

## Quarterly Issues &amp; 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.
Praying for change: Eau Claire community gathers one week after the death of three teens	10/1/23	10pm	1:58	Dozens came out on Sunday afternoon to surround Eau Claire high school in prayer, hoping to stop gun violence once and for all.
Community on edge: Drive-by shooting leaves two teens injured and neighborhood in fear	10/4/23	5pm	1:33	Two teenagers are recovering from injuries after being shot in a drive-by shooting. Lexington County deputies are looking for a shooter after the late-night drive-by on Tuesday.
'If you can rock it, I say rock it': Chemo with Style boosts self-esteem of cancer patients with wigs and turbans	10/6/23	5pm	2:44	October is breast cancer awareness month. Chemo with Style, is a local organization that provides wigs for women who are losing their hair due to radiation and chemotherapy. Local merchants and organizations support the classes. During the class women are fitted with a wig and a turban to help maintain their self esteem while on their journey.
Lexington's Gibson Park hosts first-ever climb out of the darkness event	10/7/23	10pm	2:00	For the first time ever, an event aimed at raising awareness about Postpartum Depression (PPD) was happening at Gibson Park in Lexington.
SC school report card shows improvement in reading and literacy but reveals struggles in math and science	10/11/23	5pm	1:36	Tuesday morning the South Carolina Department of Education and South Carolina Education Oversight Committee presented the results from South Carolina's annual school report cards.
Governor backs organization working to increase military readiness for youth	10/12/23	5pm	2:12	Wednesday morning Governor Henry McMaster stood alongside officials with the South Carolina Department of Veteran Affairs and Non-profit Organization Mission Readiness to present a proclamation making October 11, 2023, Mission Readiness Day.
"This is your choice, choose wisely": South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham backs Israel and sends message to Iran	10/13/23	5pm	1:54	U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R South Carolina) stood alongside faith leaders from all over South Carolina during a press conference on October 13, calling for the Hamas to be destroyed and peace to be restored to Israel.
Parents of murdered children speak out against gun violence in Orangeburg	10/14/23	10pm	1:32	On Saturday Michelle A. Green and others organized the parents of murdered children speak out against gun violence in Orangeburg, with hopes to spread awareness amongst the youth about the dangers of gun violence.
Richland School District One announces teacher reassignments	10/19/23	5pm	1:51	On Wednesday, Richland School District One announced that they will be reassigning some teachers in the district. So far it has been announced that 2 teachers from Satchel Ford Elementary School will be re-assigned to different schools in the district.
Freight train derails in downtown Columbia, no injuries reported	10/20/23	5pm	1:29	A freight train derailed in Downtown Columbia on Thursday night, according to the Columbia Police Department. Officials say the incident occurred in the 300 block of Lincoln Street.
Community unites at Perrin Thomas park to combat youth gun violence	10/21/23	10pm	1:34	Brandy Olivis, founder of For Ryan's Sake, created this organization to honor her son Ryan Rowe, who was murdered last year just after he celebrated his 16th birthday.
Columbia community rallies for change after abrupt teacher relocations in Richland School District One	10/23/23	5pm	1:50	Hundreds gathered Monday at Richland School District One rallying and calling for change. All in reaction to the district's decision to move 11 teachers to different schools within the district.
Claims of two-year teacher vacancies in Richland One high schools spark concern among parents	10/24/23	5pm	2:09	In the last week, Richland One school district has been criticized for abruptly pulling teachers out of one school and moving them to others.
'We just really want change' says mom after Richland 1 teacher shuffle, vacancies	10/25/23	5pm	2:06	Following the announcement that roughly a dozen teachers in the Richland One school district would be pulled from their classrooms and sent to new schools two months into the school year.
Cemetery where headstones were destroyed still in poor condition	10/26/23	5pm	1:29	Nearly a year after families came to WACH FOX News about the gravesites of their loved ones missing and destroyed headstones, that same gravesite, known as the Wilson Blvd

				Cemetery in Richland County's public records, is still in the same condition.
Columbia partners with Instacart to tackle food deserts through online grocery delivery	10/27/23	5pm	2:31	A new way to give people more access to food and services in Columbia is now official. The Columbia Mayor and Instacart officials launching an online grocery delivery service that will help people in what are known as food deserts.
Serve & Connect launches initiative to boost community safety and trust in Decker area	10/28/23	10pm	1:37	Serve & Connect and it's partners launched their new movement in the decker area on Saturday at Richland Northeast high school.
"Don't give up on your babies," Irmo family named ambassadors for Family Connection's Buddy Walk 2023	10/29/23	10pm	1:10	Melanie Wright is the mother of 11-year-old Nasir who was diagnosed with Down Syndrome at six-month-old. "He's such a loving baby, we always had nothing good outcome with him," said Wright.
Sky rocketing tax bills shock home owners in the Midlands; Richland County saying they may not be legal residents	10/30/23	5pm	1:53	Some property owners in Richland County are in complete shock after getting their property tax bill in the mail and some families say are \$10,000 more.
'That may be the thing to do': Clyburn suggests consolidating Richland One and Two	11/1/23	5pm	2:30	On Wednesday, Congressman James E. Clyburn addressed the call for investigations into various South Carolina school districts.
"Is this a democracy?": SC NAACP stands against alleged racial discrimination in SC education system	11/2/23	5pm	2:15	Following the recent call by some legislators to audit the Richland One school district, the state's NAACP had a lot to say about educational leadership within the state when it comes to black superintendents calling this a race and equity issue.
Lexington police department hosts car seat safety certification event	11/3/23	5pm	1:29	On Thursday the Lexington County Police Department hosted SC DHEC and Safe Kids Worldwide instructors at the amphitheater in Lexington.
W.A. Perry Middle School students soar high with unique aviation experience through BLAST program	11/4/23	10pm	1:11	Today students from W.A. Perry Middle School's BLAST (Building Lasting Aerospace and STEAM Trajectories) magnet program got the opportunity to fly in an airplane today and learn the ins and outs of what goes into flying an airplane.
Brennan vs. Baddourrah: A tight race for District Three council seat with focus on Columbia's quality of life	11/6/23	5pm	1:48	There are several council seats in play on Tuesday, an at-large council seat, District Two, and this race in District Three between Brennan and Baddourrah.
Lexington's literary limbo: Controversial book to remain in school libraries amidst ban battles	11/8/23	5pm	1:58	After a complaint from a parent sparked the review of a book in the Lexington Richland Five. The school district now says the book will stay on library shelves.
Teen arrested in connection to double homicide in Richland County	11/9/23	5pm	1:20	A local teen is charged in connection to a double homicide that happened in September, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.
Town hall forum addresses digital equity and broadband access in Orangeburg's HBCUs	11/14/23	5pm	2:10	Monday night, elected officials and representatives from both South Carolina state and Claflin university gathered for a town hall to talk about the importance of strengthening broadband access to Orangeburg county and all HBCU's in the state.
Transgender awareness week marked by somber reflections on Shandon Floyd's death: A reality check for LGBTQ+ community	11/15/23	5pm	2:37	The LGBTQ+ community spoke out about the death of Shandon Floyd. This week is transgender awareness week and some say the news is extremely heavy.
"I'm sorry, I'm so sorry stank, I couldn't get to you in time:" Mother of trans woman	11/16/23	5pm	2:14	The mother of a trans woman found dead in the same vehicle she was last seen driving, says she has more questions than answers about what happened to her daughter.
Deputies investigate social media post regarding death of trans woman	11/17/23	5pm	1:45	Officials have released additional details about what happened to 20-year-old Shandon Floyd, the missing trans woman from Mullins who was found dead Tuesday night at an abandoned home.
South Carolina counties celebrate National Adoption Day, finalizing hundreds of family stories	11/20/23	5pm	2:05	Family courts in Greenville, Charleston, Horry, and Sumter counties celebrated public adoptions being finalized on National Adoption Day.
"Remember to be sensitive": local experts offer tips for those facing holiday depression	11/21/23	5pm	1:56	While the holidays are filled with fun and excitement for a lot of people, it can be a struggle for others. Marty Martinez is the Executive Director of The Big Red Barn Retreat in Blythewood.

Businesses prep for holiday rush and Trump's appearance at the big game	11/22/23	5pm	1:53	A big weekend ahead in Soda City with the holidays and a big USC rivalry game against Clemson. Many businesses say they are expecting a boom this weekend.
"Somebody took that body and put it in that wooded area": Deputies investigate human remains found in Sumter	11/27/23	5pm	1:58	Human remains were found in the woods on Sunday morning, according to the Sumter County Coroner's Office. The remains were found near Cimmaron Road by a group of hunters, according to officials.
"Avery is a hero" 6-year-old's organ donation saves five lives	11/28/23	5pm	1:51	Following the loss of 6-year-old Avery Davis, the Davis family decided to pay tribute to Avery with an honor walk at Prisma Health Hospital so they could donate his organs.
Troubled by trash residents complain of decades of trash pile-up and illegal dumping	11/29/23	5pm	1:43	Tires, mattresses, clothing, and other items have been piling up here in the Cavar Heights community for quite a while now. According to people who live here, this has been a continuous issue for at least 30 years.
Lawmaker proposes mandatory substitute teaching for state officials amid teacher shortage, district leaders and educators react	11/30/23	5pm	1:55	Right now, there is a plan in the works that would put every state lawmaker inside a public school classroom. State Rep. Jermaine Johnson wants to make it mandatory for every lawmaker to serve as substitute teachers.
"I have been thriving with HIV for 22 years" SC community raises awareness on World AIDS day	12/1/23	5pm	2:24	DHEC teamed up with other community partners to raise awareness about what is being done to stop the spread of HIV, viral hepatitis and substance use disorders on cooperative world aids day.
Honoring Avery Davis: Young hero's legacy lives on through organ donation after tragic accident	12/2/23	10pm	1:53	On Saturday, hundreds of friends and family honored 6-year-old Avery Davis who died in a tragic hunting accident on Nov. 24
First trial begins for 2018 Lee correctional riots	12/4/23	5pm	1:47	Monday morning the first trial from the 2018 Lee Correctional riots began at the Lee County Courthouse. The Lee Correctional riot involved over 40 inmates charged and seven were killed.
Candidates for Senate 19 seat participate in town hall ahead of special election	12/5/23	10pm	2:29	Some Richland County voters will be choosing a new Senator in a few weeks. Four candidates are vying for the Senate 19 seat after it became vacant following the death of Senator John Scott, 69, on August 13.
17-year-old taken into custody following Kershaw County shooting; fifth victim emerges	12/6/23	5pm	0:38	Following the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office investigation of an early morning shooting that left one dead and multiple injured. The Kershaw County Coroner identified man that died as 21-year-old Devin Simon.
Father of missing woman begs alleged kidnapper to 'stop wasting time'	12/7/23	5pm	2:37	The man charged with the kidnapping of his ex-girlfriend on December 2 will remain behind bars. An Aiken County judge denied bond for 34-year-old Daniel Harmon on Thursday.
Inmate sentenced to 40 years for his role in 2018 prison riot	12/8/23	5pm	2:03	It took a jury an hour to find a man guilty of killing another inmate during the 2018 riot at Lee Correctional Institution.
Dozens protest at State House calling for "ceasefire in Gaza"	12/9/23	10pm	1:22	This afternoon, dozens came out to the statehouse, Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. It's the second time the Carolina Peace Resource Center has demonstrated here, and they plan to be back again next week.
56-year-old woman found dead in Lexington County river, homicide suspected	12/11/23	5pm	0:51	A woman reported missing last month, found dead in a Lexington county river. Authorities are investigating 56 year old Regina Arroyo's death as a homicide.
Lions, tigers, bears, and money; Midlands leaders approve millions for zoo project	12/12/23	10pm	1:23	Richland County leaders have approved millions of dollars to help fund a new phase of development at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.
No charges filed against security guard who left personal weapon at school	12/13/23	5pm	1:20	The loaded gun found in the teacher's workroom at Round Top Elementary belonged to a security guard and the investigation into the incident is closed, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department (RCSD).
Operation West Bound and Down: 20 arrest, 200 plus guns confiscated in West Columbia gun and drug bust	12/14/23	5pm	2:37	Almost two dozen people, some of them known gang members, have been arrested and more than 200 guns seized in a major drug bust in West Columbia.
'My son was stabbed over a cell phone': Worries rise for inmates' safety at Alvin S. Glenn Center	12/15/23	5pm	2:19	People who have loved ones in the Alvin S Glenn Detention Center have some major concerns.

"It affects all of us": Officer exposes grim reality at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center	12/18/23	5pm	4:09	In a WACH FOX News exclusive, a correctional officer from the Alvin S. Glenn detention center spoke with us about conditions they say are terrible.
USPS working overtime to meet holiday rush	12/21/23	10pm	1:54	With Christmas just days away, the volume coming through Columbia's US postal service distribution facility is way up. Executive plant manager Reece Holmes, oversees it all and according to Holmes their facility handles around 1.5 million letters and over 100,000 packages every day.
Holiday travel reaches new heights with record numbers at airports and on roads	12/22/23	10pm	2:16	One of the most hectic times of year started on Thursday and it isn't showing any signs of letting up.
Catering cousins unite to serve festive meals	12/23/23	10pm	1:30	It's the season of giving and two different catering companies came together Saturday to give out hot meals to the homeless.
Two-year-old miracle baby joyfully battles rare brain disease, defying odds	12/25/23	10pm	2:47	A 2-year-old is doing everything doctors said he would never do again: laugh, see, hear, and even move. Arthur Hutchinson is a miracle baby.
Mother's heartfelt plea for missing son last seen in November	12/26/23	5pm	2:14	27-year-old Morgan Duncan has been missing since November 28th. La'Tanza Duncan, mother of Morgan says this has not been the easiest holiday season, but she has tried to keep normalcy for Duncan's daughter.
Progressive church's pantry serves thousands, filling Midlands' stomachs and hearts	12/27/23	5pm	2:01	Wednesday the Progressive Church of our Lord Jesus Christ volunteers were busy packaging boxes and making sure people in the Midlands are well fed.
Attorney plans to sue SCDJJ over teen's death	12/28/23	5pm	2:55	A local attorney plans to sue the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice over the death of a 16-year-old, who died while in their care.
Noiseless fireworks to accommodate pets, sensory disorders, and veterans	12/30/23	10pm	1:59	We are just one day away from New Years Eve and people around the Midlands are stocking up on fireworks to bring in the New Year with a bang. But for some people, the loud noises might be too much to handle.

## Public Service Announcements: Q4 2023

*All Public Service Announcements aired multiple times between October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023:*

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

10/1 – 11/30	“Call 811 - Crows” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
10/1 – 11/27	“Call 811 - Cooking” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
10/1 – 12/31	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 1 :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
10/2 – 12/30	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 2 :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
10/21 – 12/15	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 3 :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Minority Issues:

10/6 – 12/30	“Better Together” Fisher House – Columbia	:30
10/1 – 12/31	“Delivery” Fisher House – Columbia	:30
10/1 – 12/31	“Epilepsy Foundation” Epilepsy Foundation	:30
10/1 – 12/31	“Great Strides :30” Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	:30
12/20 – 12/31	“It’s Possible :30” Wounded Warrior Project	:30

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Education:

10/7 – 12/30	“Anthem :30” Best Friends Animal Society	:30
10/8 – 12/30	“Anthem :60” Best Friends Animal Society	:60
10/1 – 12/31	“Dear Humans :30” Best Friends Animal Society	:30
10/2 – 12/31	“Adopt Change :60” Best Friends Animal Society	:60

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

10/1 – 12/31	“Hope :30” Susan G. Komen Foundation	:30
10/1 – 12/18	“Not on My Watch” Not On My Watch – Ovarian Cancer	:30
10/1 – 12/31	“Hope :60” Susan G. Komen Foundation	:60
10/5 – 12/7	“Built a Wall :15” Alcoholics Anonymous	:15
10/2 – 12/30	“Built a Wall :60” Alcoholics Anonymous	:60
10/5 – 12/7	“No Longer Part of Us :15” Alcoholics Anonymous	:15
10/1 – 12/31	“No Longer Part of Us :60” Alcoholics Anonymous	:60

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Civic Responsibilities:

10/25 – 12/11	“Veteran :30” Pass It On	:30
10/7 – 12/11	“Veteran :60” Pass It On	:60
10/1 – 12/31	“Empower 2 :30” Habitat for Humanity	:30
10/24 – 11/5	“Empower 4 :15” Habitat for Humanity	:15
10/1 – 12/30	“Full Effect :30” Feeding America	:30
10/1 – 12/31	“Full Effect :60” Feeding America	:60

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

10/1 – 12/31	“SC Military Museum” South Carolina Military Museum	2:00
10/7 – 11/21	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Food Service :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
10/3 – 12/26	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Training Lt. Bonus” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
10/4 – 12/21	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Training Lt. Bonus - A” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15