimed. Sumter county held a service Saturday where remains of seven people were laid to rest, all thanks to the Sumter County Coroner.
Father daughter duo publishes financial literacy children's books	3/19/2023	10pm	1:37	A father and daughter duo is working hard to teach children and their parents about financial literacy and starting a business through children's books.
Gov. McMaster signs \$1.3B deal to bring Scout Motors to Blythewood	3/20/2023	5pm	1:33	Its official, Scout Motors is coming to the Palmetto State, and bringing thousands of jobs.
'Pack your patience, plan ahead': SCDOT prepare drivers for I-77 rehabilitation project	3/21/2023	5pm	1:46	The State Department of Transportation will close Interstate 77 Northbound from the I-26 Columbia Interchange to Bluff Road starting at 9 p.m. Friday night. The shutdown will last through Sunday April 2nd in a federal and state funded rehabilitation project.
City of Columbia Mayor proposes plan to combat food insecurity in the Midlands	3/22/2023	5pm	1:38	To combat food insecurity in Columbia, Mayor Daniel Rickenmann and city council proposed a food delivery program to help fill a void for those living in food deserts.
Mother mourns 3 children killed in S.C. domestic shooting	3/23/2023	5pm	1:29	The mother of the three children who were gunned down in Sumter, South Carolina in a domestic incident shared dozens of family photos of her kids on social media, mourning their loss.

St. Baldricks 17 th annual event in Columbia	3/25/2023	10pm	1:45	Dozens of people shaved their heads on Saturday to help children with cancer. It's all part of the St. Baldricks foundation, which raises money for childhood cancer research.
Prayer service for children killed in Sumter County murder suicide	3/26/2023	10pm	1:10	Sumter County leaders, first responders, school district staff, neighbors and pastors gathered Sunday evening to pray for peace and healing for the community after five people died in a murder suicide last Tuesday.
Water breach leaves three schools, surrounding area, without water temporarily	3/27/2023	5pm	1:17	Three schools and surrounding areas have no water service after a breach in a water system early Monday morning, according to Richland County Utilities (RCU).
Domestic violence survivors call for stronger laws and greater resources in the Midlands	3/28/2023	5pm	1:48	After a string of deadly domestic violence incidents impacting the Midlands, survivors and advocates are calling for stronger measures and resources to support those hurting in the community.
Elderly man dies in Eastover house fire, son left with nothing	3/29/2023	5pm	1:58	A house fire Wednesday morning has left an 82-year-old man dead. Now his son, who he shared the home with, is devastated and left to pick up the pieces.
Blythewood Road Widening Project begins	3/30/2023	5pm	1:55	Richland County officials came up with the Penny Project in 2012, which included the road expansion and widening. As of Thursday morning, that plan is closer to fruition as Richland County officials broke ground on the Blythewood Widening Project.
Deployed National Guard soldier returns home for child's surgery, charity flips the bill	3/31/2023	5pm	2:12	A happy ending to a story that could have turned tragic, as a baby fights for his life while his father is deployed overseas.

Public Service Announcements: Q1 2023

All Public Service Announcements aired multiple times between January 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023:

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Public Safety and Crime Prevention:

3/10 – 3/30	“Call 811 - Crows” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
3/9 – 3/30	“Call 811 - Cooking” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
2/9 – 3/11	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 1 :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
2/21 – 3/25	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 2 :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
2/12 – 3/1	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 3 :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
2/3 – 3/19	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 4 :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Minority Issues:

1/6 – 2/25	“Better Together” Fisher House – Columbia	:30
1/1 – 3/25	“Delivery” Fisher House – Columbia	:30
1/1 – 3/25	“Epilepsy Foundation” Epilepsy Foundation	:30
1/2 – 3/25	“Great Strides :30” Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	:30
1/2 – 3/5	“Mark :30” Wounded Warrior Project	:30

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Education:

1/1 – 3/25	“Anthem :30” Best Friends Animal Society	:30
1/2 – 3/25	“Anthem :60” Best Friends Animal Society	:60
1/7 – 3/11	“Dear Humans :30” Best Friends Animal Society	:30
1/4 – 3/27	“Adopt Change :60” Best Friends Animal Society	:60

Public Service Announcements that pertained to **Health Services and Medical Care:**

1/1 – 3/25	“Hope :30” Susan G. Komen Foundation	:30
1/6 – 3/3	“Not on My Watch” Not On My Watch – Ovarian Cancer	:30
1/1 – 3/25	“Hope :60” Susan G. Komen Foundation	:60
1/2 – 3/30	“Built a Wall :60” Alcoholics Anonymous	:60
1/15 – 3/30	“No Longer Part of Us :60” Alcoholics Anonymous	:60

Public Service Announcements that pertained to **Civic Responsibilities:**

1/7 – 1/21	“Cancel Wildfires: Dabo & Beamer :30” SC Forestry Commission / SCBA	:30
1/2 – 1/28	“Cancel Wildfires: Shane Beamer :30” SC Forestry Commission / SCBA	:30
1/4 – 1/28	“Cancel Wildfires: Dabo Swinney :30” SC Forestry Commission / SCBA	:30
1/2 – 3/18	“Veteran :60” Pass It On	:60
1/1 – 3/25	“Empower 2 :30” Habitat for Humanity	:30

Public Service Announcements that pertained to **Business Growth & Economic Development:**

1/1 – 3/25	“SC MEP – Manufacturing Cool :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
1/1 – 3/25	“SC MEP – Manufacturing Cool :60” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:60
1/1 – 3/31	“SC Military Museum” South Carolina Military Museum	2:00
1/25 – 3/15	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Food Service :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
1/2 – 3/28	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Training Lt. Bonus” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
1/4 – 3/25	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Corrections Is...” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30