

Quarterly Issues & Programs Report | July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

Title	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Gilbert community kicks off 63rd annual Peach Festival in Lexington County	7/4/23	5pm	1:31	The blazing hot temperatures did not stop the Independence Day celebration for thousands in Lexington County at the Gilbert Community Park.
Military formation at Shaw Airforce Base launches Female Mentoring and Morale Program	7/6/23	5pm	1:45	Starting now, soldiers, civilians, and contractors at Shaw Air Force Base will have an additional support system to help them through their day-to-day life.
'Glimmer of hope': Families in the Midlands react to new FDA approved Alzheimer's drug	7/7/23	5pm	1:43	The FDA approved an Alzheimer's drug, aimed at slowing down the progression of the disease. Nearly 67 million Americans 65 and older suffer from the disease.
Waffle House workers strike for better pay and respect at Columbia location	7/8/23	10pm	1:35	"Respect our check", just one of the many things Waffle House workers were demanding as they protested and went on strike at the Garners Ferry location on Saturday morning.
Skaters gather at the State House for a Worldwide Roll Out against hate	7/9/23	10pm	1:45	Some people rolled out on four wheels for the first official worldwide Roll Out Day in Columbia. These roller skaters are hoping their actions will put an end to bullying and hate.
Orangeburg County School District revamps several school athletic fields	7/11/23	5pm	1:43	Several athletic fields and schools in Orangeburg County School District are getting a makeover thanks to an almost 200-million-dollar bond referendum that was passed last year.
Popular Columbia music promoter killed and robbed: police still looking for suspects a year later	7/12/23	5pm	1:29	No arrests have been made in the murder of a Columbia music promoter who was ambushed and shot outside his home in Lexington. Now, a year later, Lexington Police are calling on the public to help find the killers
State agencies ramp up safer swimming efforts in lakes and rivers across the Midlands	7/14/23	5pm	1:25	Drowning remains the leading cause of death for children and the number of deadly incidents on this state's waterways continues to stay far too high.
'He says he wanted it to be a suicide mission': Bond denied for officer involved shooting suspect	7/19/23	5pm	1:35	A man accused of engaging in a shootout with Columbia Police this week was denied bail at a hearing Wednesday afternoon.
WACH FOX News host blood drive with American Red Cross	7/20/23	5pm	1:44	The American Red Cross and WACH Fox came together Thursday for our Summer Blood Drive. The blood drive was held from 1 - 7 p.m. at the American Red Cross on Bull Street in Columbia.
Only on WACH Fox: Homeowner talks down gunman and invites him into home	7/24/23	5pm	2:12	What started as an attempted robbery of a Columbia home quickly turned into an impactful life lesson for the would-be thief and a good ending to a story seemingly heard all too many times before.
Midlands man in jail after driving down the wrong side of the highway	7/25/23	5pm	2:15	43-year-old James Cowart is in jail right now after a daring drive down the wrong side of the highway. All of it was caught on camera earlier this month when deputies tried to chase him down for miles on Interstate 77.
Richland County deputy recounts harrowing interstate chase of wanted man	7/26/23	5pm	1:38	Richland County patrol cars were chasing after a wanted man on Interstate 77, on July 12, weaving through oncoming traffic. Richland County Cpl. Kenny Fitzsimmons was involved in the chase, and says it was a dangerous experience.
Local family celebrates graduation party re-do after being scammed last month	7/31/23	5pm	1:40	Naomi and Michael Gall say they were ripped off by a local food truck vendor after spending hundreds of dollars on catering at their sons' graduation party. Another food truck vendor heard the news of what happened and offered to give the family another party for free.
Man who barricaded self in home after firing shots at a woman arrested	8/1/23	5pm	1:42	Officials say the man who barricaded himself inside a Richland County home on Tuesday, prompting a nearly 5-6 hour-long standoff with deputies, has been taken into custody peacefully
Governor McMaster signs Fentanyl Trafficking bill, heightens penalties for fentanyl dealers	8/2/23	10pm	2:05	Analisa Smith, a member of 'Fentanyl Kills You' joined by dozens of other grieving families who have lost loved ones due to their run in with the opioid drug fentanyl.
City of Columbia gives Finlay Park Revitalization project green light	8/3/23	5pm	1:03	Empty playgrounds and fields are now the norm at what was once a thriving park. Columbia Mayor Daniel Rickenmann says that will change soon.
Trump speaks in Columbia days after arraignment, says he will win SC primary	8/5/23	10pm	2:14	Former President Donald Trump staked a claim to South Carolina Saturday night saying he will win February's GOP

				Primary during his speech at this year's SC Republican Party Silver Elephant Dinner.
Claflin students celebrate new incoming STEM Innovation Center	8/7/23	5pm	1:52	A \$17.4 million grant from the federal government is working to open more STEM opportunities at Claflin university. Monday morning Congressman James Clyburn presented the checked to an overjoyed group of faculty and students.
Columbia Publix workers strike for equality, fair pay and improved working conditions	8/10/23	5pm	1:38	Publix workers are on strike in Columbia to demand an end to mistreatment, fair pay and fair scheduling in the workplace, on Thursday.
State health officials report uptick in Coronavirus activity, urges vaccinations as precaution	8/11/23	5pm	1:44	State health officials call it the new normal, as they report an uptick in Coronavirus activity for the entire month of July. They also saw a jump in hospitalizations across the state.
World War II era B-25 airplane, once submerged in Lake Greenwood for 40 years, now on display at Columbia's Owens Field	8/12/23	10pm	1:34	People in the Midlands getting a chance to reach out and touch a piece of history Saturday afternoon. A World War II Era B-25 training airplane, that was pulled out of Lake Greenwood, was on display at the Owen's field airport.
Local bishop set to revive Dutch Square Mall in Columbia: Community anticipates positive change	8/14/23	5pm	1:56	There is about be a new owner of the Dutch square mall in Columbia, a place that was once thriving, but just isn't the destination it used to be.
Richland School District Two addresses safety and attendance through new school app	8/15/23	5pm	2:07	Many schools in the state continue to look for ways to get students in class and officials say attendance has been a major issue since the pandemic.
Richland One students to see new leadership at start of school year	8/16/23	5pm	1:49	Class is in session again in one of the state's largest school districts. Thousands of students in Richland School District One returned for the first day of school Wednesday morning.
Family of murdered mother Krystal Anderson gather for prayer vigil	8/20/23	10pm	2:35	It was a sad night on Sunday as dozens gathered in remembrance, putting up prayers and releasing balloons, for 30-year-old mother of four Krystal Anderson.
Woman found dead in Sumter County jail raises questions over mental health procedures	8/23/23	10pm	1:57	A woman died after she was found unresponsive in a Sumter County jail early Wednesday morning. According to officials, 26-year-old Hosanna Dinkins was found during a routine check.
Chapin community gathers to honor life of beloved high school football player, Tre Ruff	8/24/23	10pm	2:20	Thursday night, a community celebrating the life of 17 year old Chapin High football player, Tre Ruff.
Bond denied for Columbia gas station owner accused of gunning down 14-year-old	8/25/23	5pm	2:18	Shell gas station owner Rick Chow stood before judge Jocelyn Newman Friday morning at the Richland County courthouse.
Presidential candidate Tim Scott announces new parent's choice agenda; 'Parent's Bill of Rights'	8/28/23	10pm	1:52	Republican presidential candidate Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., announced his new educational agenda during a campaign stop in his home state Monday.
S.C. family of teacher killed by falling utility pole demand justice from Dominion Energy	8/29/23	5pm	1:53	Bullets and Band-Aids, a veteran-support organization dedicated to healing social barriers between veterans and civilians, is hosting a fundraising and silent auction.
"We can't do it alone.": Richland County sheriff removing special assignment deputies from Village at Sandhill Mall	8/30/23	5pm	1:49	Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott is pulling back his special duty deputies from monitoring the Village at Sandhill area after chaos broke out between minors over the weekend.
Man arrested for animal cruelty; four horses rescued	8/31/23	5pm	1:04	A Columbia man was arrested for ill treatment and cruelty to animals, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.
Sumter County Sheriff's Office investigates link between missing woman and accused New York serial killer	9/1/23	10pm	2:07	Julia Bean hasn't been seen since 2017 and now authorities say the 29-year old's disappearance might be linked to an accused serial killer suspected of killing several women in the Northeast.
Man accused of shooting his former girlfriend to death, then himself is released from hospital; arrested	9/3/23	10pm	2:06	Sheriff Leon Lott announced the arrest of a man who is charged with murder. Officials say Kenardo Bates, 31, has been charged with murder, kidnapping, and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.
Domestic violence advocates: '42% of South Carolina women experience domestic violence'	9/6/23	5pm	2:22	In just two weeks, we've seen two domestic violence incidents take place across the Midlands. One incident claimed the life of 29-year-old Jaylan Hasty. Another ultimately caused a Richland County deputy to be sent to the hospital.
Solicitor on Domestic Violence; 'It could be your neighbor'	9/8/23	5pm	2:01	In the last few weeks, the Midlands has seen three horrifying cases of domestic violence. The impact has been profound, and

				two women have been killed, one of the attackers was also killed, along with two deputies being injured.
Local church celebrates more than 100 years of faith and worship	9/10/23	10pm	2:11	Eau Claire Baptist church opened its doors in 1921 and continues to build on its history. Church leaders say the celebration had been a long time coming and had to be put on hold for two years during Covid-19.
Columbia's annual memorial service: Honoring 9/11 and local heroes and their enduring legacy	9/11/23	5pm	2:02	The city of Columbia held its annual 9/11 memorial service honoring local military service members, first responders, and their family members. This year's theme focused on how America Defines the term "Hero."
Video of DSS office where children sleep show concerning living conditions; children demand beds and better food	9/12/23	5pm	2:17	Children are sleeping in a Midlands DSS facility. There is video that shows it happening, and some are calling what they see unsatisfactory.
South Carolina health officials urge vaccination as a new RSV vaccine gets CDC approval	9/13/23	5pm	2:01	As we head into flu season, medical experts are looking to raise awareness about all respiratory illnesses. A new RSV vaccine for adults has been approved by the CDC.
Columbia officials break ground on Finlay Park revitalization: Focus on public safety and homeless solutions	9/15/23	5pm	1:44	Yesterday Columbia Officials broke ground on the revitalization construction plan at Finlay Park.
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral wraps up Greek Festival	9/17/23	10pm	1:00	A week of Greek culture came to an end Sunday as Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral wrapped up the last day of the Greek Festival.
Scout motors unveils plans for multi-billion-dollar electric vehicle plant in Blythewood, promising thousands of jobs	9/18/23	5pm		Scout Motors giving the public a good look at a massive automobile project in Blythewood Monday afternoon. Scout is building a multi-billion-dollar plant on more than 1,000 acres that they say will generate thousands of jobs in the region.
"They didn't ask about Bessie": Family of custodian left dead in bathroom sues Belk Inc. for negligence	9/19/23	5pm	2:01	The family of Bessie Durham, who was found dead in a Belk bathroom after four days, stood with attorneys Chris Hart, Seth Rose and Justin Bamberg, Tuesday announcing a lawsuit against Belk for not inspecting bathrooms for four days while Durham's body decomposed.
DUI driver hits police car during chase; deputies flip suspect's truck	9/20/23	10pm	2:02	A crash caught on camera ended with a man ramming into a Kershaw County Deputies and those deputies flipping that man's truck.
"He left me there to die": Man sentenced to 10 years in prison for deadly 2019 Lake Murray crash	9/21/23	5pm	2:51	Tracy Gordon- convicted of killing Stan Kiser in a 2019 boat crash- has been sentenced to 10 years in prison. Gordon was found guilty of reckless homicide by boat late last night after a jury deliberated for over nine hours.
Mother seeks justice for son killed in suspected DUI hit and run crash	9/25/23	10pm	2:38	A Midland's mother who knows the pain of DUI all too well is still waiting for justice three years after her son Rick, 11, was killed.
Officials dispute "bad actor" claims amid uptick in violence at county jail	9/26/23	5pm	4:00	Richland County officials met to discuss the progress on improvements at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center on Tuesday.
"We share their pain": Impact of youth deaths on community	9/27/23	5pm	2:02	Right now in the Midlands, too many parents are hurting after losing their children to gun violence.
Columbia Urban League calls for community action in wake of tragic teen shooting	9/29/23	10pm	2:13	The Columbia Urban League held a press conference to call to action the community following the shooting last weekend that killed three teenagers and landed three others in jail.

Public Service Announcements: Q3 2023

All Public Service Announcements aired multiple times between July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023:

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

7/22 – 9/17	“Call 811 - Crows” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
7/1 – 9/30	“Call 811 - Cooking” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
7/15 – 9/30	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 1 :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
7/1 – 9/30	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 2 :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
7/2 – 9/11	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 3 :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Minority Issues:

7/20 – 9/29	“Better Together” Fisher House – Columbia	:30
7/15 – 9/30	“Delivery” Fisher House – Columbia	:30
7/1 – 9/30	“Epilepsy Foundation” Epilepsy Foundation	:30
7/1 – 9/30	“Great Strides :30” Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	:30
8/12 – 9/30	“Mark :30” Wounded Warrior Project	:30

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Education:

7/1 – 9/30	“Anthem :30” Best Friends Animal Society	:30
7/1 – 9/30	“Anthem :60” Best Friends Animal Society	:60
7/8 – 9/30	“Dear Humans :30” Best Friends Animal Society	:30
7/1 – 9/30	“Adopt Change :60” Best Friends Animal Society	:60

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

7/22 – 8/28	“Hope :30” Susan G. Komen Foundation	:30
8/21 – 9/27	“Not on My Watch” Not On My Watch – Ovarian Cancer	:30
7/7 – 9/28	“Hope :60” Susan G. Komen Foundation	:60
7/4 – 8/29	“Built a Wall :60” Alcoholics Anonymous	:60
7/5 – 9/30	“No Longer Part of Us :60” Alcoholics Anonymous	:60

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Civic Responsibilities:

7/3 – 9/23	“Veteran :60” Pass It On	:60
7/1 – 9/30	“Empower 2 :30” Habitat for Humanity	:30
7/2 – 9/30	“Empower 4 :15” Habitat for Humanity	:15
7/1 – 9/30	“Full Effect :30” Feeding America	:30
7/4 – 9/30	“Full Effect :60” Feeding America	:60

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

7/7 – 9/30	“SC Military Museum” South Carolina Military Museum	2:00
8/3 – 8/15	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Food Service :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
7/14 – 9/30	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Training Lt. Bonus” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
7/22 – 9/28	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Corrections Is...” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30