

Quarterly Issues & Programs Report | January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

Title	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Fitness experts encourage consistency for New Year fitness goals	1/1/24	5pm	2:32	Many people use the New Year as a time to hit the reset button and make goals for the future and every year, one most common New Year's resolutions is getting in shape.
Red Cross assisting 16 families across Midlands after string of house fires	1/2/24	10pm	1:49	Fire departments across the Midlands responded to several house fires over the holiday weekend. Two of them were fatal.
Tameika Issac Devine becomes 6th active female senator in South Carolina	1/3/24	5pm	3:02	Tameika Issac Devine celebrating a victory on Tuesday night after racking up more than 85% of the vote for the district 19 senate seat. She beat out other candidates Kizzie Smalls, Chris Nelums, and Michael Addison.
Flu deaths nearly triple in South Carolina as officials urge for serious precautions	1/4/24	5pm	2:31	In the last week, the number of deaths blamed on the flu this season has nearly tripled in South Carolina. DHEC officials say over the past month, respiratory illnesses have spiked in South Carolina, and they are urging everyone to take this seriously.
Candlelight vigil for missing mother presumed dead	1/6/24	10pm	1:43	A candlelight vigil was held tonight for Jamilla Smith at Harrison-Caver Park in Aiken County (4181 Augusta Rd., 29842) at 6 p.m. The family of Jamilla Smith, whose ex-boyfriend, Daniel Harmon has been charged with her murder came together in hopes of finding her soon.
Orangeburg woman charged over neglect: vulnerable adults found in danger	1/8/24	5pm	1:42	An Orangeburg County woman is facing charges after five vulnerable adults were found in danger at the back of a barbershop. Authorities say that woman was responsible for caring for those people.
Columbia mom fears home will fall into massive sinkhole: calling on city officials for help	1/9/24	5pm	2:09	A West Columbia woman reached out to WACH FOX News with concerns about her house falling into a hole. Karina Helgeson tells WACH FOX News she is concerned about the safety of her family.
"I don't want to go through another one", says the people of Bamberg after a EF2 Tornado ripped through the county	1/10/24	5pm	3:03	The National Weather Service confirmed an EF Two tornado touched down in Bamberg County Tuesday afternoon. The good news is, no one was hurt, but the damage is very much left behind the main street in town. There are still bricks all over the road, but it looks much better than it did last night.
Virtual bouncer for minors: SC Lawmakers push for safer screen time	1/11/24	5pm	2:28	A plan in the works that would restrict minors from using certain forms of social media and pornographic websites. Right now, there is a push at the state house to focus on the well-being of children and this is one part of that.
30 mph winds can flip a school bus, prompting school closures, delays during bad weather	1/12/24	5pm	1:59	With more wild weather expected in the Midlands on Friday, several schools are adjusting their schedules. Whether or not to close for the day is a big decision every school must make.
Raging rivers and flooding in Columbia after heavy rains	1/13/24	10pm	1:43	After a week of wet weather around the state...Here in the midlands, we're seeing higher water levels from runoff and it's affecting everything from business to pleasure.
Vice President Kamala Harris makes a stop at local barbecue restaurant	1/15/24	5pm	1:46	Thousands celebrated the largest Martin Luther King Jr. Day event in the state. Vice President Kamala Harris honored Dr. King's life with thousands of others in the Midlands.
'Let the children eat!' Lawmakers demand SC take part in summer grocery program	1/16/24	5pm	1:58	"Let the children eat!" That's the rallying cry of state democrats after the governor turned down funding for a summer grocery program to help families in the state.
'We are screwed!' SC lawmakers push 'no smell bill' to limit police searches	1/17/24	5pm	1:41	State lawmakers are pushing to legalize marijuana. A new plan would limit police searches based on the smell of cannabis.
Record-breaking year in Richland County due to Scout Motors' project	1/18/24	5pm	3:00	Richland County officials reporting the number of jobs brought into the county in 2023 is like nothing they've ever seen.
South Carolina Democrats blast republicans for abortion ban and rally support for Biden	1/22/24	5pm	2:07	51 years ago, the United States Supreme Court ruled abortion to be legal, but in June of 2022, the high court undid that ruling, putting the issue in the hands of each state.

"That's a feeling you never forget": Sheriff Lott speaks on murder of Adriana Laster	1/23/24	5pm	3:24	The Richland County Sheriff's Department and Elgin Police are working to take down the number one suspect in the death of Adriana Laster.
Cross burning victims push for hate crime law at Liberty and Justice rally at State House	1/24/24	5pm	2:08	Dozens of lawmakers and community leaders gathered at the State House Tuesday afternoon. The group said it's pushing for liberty and justice a little more than a week before the state's first in the South Democratic Primary.
"We are actually human beings!" The aftermath of a Columbia apartment fire	1/25/24	5pm	2:11	Following an apartment fire at the Columbia Rising Apartments twelve families and thirty-four people were displaced.
First Lady Jill Biden speaks at campaign event in Columbia	1/26/24	5pm	1:19	First Lady Jill Biden has touched down Columbia to headline the South Carolina Educators for Biden-Harris campaign event.
Biden returns to South Carolina as keynote speaker for Democratic Party dinner	1/27/24	10pm	1:26	This is President Biden's second visit to South Carolina this month. He was in Charleston earlier this month. He is in Columbia for the weekend where he will be the keynote speaker for the South Carolina Democratic Party dinner, Saturday night at the State Fairgrounds.
Twister surprise in Saluda: Residents rattled as tornado hits without warning	1/29/24	5pm	1:17	The third tornado this month swept across the midlands over the weekend. This time a twister touched down in Saluda County.
From continuous doctor appointments to open heart surgery, one baby is defying the odds	1/30/24	5pm	3:00	A little boy in the Midlands is beating the odds every day. Little KJ had open heart surgery when he was just eight months and he still faces more surgeries.
Statewide initiative proposed to tackle violent crime case backlog in South Carolina	1/31/24	5pm	2:28	On Wednesday, Attorney General Alan Wilson highlighted a new proposed initiative to end case backlog. The new initiative is the Statewide Violent Crimes Case Reduction Unit.
Nikki Haley returns to South Carolina; hosts meet and greet in Columbia	2/1/24	5pm	3:33	Former Governor Nikki Haley returned to her home state and hosted a meet and greet at Doc's BBQ on Shop Road at 1 pm.
Biden wins South Carolina democratic primary again; early voting sees high turnout	2/3/24	10pm	2:15	The South Carolina Democratic Party celebrating Saturday night as the results came in for the First in the South Democratic Primary, President Joe Biden winning the state's primary for the second time.
Double Whammy: 2 life sentences for 1986 murderer of 4-year-old	2/8/24	5pm	1:51	A Midlands jury found Thomas McDowell guilty on all charges, after the state and defense made their closing arguments on day 4.
City of Sumter unveils P-51 Mustang Red Tail monument, honoring local Tuskegee Airmen	2/9/24	10pm	2:00	The City of Sumter is dedicating a new monument, a p-51 Mustang Red Tail to the Tuskegee Airmen, specifically those from Sumter and South Carolina, who served in World War II.
Haley taunts her opponents: Calls U.S. Congress "privileged nursing home"	2/12/24	5pm	2:16	The race for the Republican nomination runs through South Carolina later this month and former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley is doing everything she can to win over voters before the First in The South Republican Primary
Mother accused of shoplifting crashes after chase with 4 children in car	2/13/24	10pm	1:32	A woman accused of shoplifting led police on a chase through Forest Acres, South Carolina Tuesday night that ended with a crash right into someone's front yard, according to authorities
Richland 1 parents speak out 'deplorable' school conditions, seek urgent district action	2/14/24	5pm	1:59	Deplorable! That's what parents in Richland One school district are calling the conditions at some schools and facilities in the district.
Should minors be allowed to get gender transition procedures or medicine in the state?	2/15/24	5pm	2:19	The fight over gender transition procedures and treatments associated with them keeps ramping up at the State House.
Columbia's annual boat show returns, focusing on family impact	2/17/24	10pm	1:28	The annual Columbia Boat Show is back at the state fairgrounds this weekend bringing with it hundreds of boats and new producers of the event.
"She was excited to be a mother": Missing pregnant teen found dead in Barnwell	2/19/24	5pm	2:35	A missing pregnant 17-year-old was found dead on Sunday afternoon, according to the Broken Link Foundation.
Ron DeSantis: "The primary is over"	2/20/24	5pm	2:10	We are just a few days away from the first in the South Republican Primary on Saturday between Donald Trump and Nikki Haley. The former Governor versus the former President and Haley says she isn't going anywhere.
"His life didn't even matter": SC judge selection review draws widow's plea for reform	2/21/24	5pm	2:23	The process of picking the judges who oversee justice in this state remains under the microscope. South Carolina is just one of two states in the country where judges are elected by state lawmakers.

Two more people sentenced in 2018 Lee County prison riot	2/22/24	5pm	2:22	In Lee County Thursday, the latest chapter in one of the deadliest prison riots in a quarter century. Two more men inside a courtroom learning their fate for their roles in 2018's riot at Lee Correctional.
Lawyer: Three-year-old mauled by dogs, was dragged by the scalp to neighbor's property	2/23/24	5pm	1:52	We're learning more about a reported vicious dog attack on a local 3-year-old girl. Friday the victim's mother Chyanne Nipper held a press conference with her attorney Hemphill Pride.
Trump appeals to black voters the night before the First in The South Republican Primary	2/24/24	10pm	2:22	Just hours before the polls open for the first in the south republican primary hundreds of Black Conservatives pushing to restore the American dream invited former president Donald Trump to speak at their annual awards gala.
Black Conservative Federation defends Trump's remarks about Black community	2/26/24	5pm	3:24	Days after Donald Trump addressed a large group of Black conservatives the night before the South Carolina primary, some comments he made are still getting attention.
Local parents, organizations rally at State House, demanding action on fentanyl crisis	2/27/24	5pm	3:19	Local organizations and parents are set to have a rally at the South Carolina State House on Tuesday. Fentanyl Kills U (FKU), invited Foothills Fentanyl Fight, Fentanyl Educational Awareness Resources (F.E.A.R.), and grieving parents to rally.
Columbia child suffers injuries after mother says he was hit by a school bus	2/28/24	5pm	2:08	A local mother said her 9-year-old son was hit by a Richland School District One School Bus on Monday. The good news is the boy is home from the hospital.
State corrections department freezes hiring due to budget and contraband issues	2/29/24	5pm	2:36	Right now, an agency already dealing with a staffing problem isn't making any new hires because they are under what is being called a temporary hiring freeze. The question now is, when will it end?
Car crash victim's family releases balloons in his memory	3/3/24	10pm	0:47	On Saturday, the family and friends of a Richland County man that died in a car crash last month, released balloons in his memory. 30-year-old Jamal Gibson died in a single-car crash on February 22.
'Alvin S. Glenn failed her:' 22-year-old woman found dead in county jail	3/4/24	5pm	1:49	An inmate's death is under investigation at the Alvin S. Glenn detention center. The woman was found dead in a cell over the weekend, and it is just the latest incident at a jail that is under the microscope.
SC Democrats protest private school voucher expansion	3/5/24	5pm	2:52	Public money belongs in public schools. That's what democratic lawmakers who oppose a school voucher program are saying. The plan is part of a measure that was passed last year- but now house republicans are looking to expand it.
Local organization holds 'Black Balloon Day' honoring overdose victims	3/6/24	5pm	2:11	The Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC) held Black Balloon Day on Wednesday. LRADAC's Black Balloon Day honors people lost to overdoses in Richland and Lexington Counties.
Gun sales expected to increase and training to decrease after loose gun law passes	3/7/24	5pm	2:26	On Thursday Governor Henry McMaster made the controversial Constitutional Carry Act into law. It's a plan that lowers the age to legally buy a gun to 18 and removes training requirements for people who want to openly carry.
Constitutional carry law mandates SLED to offer free CWP training	3/8/24	5pm	1:45	A new law that allows people to openly carry handguns in public is the law of the land in South Carolina after the governor signed off on it Thursday. The plan is still generating plenty of talk on both sides of the issue, and some questions about how it will work.
Three girls spark complex fire, causing thousands in damage, deputies say	3/11/24	5pm	1:24	Almost a million dollars in damage, two dozen people were forced from their homes, and eight units were destroyed after a massive apartment complex fire Sunday evening in Columbia.
Homicide investigation launched after man found shot in crashed car in Orangeburg County	3/13/24	5pm	1:59	Authorities in Orangeburg County are calling a troubling find a homicide. A driver, finding a man shot to death inside a crashed car outside the Norway town hall Tuesday morning.
Teens arrested, K-9 recovers after Rosewood car theft and shootout	3/14/24	5pm	2:00	Two teenagers are in trouble with the law and a K-9 officer is recovering after a shootout in the Rosewood area of Columbia early Thursday morning.
Lawmakers push to bring repeat DUI offenders to justice, woman shares her story	3/15/24	5pm	1:56	State lawmakers announced a plan to make sure people repeatedly charged with driving under the influence don't continue to get a chance behind the wheel again.
Emotional courtroom scene as mother of murdered man pleads for justice	3/18/24	5pm	2:33	The man accused of killing a vulnerable adult last year was in court Monday morning. Morgan Duncan, 27, was strangled by Eric Greene, 41, for an alleged drug debt of around \$300.

South Carolina residents grapple with high pollen levels during peak allergy season	3/19/24	5pm	2:41	If you've been outside recently you see the issue so many people are dealing with. Whether you have seasonal allergies or not, pollen is a problem.
Freedom Caucus pushes for equity and inclusion ban in SC	3/20/24	5pm	2:25	A group of republican lawmakers known as the Freedom Caucus is pushing an equity and inclusion ban.
Why African Americans worry about the new constitutional carry law in the state	3/21/24	5pm	2:32	As many look to become more familiar with how South Carolina's new constitutional carry gun law works, some communities are expressing fear about how the law will impact their lives.
Dancing hearts at Dreher High: Special needs students find joy in prom	3/22/24	5pm	1:34	Springtime means that prom season is almost here and The Richland One school district is making sure that all students get to experience this special celebration.
Richland County breaks ground on \$5.2M Sunset Drive project	3/26/24	5pm	1:51	Richland County officials broke ground on Tuesday for the new Richland County Transportation's Sunset Drive Project. The project involves \$5.2 million in upgrades including a sidewalk, curb and gutter, and utility enhancements.
Arson suspect in Columbia Walmart fire now facing identity theft charges	3/27/24	5pm	2:04	A man charged with arson has now been identified as 27-year-old Jarod Stacy. Investigators positively identified Jarod through fingerprint comparison and facial recognition.
SC Black Caucus voices opposition to controversial anti-DEI bill	3/28/24	5pm	3:16	Some at the state house are calling it a sad day in South Carolina. The legislative black caucus are ringing the alarm bell after house lawmakers approved a diversity, equity and inclusion bill that would ban state colleges and universities from considering those factors in the hiring and admissions process.
Teens arrested in connection to shooting that left 11-year-old injured	3/29/24	5pm	1:33	Two teens were arrested in connection to a shooting that left one injured on March 10, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

Public Service Announcements: Q1 2024

All Public Service Announcements aired multiple times between January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024:

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

2/29 – 3/21	“Call 811 - Crows” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
2/29 – 3/28	“Call 811 – Captain Caution” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
1/2 – 3/17	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 1 :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
1/1 – 3/28	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 2 :30” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
1/5 – 3/22	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 3 :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
1/28 – 3/22	“SC Dept. Social Services Spot 4 :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15

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

1/5 – 3/23	“Better Together” Fisher House – Columbia	:30
1/1 – 3/15	“Delivery” Fisher House – Columbia	:30
1/1 – 3/26	“Epilepsy Foundation” Epilepsy Foundation	:30
1/1 – 3/24	“Great Strides :30” Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	:30
1/6 – 3/23	“It’s Possible :30” Wounded Warrior Project	:30

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

1/1 – 3/23	“Anthem :30” Best Friends Animal Society	:30
1/2 – 3/16	“Anthem :60” Best Friends Animal Society	:60
1/8 – 3/23	“Dear Humans :30” Best Friends Animal Society	:30
1/14 – 3/23	“Adopt Change :60” Best Friends Animal Society	:60

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

1/1 – 3/23	“Hope :30” Susan G. Komen Foundation	:30
1/1 – 3/21	“Hope :60” Susan G. Komen Foundation	:60
1/28 – 2/4	“Built a Wall :15” Alcoholics Anonymous	:15
1/1 – 3/28	“Built a Wall :60” Alcoholics Anonymous	:60
1/26 – 3/23	“No Longer Part of Us :15” Alcoholics Anonymous	:15
1/1 – 3/23	“No Longer Part of Us :60” Alcoholics Anonymous	:60

Public Service Announcements that pertained to Civic Responsibilities:

1/3 – 3/24	“Empower 2 :30” Habitat for Humanity	:30
1/28 – 3/24	“Empower 4 :15” Habitat for Humanity	:15
1/4 – 3/26	“Full Effect :15” Feeding America	:15
1/6 – 3/24	“Full Effect :30” Feeding America	:30
1/1 – 3/23	“Full Effect :60” Feeding America	:60

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

1/5 – 3/20	“SC Military Museum” South Carolina Military Museum	2:00
1/22 – 2/2	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Food Service :15” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15
1/30 – 2/20	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Training Lt. Bonus - B” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:30
1/28 – 2/19	“SC Dept. of Corrections – Training Lt. Bonus - A” South Carolina Broadcasters Association	:15