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SLED Sex Offender Search	1/6/21	10:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 10p</i>	1:30	The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division announced that they launched a new search engine that allowed families to search for sex offenders that lived in the vicinity. Officials said that the search engine allowed people to keep tabs and use the knowledge of offender's proximity to make sure their children are safe while on the internet and in general.
State Lawmakers React to Capital Riots	1/7/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	1:00	A reporter spoke with state lawmakers about the January 6 <sup>th</sup> capitol riots and got their reactions. Most said it was scary and they were increasing security around the state capital. Multiple government buildings were closed to visitors and there was a large police presence.
Gov. McMaster Education Budget	1/8/21	5:00a <i>Good Day Columbia</i>	:45	Governor Henry McMaster proposed his executive budget and announced the allocation of \$500 million to classroom resources and school nurses. McMaster said that he wanted to have resource officers in every school in the state and mental health counselors. He also took the time to remind everyone that schools in the state had enough resources to return to full-time instruction.
Columbia Fire Dept. Mask Ordinance	1/31/21	5:00a <i>Good Day Columbia</i>	:45	The Columbia Fire Dept. started enforcing a mask ordinance in city limits after complaints from residents. The residents were complaining about people frequenting Five Points and not wearing masks while gathered in large crowds. Over one weekend the department handed out close to 50 citations.
Elderly Couple Fends off Robber	2/17/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	1:30	One of our reporters got in touch with an elderly couple who fended off a would-be robber. The husband, 81, and his 79-year-old wife were at home when the suspect knocked on their door and tried to barge in. The man then began attacking the wife with a knife. The husband then grabbed a gun and knocked the robber unconscious. The robber eventually died from his injuries, both victims were treated and sent home the same day.
Local Police Staffing Struggles	2/23/21	10:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 10p</i>	:45	A local town that has been struggling with staffing problems on their police force since early 2020 held a meeting to address leadership changes. The people in the town have been protesting and signing petitions for months trying to get the mayor fired from his position as they say he is the reason that they cannot keep police officers.
Sheriff's Dept. Crisis Intervention Team Formed	2/24/21	5:00a <i>Good Day Columbia</i>	:45	A local sheriff's department announced a team that they had formed along with the state department of mental health called the 'Crisis Intervention Team'. The goal of the team was to better respond to calls that involved mental health and mental health crises. The team had already answered 64 calls in the month that they were operational. Members were highly trained in order to recognize a crisis and de-escalate the situation in a non-violent way.

Local Firearm Open Carry Bill Introduced	3/10/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	:45	Local Republican lawmakers began trying to pass a bill that allowed people to carry firearms openly. The bill was delayed due to a packed agenda but talk of the bill sparked debate. We spoke with lawmakers and the president of a local gun organization that said that the constitution does not determine how a person can carry their weapons. Opposing viewpoints said that no one should be carrying a weapon around in broad daylight.
Community Seeks Help with Recurring Flood Damages	3/10/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	A local community was asking for the city's help dealing with constant damage from flooding. The neighbors banded together to hold a press briefing where they pleaded with officials to help them improve their living conditions. One man's 93-year-old dad was living in the same area and was having trouble getting to appointments because the situation was so dire. A councilman was in attendance and said that he and other city officials planned on revisiting the issue.
Parents weigh in on solutions after College Student Assault	3/30/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	1:30	After reporting the assault of a college student in a popular area of our DMA, we spoke to some parents of college students and prospect students about what they would like to see done in order to prevent violence in the area. All of the parents said they would like to see more police presence or surveillance so that they would feel safer that the area (mostly frequented by students) was safer.
MLK Jr. Virtual Dream Walk	1/18/21	5:00a Good Day Columbia	:45	We covered a yearly Dream Walk that was held virtually due to the pandemic. The Dream Walk is a celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Junior. Since this one was held virtually. Local churches and food banks held a food drive to benefit a local homeless shelter/soup kitchen. Organizers said they were happy to see Dr. King's message displayed in such troubling times.
Disability advocacy group fights for vaccine priority	1/27/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	:45	We sat down with an advocacy group who was fighting to get people with disabilities more priority in the state's vaccine plan. We spoke with a cancer survivor who said they were frustrated with the slowness of the phases and that people who were healthy and work from home were being vaccinated before people who had to worry about going out for necessities.
Father of daughter illegally adopted speaks out for law changes	2/25/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	1:30	We covered a story of a man whose daughter was illegally adopted due to an outdated law. The man eventually got custody of his daughter after a lengthy custody battle. The story went viral and a senator and some state officials contacted the anchor to tell him that they would be introducing a bill that would remove the outdated law.
SC hate crime bill introduced	3/11/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	The Judiciary Constitutional Laws Subcommittee voted unanimously in favor of a new hate crime bill that enhance penalties. South Carolina is one of three states in the country without a hate crime bill. Lawmakers and local law enforcement have been asking for a hate crime

				bill to be passed after several racially motivated incidents happened across the state.
Local Asian and Pacific Islanders speak following rise in AAPI hate crimes	3/19/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	:45	After a tragic shooting of 6 Asian women in Georgia, we spoke with local AAPI and asked how they were taking the tragedy. They said that they were going to continue to push for a Hate Crime bill to pass in the S.C. that imposed punishment for crimes against people for their race. We also raised awareness of the AAPI that say they experienced racism in some form.
Midlands travel expert speaks on potential COVID travel passports	3/23/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	1:00	We sat down with a Midlands travel expert and talked about the possibility of a coronavirus travel passport. The passport allows airlines and TSA officials to see if someone has been vaccinated. Some countries around the world are opening their borders only to people who can prove that they have been vaccinated with W.H.O. yellow card signed by a doctor.
Local owner of gun store speaks on spike in gun sales	3/30/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	1:30	WACH spoke to a gun store owner in the state after covering the recent spike in gun sales. The man was able to provide her with statistics on who was buying more guns and trying to learn more about gun safety. The owner cited that most customers he was getting were Black women between the ages of 25 and 45. The man said he also teaches gun safety and educates his customers on their rights.
Local businesses prepare for Inauguration Day	1/18/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	We spoke to local businesses that were increasing their security in order to brace for any Inauguration Day protests or riots. One business owner said they were closing their restaurant on Inauguration Day, another said they had to close in May during the George Floyd protests and lost business but said that the protests turned out to be peaceful.
WACH looks into abnormally high power bills throughout the Midlands	2/3/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	1:30	A viewer sent us a screenshot of his bill from Dominion Energy, a local electricity provider, that was over \$700. We asked for other viewers to send in their abnormally large bills. We did a story on the high bills and then asked Dominion why the bills were so high, they said it was normal. This caused an outrage on social media. People went to meetings and were calling in to demand that Dominion fix the problems as we were still in the middle of a global pandemic.
Small Midlands business now serving clients nationwide	2/11/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	1:30	We covered the story of a local Columbia business that started in a garage and now was working out of a huge warehouse and distributing PPE across the country. The company CEO said that they were able to take care of small volume orders on a large scale and gave the example of small nursing homes that didn't need 100,000 masks but more like hundreds of them.
New organization aimed at cleaning up littered SC roads	2/20/2	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	After covering several stories about the roads in S.C. becoming filled with trash (experts said due to the pandemic), we covered a new organization that was taking the cleanup into their own hands. "Keep the

				Midlands Beautiful” hosted Saturdays where volunteers went around to different areas and picked up trash. They picked up about 640 pounds of garbage.
SC Chamber of Commerce petition pushes for passage of hate crime bill	2/23/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	SC lawmakers were considering a new hate crime bill that would protect people from attacks over race, gender etc. The S.C. Chamber of Commerce organized a petition signed by more than 80 businesses that asked for lawmakers to pass the bill. Owners cited worries over mass shootings and making sure that they are protecting their minority employees.
Local firearm sales continue to rise	3/22/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	:45	Many businesses had trouble staying open during the pandemic and some had to close for good. However, we spoke to a local owner of a gun store whose business was doing better than previous years. The man said that people were feeling scared due to more people being home, protests and riots. He said that he sells anywhere from 300 to 700 guns per week.
Drive-thru Job Fair hosted by local food bank	3/25/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	A local food bank hosted a drive-thru job fair that showcased more than 40 employers from the community that were looking to fill openings. The jobs included things like production, customer service and manufacturing. The event garnered more than 200 people.
Historic Columbia area development continues	3/25/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	:45	We covered the groundbreaking of a development in an area where there has been lots of new buildings and businesses popping up. The site is historic and has been in the works for many years. The groundbreaking was for an office building that will feature retail stores and offices, according to officials.
State housing officials propose rent and mortgage assistance program	3/25/21	5:00a Good Day Columbia	1:00	State housing officials proposed a funding program in February that would help people pay their rent and mortgage during the pandemic. After the application was launched, more than 7,000 people applied and 5,000 were able to receive the funding they needed to stop their eviction. Richland County was also given money by the U.S. Dept. of Treasury to help people pay their rent and utilities.
Local realtors speak on recent housing market boom	3/31/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	:45	We covered a recent boom in the housing market. According to a local realtor, the speed at which houses were being bought was high but the more expensive houses that sell slower usually, were being bought quickly as well. We also spoke to a person who was in the market for a house and expressed surprise at how fast houses that they viewed were suddenly being sold.
State elderly COVID conditions improve after disparities brought to light	1/5/21	5:00a Good Day Columbia	1:30	We covered a story about the state ranking high for being the country’s worst state for coronavirus deaths in nursing homes. Afterwards we did a follow-up showing that since the first report came out, the state’s conditions changed dramatically for the better as the vaccine began to rollout in the state. The amount of deaths dropped dramatically and the mental health of elderly people in

				nursing homes improved due to the promise of being able to see family again.
Local protests for removal of statue on SC State House grounds	1/13/21	5:00a <i>Good Day Columbia</i>	1:00	Local lawmakers and protesters banded together to ask for the removal of a statue of Pitchfork Ben Tillman that stands on the grounds of the state house. Ben Tillman was known as a devout racist and known white supremacist. Dozens gathered at the state house to protest but lawmakers said they could not do much seeing as they had to have a 2/3's vote in the house in order to pass anything.
Vaccine shortages in rural SC communities	2/19/21	10:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 10p</i>	1:30	After hearing about a shortage of vaccines in rural communities and did a story on what the effects of the pandemic and lack of resources did to people there. She tied this into the fact that officials cited lower rates of vaccination approval in rural communities because of a lack of information and resources. The reporter spoke to state healthcare officials who said they were actively working on a plan to get more people in rural communities to get vaccinated.
SC Religious Freedom Act	2/20/21	10:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 10p</i>	1:30	A new plan called the South Carolina Religious Freedom Act was making its way through the state house during the pandemic. The plan was a mandate saying that state leaders could not force churches to close during a state of emergency. One of our reporters spoke to some local pastors and church leaders who said they were in support of the bill and would allow their congregants and members to decide on safety measures on an individual basis.
Local officials take action to stop illegal trash dumping	3/5/21	5:00a <i>Good Day Columbia</i>		After several complaints about people dumping trash on public property and more trash on SC roads during the pandemic, local officials began putting up surveillance cameras in order to discourage people from illegally dumping garbage on private and public property. One of our reporters talked to some locals who were hopeful that people would stop.
Community comes together to fundraise for local boy's cancer treatment	3/12/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	:45	Following our coverage of boy from a rural area that was fighting cancer, the boy's family organized a 5k but still needed more money for his treatment. A former teacher organized a blood drive in order to show support and raise awareness for the need for blood. The boy had 7 transfusions during his battle and was continuing his treatment in March.
Local family court delays due to COVID	3/25/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	:45	Due to the pandemic, local family courts were seeing delays in hearings and meetings. The delay was so bad that a committee that was set to meet on the backlogs had to postpone their meeting. We spoke to a woman who was in family court trying to get temporary relief for her three kids, but the judge had to dismiss the motion because of scheduling. We reached out to local government for a statement but were not answered.

Ongoing problems with USPS and mail delivery	3/30/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	We had been covering people's problems with the USPS and how they had not received mail for weeks. After our coverage, USPS issued a statement saying that they were working on investigating the issue and figuring out how to better serve the customers in the area that were having problems.
Local businesses help mother of disabled son provide adequate health and housing	3/31/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	:45	WACH aired a story about a woman who was trying to raise funds to get her and her son out of the house they were in. The son has Downs Syndrome and suffered from Sleep Apnea, the mother said the house they lived in was not well-suited for her and her son. A few days later, businesses in the Midlands began donating medical equipment to the mother and son. One of the things donated was a mechanical bed that would help him breath better at night.
Local businesses prepare for New Year's Eve amid COVID pandemic	1/1/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	In January, coronavirus cases were extremely high which meant that the holidays could pose potential problems to those traveling or visiting family. We followed up with local business who were preparing for New Year's Eve celebrations by making sure they limited their capacity and required people to wear masks and socially distance.
WACH gets clarification after accusations of hospitals throwing out unused vaccines	1/21/21	5:00a Good Day Columbia	1:30	In January, we received a call from a viewer that they had been told by hospital staff that the leftover vaccines were being thrown away. This claim caused outrage on social media over the alleged waste of supplies. We spoke with hospital staff who said that the vaccines were being thrown out, but it was because they could not mix the doses because of safety issues. The issue was cleared up for the people and the outrage subsided.
Local addiction recovery program expansion	1/25/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	1:30	A local addiction recovery program announced an expansion in order to meet the needs of a growing problem. The new program offered two-bedroom townhouses for those struggling with substance abuse issues along with a 15-month program that helped them recover.
First local case of new South African COVID-19 variant	1/28/21	10:00p WACH FOX News at 10p	1:30	During this week of January, outlets were alerted to the first cases of a South African variant of coronavirus. We attended a meeting with the head of DHEC who told us that there is a possibility that the strain is more contagious and can make people sicker than the COVID-19 strain.
Local experts speak following pediatric COVID-related death	1/29/21	5:00p WACH FOX News at 5p	1:00	We sat down with local health experts after a child in the state died of a complication of coronavirus. Officials said they wanted parents to know the signs of the complication to prevent other deaths from happening. The complication was result of an inflammatory response to coronavirus. Other children since then have had cases but at last check, they had all survived.
Gov. McMaster signs bill blocking abortions in SC	2/19/21	10:00p WACH FOX	1:00	Governor Henry McMaster had just signed a bill into law blocking almost all abortions. A federal judge then put a temporary hold on the law. Multiple organizations filed

		<i>News at 10p</i>		lawsuits against McMaster and the state after the bill was signed. A reporter spoke to those organizations and we covered the day that the bill was debated at the State House when democrats walked out of the debate to show their opposition.
Sanitation workers seek higher COVID vaccine priority	2/23/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	:45	WACH spoke with sanitation workers asking to be put up higher on the vaccination list. They state that they touch so much garbage that it is dangerous to not be vaccinated as they risk their safety for hours every day. In the meantime, they asked that people make sure that their bags are tied tight and placed where the least amount of garbage has to be touched directly.
State lawmakers urge for Medicaid expansion following American Rescue Plan	3/30/21	5:00a <i>Good Day Columbia</i>	1:00	State Democrats urged Governor McMaster to expand Medicaid in the state in response to Congress passing the American Rescue Plan. We spoke with a woman who has no insurance and does not qualify for Medicaid even though she has multiple chronic illnesses. She spoke about frustration with not being able to get her medication. South Carolina was one of 12 states that has not expanded Medicaid.
COVID vaccine now available to all SC residents 16 years old and up	3/31/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	1:00	March 31 <sup>st</sup> was the first day in the state that people 16 and older were able to get a coronavirus vaccine. Teenagers were able to get the vaccine without their parents' permission. We spoke to a USC student who was very happy that she was able to get the vaccine and expressed happiness that younger people would be able to make their own decisions about vaccinations.
Local law enforcement spreads word about their college internship program	1/1/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	:45	Local law enforcement reached out to get the word out about their internship for college students. The internship allowed a very select few students the opportunity to get a hands-on look at what deputies do on a daily basis. The sheriff said that it was a way to be more open to the public and allow people to see that they are trying to make a difference.
Midlands school district releases body temperature measurement device	1/20/21	10:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 10p</i>	:45	A local school district announced that they would be rolling out a new device that allows body temperature to be measured upon arrival at the schools. Two of the devices, called FEEVR, were placed in 18 school buildings and in the entrances that saw the most foot traffic. The device was said to prevent the spread of communicable disease.
Educators speak about challenges of returning to face-to-face instruction	2/2/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	1:00	A local teacher sat down with us a discussed the challenges of returning to face-to-face learning as well as the optimism she feels. The 8 <sup>th</sup> grade science teacher said she commended her school district for following the science and taking precautions with allowing student's back in the building. She talked about it being hard to teach and be close to her students without having the vaccine. (This was before teachers were encouraged to get the vaccine.)

Gov. McMaster has discussions with colleges and universities on increasing funding to post-secondary schools	2/17/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	:45	Governor McMaster met with the presidents of local colleges and universities to discuss increasing funding to post-secondary schools. McMaster state that the amount of money that it costs to attend college is so much that is preventing students from low-income families to attend, something he called a statewide issue.
Local group holds classes for young men from single-parent homes	2/24/21	10:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 10p</i>	1:00	A group from the area began teaching classes to young men from single-parent homes. The instructor taught classes about etiquette, interviewing skills and how to get into college. The project included students from more than 15 schools in the Midlands.
State teacher shortage worsens amid pandemic challenges	3/9/21	5:00a <i>Good Day Columbia</i>	:45	During the pandemic and a shortage of teachers, nearly 700 teachers reportedly quit from October of 2020 to March 2021. We covered Phase 1B getting underway and teachers being more optimistic about getting out of the pandemic and back to the classroom instead of teaching from home. Many schools had recently begun transitioning back to in-person learning.
Midlands high school students compete in C-SPAN competition	3/22/21	5:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 5p</i>	:45	Students an area high school competed in a C-SPAN competition where they had to make a video on why the government should increase funding for HBCUs. Eight students won the competition and won monetary prizes and their films were shown on C-SPAN. We also included a link to the videos so that our viewers could watch them.
State superintendent requests exemption from end-of-year standardized testing	3/29/21	10:00p <i>WACH FOX News at 10p</i>	1:00	The state superintendent asked the federal government for a waiver that allowed students in the state to be exempt from end-of-the-year standardized testing and was denied, we spoke to local teachers about how they were taking the news. One teacher said it was unfortunate because with virtual learning, a lot of students were behind. She said she thought the tests would be a waste of resources that would not give them correct data. The state superintendent was also disappointed in the ruling but said that the state's teachers would press on and continue to teach and help students to have a stress-free testing experience.



**WACH – Public Service Announcements: Q1 2021**

*All Public Service Announcements aired multiple times between January 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021:*

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

<b>1/1 – 1/31</b>	<b>“Drunk Neon :30”</b> National Highway Transportation Safety Association	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 2/2</b>	<b>“Make the Call”</b> Health Resources and Services Administration	<b>:30</b>

Public Service Announcements that pertained to **Minority Issues:**

<b>1/9 – 3/28</b>	<b>“Better Together”</b> Fisher House – Columbia	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/28</b>	<b>“Delivery”</b> Fisher House – Columbia	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/8 – 1/10</b>	<b>“Mark :30”</b> Wounded Warrior Project	<b>:30</b>
<b>2/27 – 3/31</b>	<b>“Chris :60”</b> Wounded Warrior Project	<b>:60</b>

Public Service Announcements that pertained to **Education:**

<b>1/2 – 3/28</b>	<b>“Anthem: 30”</b> Best Friends Animal Society	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/27</b>	<b>“Anthem :60”</b> Best Friends Animal Society	<b>:60</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/28</b>	<b>“Dear Humans :30”</b> Best Friends Animal Society	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/27</b>	<b>“Adopt Change :60”</b> Best Friends Animal Society	<b>:60</b>
<b>3/2 – 3/26</b>	<b>“Call 811 – Dry Erase :30”</b> South Carolina Broadcasters Association	<b>:30</b>

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

<b>1/8 – 3/28</b>	<b>“Epilepsy Foundation”</b> Epilepsy Foundation	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/20 – 3/10</b>	<b>“COVID-19 :15”</b> United Way	<b>:15</b>
<b>1/8 – 3/29</b>	<b>“COVID-19 :30”</b> United Way	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/27</b>	<b>“Luke :60”</b> St. Jude Children’s Hospitals	<b>:60</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/13</b>	<b>“Azalea :30”</b> St. Jude Children’s Hospitals	<b>:30</b>

<b>1/7 – 3/18</b>	<b>“Azalea :15”</b> St. Jude Children’s Hospitals	<b>:15</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/28</b>	<b>“COVID-19 Thanks”</b> Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/28</b>	<b>“COVID-19 Appeal :30”</b> American Red Cross	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/28</b>	<b>“Great Strides :30”</b> Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	<b>:30</b>

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

<b>1/20 – 3/31</b>	<b>“I Will :30”</b> Army National Guard	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/17 – 3/16</b>	<b>“America’s Marines”</b> US Marine Corps	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/6</b>	<b>“Anthem”</b> US Marine Corps	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/2 – 3/22</b>	<b>“For Country”</b> US Marine Corps	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/8 – 3/28</b>	<b>“For Us All”</b> US Marine Corps	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/5 – 3/15</b>	<b>“Pride of the Nation :30”</b> US Marine Corps	<b>:30</b>

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

<b>1/2 – 2/20</b>	<b>“SC MEP Proof”</b> South Carolina Broadcasters Association	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/4 – 2/20</b>	<b>“SC MEP 2”</b> South Carolina Broadcasters Association	<b>:30</b>
<b>1/1- 1/31</b>	<b>“LRADAC – Spot 1 :30”</b> South Carolina Broadcasters Association	<b>:30</b>